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Chairman's Message

Welcome to the first 2009 edition of your local Parish News. We hope you had a good Christmas break and we offer you our best wishes for 2009.

In this bumper packed edition we hope to bring you news of many of our plans for this year and thoughts on the items we hope to deliver. I also have a request of you, we currently have 2 vacancies on the council – would you consider volunteering to be co-opted as a Councillor, if so and you would like to know more turn to page 16. We are also looking for volunteers to join our working parties to provide local input and expertise, again if you would like to know more see the article on page 17.

Many Thanks,
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If you are a resident of Cawston Grange you can advertise here. We charge £5 for 1/8 of a page, or you can take as much of the page as you wish. So if you have something to sell, or can offer a service please phone 813215 or email margaret.brett@cawstonpc.org.

Cawston's 'Parish Plan', Gets a Green Light

As you are aware Cawston is definitely set to expand further, throughout the next decade. So, we need to know your thoughts today so that we can plan and prioritise the work required to help all of us to achieve your dreams for a better tomorrow here in Cawston.

On January 11th, your committee unanimously supported my Cawston Parish New article in issue 5 (Nov. '08) by giving the thumbs up to enact - as soon as practicably possible - our very first ever Parish wide survey to identify all of our needs / wants.

A working party is about to be formed and I am of course looking for volunteers to assist me. Can I interest you?

Your help would be truly appreciated.

It may well take us up to 12 meetings (of say 30<40 hours in all) of your time throughout this year to enact it. I can promise you that it will be very interesting and you will certainly be 'hands on' in the driving seat.

This survey is not for the faint hearted, it is in fact key to the very future of Cawston and it will without doubt pave the way forward for all of us here.

If you have vision or an enquiring mind, and you want to achieve real progress this is going to be a fun way of doing it.

Can I count on you, don't be put off, I really can't do this alone

For further information please contact a Parish Councillor or more specifically email philip.sharples@cawstonpc.org or telephone me on 07930 544160 at any time, thank you.

Are YOU ready to help US help you?

We've already published articles in previous issues of CPN about projects, like the Village Hall and the Parish Plan, that are currently being organised by your Parish Council here in Cawston. Since inception, only one & half year ago, we have; - set up the necessary procedures, created a parish web site, delivered 4 issues of the Cawston Parish News, replaced the Christmas tree, assisted a baby & toddler group, installed dog & litter bins and we have organised the Carol Service for the last two years.

In the future we hope to;

Produce a Parish Design Statement (an adoptable statutory planning policy document), to assist and coordinate future develop to reflect our local needs prior to the future expansion that is already being driven by central /regional government.

Improve our liaison with the; Consortium, Police, Rugby Borough & Warwickshire County Councils.

Resolve the Commercial Area that's promised but hasn't yet materialised.

Assist a Cawston social forum to encourage community belonging.

We currently have a number of working parties which aim to deliver the aims listed above, these include;

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| 1) Parish Plan and Survey | 2) Consortium Liaison |
| 3) Village Hall | 4) Notice boards |
| 5) Benches / Street furniture | 6) Xmas tree / Carol Service |

There are only 8 of us councillors to do all of the above and much more. We don't mind the challenge but we do need more like minded individuals who would actively participate in specific 'project working parties' to achieve your /our goals to make Cawston a better place to live.

If you have expertise in any of the above and /or are prepared to roll up your sleeves to get the job done, we would welcome the opportunity of talking to you further. Please email peter.venner@cawstonpc.org or contact the clerk at clerk@cawstonpc.org or call on 01788 519563,

Thank you.

Councillor Vacancies

A vacancy has arisen for two Councillors due to the resignations of Cllr Tom Tucker and Cllr Mrs Louisa Porter.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Co-Opted Councillor should contact:-

The Clerk to the Council Raymond Morgan on 01788 519563 or email clerk@cawstonpc.org,

Applicants will be given full details of a Councillor's role on application.

By Order of Cawston Parish Council
Raymond Morgan
Clerk & RFO

14th February 2009

Benches

We have decided to start installing benches on some of the green areas around the estate. Initially we are hoping to put in two benches on the 'sports field' and one on the area near the Christmas tree. We are starting with these areas as they have already been adopted by Rugby Borough Council. We are presently applying for the licences to install them.

We hope to put in further benches, but are waiting to see what reaction there is to the initial three. We have some lovely open spaces here, and it will be nice for people to sit and rest as they walk around. However, the first three benches are a trial and if there are any problems, such as graffiti or vandalism, we shall re-consider the situation.

We would also welcome feedback on the benches, and if you are a regular walker and have a favourite spot where you would like to rest in future, let us know and we can consider this in any future plans.

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Bilton Grange 

Friends of Cawston Grange PTA

Half way through the Autumn term we held our first children's quiz. This was a great success; the children every bit as competitive as parents have been in previous events. The children battled their way through 4 rounds of questions, ate sweets and crisps and finally a trophy was awarded to the winning team.

