

# WORTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

July 2019

Serving the villages of Griffydam, Worthington and Newbold Coleorton

Issue 3

## **HS2 - UPDATE!**

At the July Parish Council Meeting, representatives from HS2 updated councillors on the recently revised plans, and how it would further affect our community.

The HS2 Phase 2b design refinement consultation is currently in place, and will close on **6th September 2019**

The Parish Council will be making representation, but we encourage all residents to also respond with their personal observations and concerns.

Some of the key points for our villages are identified as :-

- Irreversible changes to the character of the villages and country side
- Impacts to the Cycling and Walking routes in the area
- Major safety issues due to construction traffic using narrow village roads
- Proposed diversion routes causing increased journey times and congestion.
- Permanent loss of historical ecological landscaping and environments

This will effect our community for ever, please send your comments using one of the methods below:-



Online <https://ipsos.uk/designrefinement2b>

By email [designrefinement2b@ipsos-mori.com](mailto:designrefinement2b@ipsos-mori.com)

By post **FREEPOST HS2 PHASE 2B DESIGN REFINEMENT**

## **2019 Elections—VACANCY**

As only four candidates stood for Worthington Parish Council they were elected uncontested.

Your councillors for 2019-2023 are

Councillor C Bramley—Chair

Councillor D Stevenson - Vice Chair

Councillor L Farley

Councillor J Mack

We have one vacancy on the council to now fill.

Application forms are available on our website, or by telephoning the clerk.

Closing date 26th July 2019.

Make a difference to where you live.



**"Your Parish  
Council Needs  
YOU"**

## **Speedsign News....**

The parish speed sign has now been up and running for two months. It's positioned for three weeks before moving to its next location (as recommended by Leicestershire County Council). We have our first set of data... It is very alarming the speeds some vehicles are doing.

We will continue to communicate our findings to Leicestershire County Highways and the local police. Griffydam already has a speedwatch group but the Parish Council would encourage the setting up of similar groups in Newbold Coleorton and Worthington, to enable us to use the speed gun in various locations where we can't locate the MVAS sign, but are known danger spots.

Monthly meeting agendas and meeting minutes can be found on our website.

[www.worthingtonpc.org.uk](http://www.worthingtonpc.org.uk)

**Please contact :**

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## BULBS AND VILLAGE PLANTS

As part of the NWLDC Green Grants scheme the parish council have match funded some spring bulbs for the village. We are looking for volunteers to help plant them on our green spaces to enhance the villages appearance.

We have also been asked about village planters. Would you as a household be happy to look after a planter by maintaining and watering it? It would be purchased and planted using council funding.



Please drop us a line if you are interested in helping to brighten up our villages.

## BUS SERVICE

The 155 bus service is currently under review. Many parishioners use the buses for their daily commute to work or school, some rely on it to go to the doctors, dentist or collect prescriptions and some use it occasionally to get their shopping or for recreational outings.

Whichever category you fit into, we **ALL** need to encourage more 'bums on seats'. Unless the providers can see an increase in its usage, they will consider removing the service leaving the parish with a demand responsive service. This maybe a twice a day service (pick up in the morning and bring back in the afternoon) at set times, which has to be booked a day in advance. There is no negotiation on times or accommodating urgent same day appointments. This could leave many parishioners and college students having to have taxis or being left stranded. Please encourage people to use the bus, and to keep the service.



The 129 Ashby to Loughborough service is also due to be reviewed sometime between Sept and Dec 2019. As numbers and income are keeping up, the users are hopeful this service will be retained.

A link to the current timetables can be found on our website.

## PLAY AREAS AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

As a council we spend a considerable amount of our precept on the open spaces and play areas this includes annual safety inspections, insurance, weekly bin emptying, mowing, maintenance and general repairs. We have recently had reports of misuse, vandalism to equipment, littering, and people who are **STILL** using these areas to exercise their dogs.

We have a very tight budget. We encourage people to use the bins provided and not drop their litter on the floor. Please ensure children use the equipment properly. The damaged equipment has been removed, and will be replaced as soon as funds allow.

Dogs are **NOT ALLOWED** on our Play areas

CCTV covert surveillance cameras can be used and action will have to be taken against offenders.

Please report anything, however minor to our clerk. We can only tackle this problem by working together.

## FLY TIPPING

Our parish is currently suffering a spike in incidents of fly tipping. If you see a fly tip please use the North West Leicestershire District Council 'report it' webpage

**[www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/report](http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/report)**

Or call

**01530 454545**

## ALLOTMENTS

An allotment plot has become available, If you are interested. Please contact the Clerk

## NEXT MEETING DATES

Methodist Chapel, Main Street, Worthington

August 1st 2019, 7.30pm

August 29th 2019, 7.30pm

October 3rd 2019, 7.30pm