

# WORTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Serving the villages of Griffydam, Worthington and Newbold Coleorton

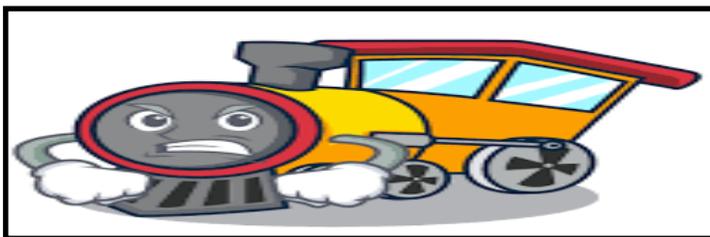
Issue 2

## HS2 - AFFECTS YOU!

In September 2018, two representatives from HS2 attended the parish council meeting and discussed the HS2 proposed route, and what it could mean to our parish specifically.

In October 2018, HS2 produced a Working Draft Environmental Statement and Working Draft Equality Impact Assessment report, and opened consultations, for feedback on these reports. The consultation closed on 21st December 2018.

We **WILL** be affected should HS2 go ahead. We have had very limited comments from members of the parish, and minimal attendees during the HS2 presentations. Whilst many are of the mindset, it will not happen, and if it does it will not benefit/effect them, the Council took the decision that they would respond on behalf of the parish, to keep communication links going, and if it does happen to ensure that our village concerns are raised. For example during the construction stage, (several years of work!!) main roads will be closed completely and diversions in place, which may mean delays or longer journeys to get to Ashby for schools, Doctors, and Employment. The construction compounds are located in areas along the HS2 Route (Kegworth), this means construction traffic coming through **OUR** village, along **OUR** small, narrow, congested streets.



## Volunteers Wanted

Can you spare 20 minutes once a month? We are still looking for a couple more volunteers (Newbold Coleorton and Worthington) to take down the **MVAS** (Motor Vehicle activated sign) and move it to the next location. No experience required, however to reach it you will use a small platform step, so steady legs are an advantage! Come and Join the team

## 2019 / 2020 Precept

The councillors have set the budget for the 2019/2020 financial year. (April - March).

We have a level of reserves to enable us to carry out some previously earmarked projects, so have decided that the precept this year should only increase to cover the newsletter printing. We endeavour to produce it quarterly.

Therefore our annual budget is

**£9500** as follows

Clerk Salary	2950
Insurance	750
Room Hire	320
Grounds Maintenance	3000
Audit Fee	250
Subscription / training	300
Other - Grants	100
Play Area safety Inspection (ROSPA)	300
Ad hoc Repairs (notice boards, benches)	750
Election Expenses	300
Newsletter Printing	480
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9500</b>

## **PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS**

A regular complaint that the parish clerk has, is dogs and dog fouling on the Children's play areas and streets of the parish.

In Summer 2018, North West Leicestershire District Council, adopted a **Public Space Protection Order** which covers the Recreation grounds, Sports pitches and public open spaces throughout the whole district. The following are therefore offences.

### **1: Failing to remove dog faeces**

It is an offence if you don't remove the faeces of any dog in your charge immediately from any land open to the air which the public are entitled or permitted to have access to.

### **2: Dogs on lead by order**

Anyone who is in charge of a dog that is deemed out of control by an authorised officer will be guilty of an offence if they do not comply with direction from that officer to put and keep the dog on a lead.

### **3: Exclusion of dogs**

Anyone who is in charge of a dog will be guilty of an offence if they allow the dog to enter or remain in a children's play area or designated marked sport pitch or athletic area.

### **4: Means to pick up**

Anyone who is in charge of a dog will be guilty of an offence if they fail to produce an appropriate means to pick up the dog faeces following a request from an authorised officer.



This is being monitored and we have already had several reports of parishioners who continue to allow their dogs onto our recreation areas, and also do not clean up after their dogs. We will request NWLDC take action against these people.

## **PAVEMENT PARKING AND INCONSIDERATE PARKING**

As per the Highway Code Rule 243 states you **MUST NOT** park on a bend or within 10 meters (32 feet) of a Junction. Rule 244 states You **MUST NOT** park partially or wholly on the pavement unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs. Parking is becoming a huge problem in our parish

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

We are looking for volunteers to coordinate and form a Neighbourhood watch group for the villages. This is supported by the Local Police. More information is available from:

[www.leics.police.uk/advice-and-information/information-zone/neighbourhoodwatch](http://www.leics.police.uk/advice-and-information/information-zone/neighbourhoodwatch)

### **2019 ELECTIONS**

May 2019 is the Parish Council Elections, for the next four year term of office. All the existing Councillors resign. If you have ever considered being a Councillor, or would like to become one and make a difference to your parish, this is your chance. (Existing/previous Councillors can also apply.) NWLDC send out the Nomination pack, which candidates complete and return, and then the parishioners have the opportunity to vote, to elect who they wish to represent them for the next four years.

Further details will follow on our website.....

### **Your Council 2018-2019**

**Mr David Stevenson— Chair**  
**Mrs Carole Bramley—Vice chair**  
**Mr Michael Payne**  
**Mrs Linda Farley**  
**Ms Jane Mack**

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