Christmas then kept us busy with a disco for the children, hampers raffled at the various school performances and gifts in the form of 'limited edition' school T-towels were on sale.

The work of the PTA and the support of the families and friends of Cawston children meant we were able to present the school with a cheque to support trips and to contribute to funds for an outdoor classroom area for the Key Stage 2 children.

Easter will see us busy with egg hunts and then, despite all the snow of late our thoughts will be turning to the Summer Sizzler. This is our main event of the year and we are hoping it will be even bigger and better this time. All are welcome, come along and enjoy the afternoon.



Summer Sizzler

July 4th 2009 3.00-6.00pm
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Bouncy Castles, Smash a Plate, Beat the Goalie, Golf Games, Tombola, Tea room, Bar, Barbeque, Live Music, Displays, Chocolate Fountain, Ice Creams and Toffee Apples, Face Painting and Tattoos, Stalls, Soak your Friends in the Stocks, Splat a Rat

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Annual Parish Meeting Date

A date for your diary.

The council have set the date for the **Annual Parish Meeting** as the **20th May 2009**, starting at 7:30pm in the school hall.

April Date Change

Please note the date for the full council meeting in April has changed **from the 8th to the 1st** in order to miss the Easter holiday break.

Articles from Residents

We have had some very interesting articles from residents in the past and would welcome more. So if you have something to say, a hobby or a club to recommend maybe, or a local walk to enjoy, or just something amusing you would like to pass on, please contact the editor peter.venner@cawstonpc.org



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Motorbikes being used Off Road

Off road bikes have re-appeared on the open spaces around Cawston Grange recently. Here is a reminder of some of the advice given by Warwickshire Police to parents and riders of Off Road Bikes.

- only vehicles that meet the required standards and are registered with the DVLA can be used on roads, pavements and car parks. As well as being registered, they must be taxed and insured. An MOT will be required for vehicles over three years old.

- the only places where off road vehicles, (including quad bikes, monkey bikes, scooters, small machines which have a petrol engine, mini motos and go-peds with an electric motor) can be lawfully ridden is on private land with the direct permission of the land owner or at an organised, supervised off road centre. This permission has NOT been given for any of the land on Cawston Grange.

- bikes can NOT be ridden on wasteland, the disused railway line, playing fields, parks, bridle paths, rights of way, pavements or footpaths.

For more detailed information, visit www.warwickshire.police.uk

If you do see bikes being ridden illegally, please report this to Rugby Police on 01788 541111. It is important that all incidents are logged, (make sure you receive an incident number) so that the police can build up a picture of problem areas.

Notice Boards

Just a reminder, the notice boards located on Gerard Way and Calvestone Road are there for your benefit should you want to inform or advise about events etc. The notice boards are also our main communication tool with you to keep you informed of what is going on in the area and what we, your council, are doing.

Competition

Although the winter snows were a little more than we normally get, unless you can remember the late 1940's and early 1960's, but we will not go into that at the moment. My recollections were enjoying making snowmen and tobogganing with my family, great fun for all. On this occasion I noticed the snow brought out a similar response. Children were out playing, adults were helping them and having snowball fights, everybody enjoying themselves.

In this day and age of the digital camera I am sure that some of you must have taken some very interesting winter photographs that you would like to share with other families in the parish. To encourage you to down load them and enter them for the competition, the Parish Council is offering a prize of a £20 Marks and Spencer voucher for the best photograph.

All entries must be received by 31/03/09 and the Parish Council will decide who the lucky winner is. The winning photograph will be shown in the following CPN.

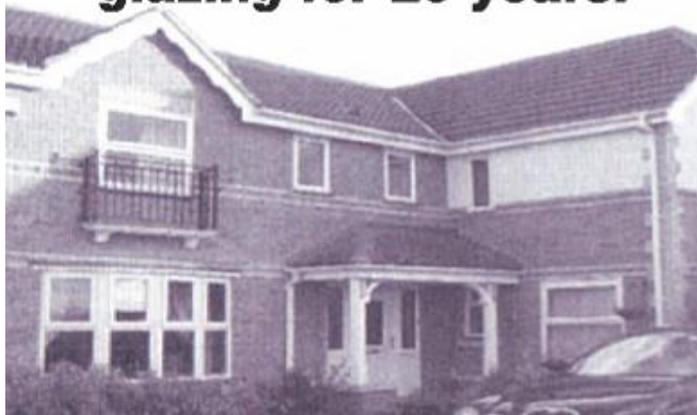
Send your entry to the clerk at clerk@cawstonpc.org

As an example of what we are looking for a photograph taken by one of the Parish Councillors is shown below. I hasten to add it is not eligible for the competition.



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Carol Service

Update from Phil

Orbit Housing

We are hoping that the Neighbourhood Development Advisor for Orbit Housing will be able to join us at our next Parish Council Meeting on the 11th March. Simon Lieberman will be talking to us about his role, the projects he has ongoing and the role of Orbit within the community.

Please check the agenda before the meeting as confirmation that Simon will be in attendance.

