



# WORTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



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Serving the villages of Griffydam, Worthington and Newbold Coleorton

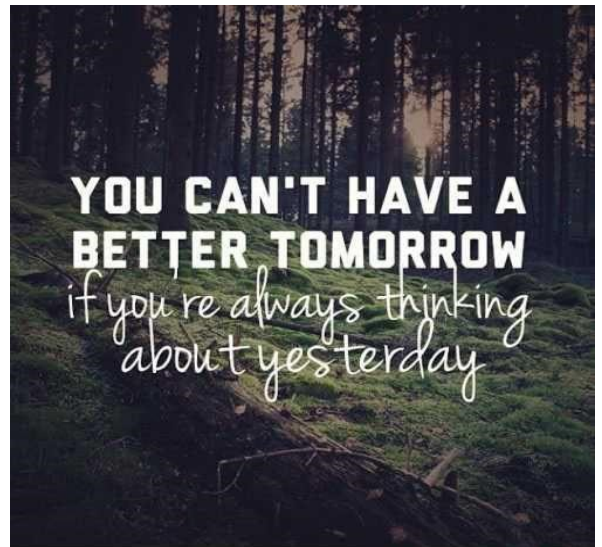


Hello, and welcome to our Autumn Newsletter. Due to the pandemic and restrictions in place, it was decided to put the newsletters on hold. That doesn't mean that the parish council have been closed. Far from it, we have been very busy!

We would like to say a huge thank you to each and everyone of you. Every single one of us have played a part in doing our bit. Whether you were a key worker, a volunteer, or just followed the restrictions asked of you, we thank you because together we have stayed safe and kept others safe. Official statistics show that we live in one of the safest areas of the county.

At the moment no one knows what the coming months will bring, further lockdowns, heavier restrictions, a second wave?

All we can ask is that as a community we continue to do our bit, follow those rules, stay safe and keep others safe. Working together we can get through it.



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

Meeting Id 2673541876

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More information:-

Website: [www.Worthingtonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.Worthingtonparishcouncil.org.uk)

Or contact - Nicola (Parish Clerk)

Tel :- 07855 565936

#### Meeting Dates

Thursday 5th November 2020, 7.30pm

Thursday 3rd December 2020, 7.30pm

Your councillors are

Cllr Carole Bramley

Cllr Linda Farley

Cllr Chris Jones

Cllr Michael Payne

Cllr Benjamin Storer

# **SLOW DOWN AND SAVE A LIFE**



You may have noticed the Speed sign which is located periodically in the three villages. This has a recording device to enable us to record and monitor speeds and frequency of traffic. Some of the data is very alarming. We have recorded speeds of 90+ mph in a 30mph speed limit. In some locations the majority of traffic is well over the legal speed limits for that road.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Currently we have a very small group of people who move the sign between villages for us. We are looking to strengthen that team. Do you have 15 minutes once a month to spare to help? No experience needed, just 15 minutes of your time to help us save lives!

## **HS2**

The parish council continue to attend HS2 briefings. Phase 1 is progressing quickly.

Whilst parishioners may feel that phase 2 won't happen or will not affect them, the parish council are remaining cautious.

If phase 2 does proceed, our three parishes will be central to the construction process of the line for several years. This will cause many road closures, delays to current routes and Worthington is located between 2 main storage areas, so will be subject to massively increased road movements, noise and dirt.

We will update the designated page on our website to keep you informed. Keep looking!

## **Play Areas**

Finally, after several years of frustrations and delays the Henry Dane Way play area was transferred to the parish council from the developer. Then came the expensive project of replacing the equipment and making it a safe area for children to play again. We are just awaiting the finishing touches of a bench, a bin and a sign.

We would like to remind parishioners that children should be supervised in all of our play areas at all times. We are getting increasing reports of anti social behaviour and even some instances of damage and vandalism. The police are aware and are assisting us. Maybe you could too?

As a parish council, we have very limited funds. When things get vandalised/damaged they have to be removed. We don't have sufficient funds to be able to replace. It can take several years of saving up and juggling which projects can be feasible and which will have to remain on the wish list until funds are available.

## **Briefly.....**

Other items that we are currently discussing at our meetings are

- **Ashby Cloud Trail.**

A local group are currently looking at the feasibility of connecting a cycle/walking route from the cloud trail to Ashby de la Zouch... Very early stages. If you would like more information contact Cllr Farley

- **Keep us Sheltered**

The council are in the process of agreeing plans to repair and save the bus shelters throughout the villages

- **Get Noticed**

As part of improvements to parish engagement and communication, the council are in the process of providing new notice boards in prominent locations, throughout the villages to keep the community up to date.

- **School Lane Fallen Trees**

Good news finally for Newbold residents following the complaints of fallen trees on School Lane. There has been a delay, trying to establish land ownership and legal responsibility. The Parish Council thank the County Council for their goodwill gesture to remove them.

## **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, streetlights not working)

Tel 0116 305 0001



## **Finance**

The Internal Audit for three year ending 31st March 2020 for the Parish Council has now been completed.

Since 1st April 2015, the Transparency Code requires smaller councils with an annual turnover not exceeding £25,000, to publish financial and administrative information online and make it available to the public.

The aim of this is to provide you, the taxpayer with a clear picture of our activities, spending and governance.

Check out our website, and if you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact us.