



WORTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



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Serving the villages of Griffydam, Worthington and Newbold Coleorton



STAY POSITIVE

Since our last newsletter, daily life appears to have done a full circle and we find ourselves back in lockdown. Staying home where possible, wearing a mask, keeping apart and washing hands to protect each other and to protect the NHS.

As before we ask that you continue to follow the rules and look out for the vulnerable in our community. If you are aware of anyone struggling or are struggling yourself, please contact us **CONFIDENTIALLY** and we can find someone or some where to help. We pulled together before, and can do this again.

During our monthly meetings this quarter, we have ordered the new notice boards for the villages, and we have also finalised the design and colour schemes for the information boards for our play areas. Our contractors are busy working on the hedges, shrubbery and trees on the open spaces before Spring. We have started to gather information about Neighbourhood Plans and also looked briefly at Thermal Imaging projects for the future. HS2 meetings have been put on hold for the time being, but again we will share via the website as and when we receive information. We are updating and adding to our website regularly, to try bring you as much information as we can. (Please contact us if you would like a copy of our draft report, to comment on)

Maintenance Contracts

Our maintenance contracts are currently up for tender. Do you know anyone who would like to quote?

Full details on the contracts are available on our website or from the parish clerk.

Litter Wombles.

Whilst you are taking your exercise, why not take a bag and litter picker and help keep our village tidy.

Check out **North Leicestershire Litter Wombles** on Facebook. They are tracking the number of bags of 'grot' collected and organising communal picks for very bad areas.

For bags and pickers please Telephone **NWLDC 01530 454545.**

Our monthly council meetings continue to take place, on ZOOM virtual platform. You are invited to join us.

Meeting Id 2673541876

Password 1KWwXp

More information:-

Website: www.Worthingtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Or contact - Nicola (Parish Clerk)

Tel :- 07855 565936

Your councillors are

Cllr Carole Bramley

Cllr Linda Farley

Cllr Chris Jones

Cllr Michael Payne

Cllr Benjamin Storer



Neighbourhood Plans

The Parish Council have invited planning consultants to recent council meetings to discuss the feasibility of carrying out a neighbourhood plan for the parish.

We are working to collate information to be able to make a formal decision whether it is something that as a small council we could realistically undertake. We already know there is a need for community involvement and support. It is not something that the council can do alone.

Could you join us on this journey? No qualifications or specialist experience is required just the desire to shape a future. Contact the clerk if you are interested.

What benefits would it bring to our villages?

- Positive Vision

It gives the community a stronger role of shaping and developing how they want their villages to be

- Land Use

It allows the community to address issues relating to land use and development.

- Development Type

The plan can address housing needs and better determine the size and housing requirements of the villages for the benefit of the communities.

- Green Spaces and Separation.

A Neighbourhood plan can protect open spaces and maintain separation between village boundaries to retain their identities and complement the landscape.

- Policies

The plan can allow the creation and introduction of policies to influence new build design and alterations to existing buildings to ensure the heritage and history of the villages are retained and it would be a document that would have official standing with in North West Leicestershire planning policy

2021 Meeting Dates

| | | |
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| 7th January 2021 | 6th May 2021 | 2nd September 2021 |
| 4th February 2021 | 3rd June 2021 | 7th October 2021 |
| 4th March 2021 | 1st July 2021 | 4th November 2021 |
| 1st April 2021 | 5th August 2021 | 2nd December 2021 |

2021 –2022 Budget

At the December meeting, Councillors discussed council expenditure. Looking at the last financial year, expenditure so far this year and predicted to 31st March 2021 and considered future projects. This enabled them to draw up the budget for 1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022.

It is as follows

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| Clerk Salary / Expenses | 3000 |
| Insurance | 2000 |
| Room Hire | 360 |
| Grounds Maintenance | 7000 |
| Audit Fee | 500 |
| Subscription and training | 750 |
| Other - Grants | 150 |
| Play Area safety Inspection (ROSPA) | 400 |
| Ad hoc Repairs (Benches, Play areas, Planters etc.) | 2000 |
| Election Expenses | 300 |
| Newsletter Printing | 480 |
| Communication, Website and Social Media | 1000 |
| Councillor Expenses | 60 |
| Other Projects | 5000 |

PROPOSED BUDGET 23000

Useful Contact Numbers

Police (Criminal /anti social behaviour)
 Tel. 101 or in an emergency Tel 999
 NWLDC (Fly tipping, bins overflowing, dog fouling)
 Tel 01530 454545
 LCC Highways (Pot holes, damaged signs, street-lights not working)
 Tel 0116 305 0001