Simon can be contacted on 01789 404429

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The Village Hall

We are continuing to work on this project. We have visited a number of local Village Halls to gain ideas, and to find out what pitfalls to avoid. We have also walked the estate, and found a number of sites where it might be possible to build a hall. We are presently liaising with Rugby Borough Council to see if any of these sites would have the potential to be granted planning permission, before we proceed to find out the ownership of the land.

We are thinking about who might use the hall, as this will influence the design. We gained some ideas from the survey we carried out but would be very interested to hear from any residents who would either run groups in a hall, or who belong to organisations which may use it.

We also urgently need more input from residents - at present the working party consists of three parish councillors, and we would welcome any residents who feel committed to this project to join us. If you can help in any way, please contact Margaret on 813215 or email margaret.brett@cawstonpc.org

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Western Relief Road Update

As many of you are aware from 23 to 26 January the A4071 Coventry Road was totally closed to traffic to allow work to progress on the construction of the new roundabout by the railway bridge. The south sector of the roundabout is now open to traffic in both directions, but owing to its restricted width and an adverse camber for part of its length, temporary traffic lights will remain in place for the time being. However it is hoped the lights will be removed towards the end of February by which time the roundabout will be complete except for the final layer of tarmac. Motorists should still take care when travelling through the roadworks as the temporary running surfaces and the unavoidable adverse cambers can present hazards

The final layer of tarmac will not be laid until late summer when it is hoped that the length of the Relief Road from Potsford Dam to Lawford Road will be finished. A further road closure near Potsford Dam will be required then, but it is expected that this will be for only a matter of hours on a Saturday or Sunday.

By the time you read this the work on Cawston Bridleway Bridge should be progressing nicely with the prefabricated superstructure unit in place (due on 25th February).

The end of February will also see the delivery of the River Avon bridge beams. The beams (lengths up to 55m) will be delivered by road approaching from the M6 down the A426. For some of the larger beams the only way they will be able to get round Avon Mill roundabout will be by approaching it on the wrong side of the dual carriageway. This will result in the police having to stop all traffic on the northbound carriageway for some 10 minutes while this particularly awkward manoeuvre is made. The deliveries will be some time between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm, so please expect delays during these times.

It is not possible to provide all of the details here so if you want to know more please see the County Council Website – www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rwrr

Or for more information contact Pete Bones on 01926 412826.

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Budget and Precept

The council wanted to provide some advance notification of the budget that we have set for 2009 / 10. We have agreed a budget figure of £52,510 which will cover the following broad areas;

Parks and Open Spaces - inc maintenance, additional bins and signs and associated fees.

Administration - inc Clerks salary, running costs, insurances and training.

Projects - inc Village hall, Parish plan and street furniture.

The projects section will take the major share of the budget as we try to move forward with items such as the village hall, street furniture, the Parish plan, signage, Parish design statements and possible social events.

Whilst some may see some of these projects as purely aspirational the council felt that it was better to provision for them now in the hope of delivering them, rather than not budget and find our hands tied later in the year / early next year if no finance is available.

We see the provision of a robust Parish plan and the next steps in the delivery of a village hall as the key items we want to try and deliver in 2009, and with your help we hope to deliver the other items outlined above.

What this means in terms of the precept is that for a average band D house on Cawston the precept will increase by 2% or about **£0.83 (83 pence) for the year.**

(We can only quote band D as an average as this is how the Borough Council calculate the precept)

I think that the recent notification of the County Council's intention to increase their precept by 3.9% or £42 per year puts our 83p rise into perspective.

Adoption, Commercial Area and all things Consortium ?

I have tried to outline below what we believe to be the current situation regarding the estate.

Adoption of Open Areas

Most of the open spaces and play areas are now adopted by RBC with the exception being the major open area by the school which contains the large pond. This has not been adopted whilst the consortium are waiting on agreement with RBC over the positioning of the final play area to be situated on this land.

The grass cutting on the open spaces is contracted to Lilbourne Landscapes on behalf of RBC.

Adoption of Roads (and sewers)

The major roads of Cawston Grange Drive, Calvestone Road and Gerard Road are NOT adopted by RBC. The hold up appears to be with the adoption of the sewers which requires agreement between RBC, the Consortium and Severn Trent. We are trying to work with the Consortium to speed this process up.

Once the major arterial roads are adopted the individual builders can then apply to have the smaller roads adopted by RBC – until this happens any issues relating to pavements / roads / sewers in any of the minor roads MUST be directed to your builder not the Consortium or RBC. If you have issues with your builder over this, such as slow response or no response then please let the Consortium know via Rob McGuinn, (details on page 19).

Any street light issues on the main roads are the responsibility of the Consortium. Any issues - again contact Rob McGuinn via email.

Commercial Centre

Even in the current economic downturn the Consortium are working with JJ Gallagher and a firm of architects to see if the commercial centre can be brought to life. They currently have some outline plans to at least get 1/2 of the retail centre developed and are currently looking for suitable vendors to take up residence.