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Chairman's Message

Hi,

In this edition of the Parish News we welcome new Councillors to your Parish Council and we say thanks to those that served previously and stepped down at the election on the 5th of May.

So, we say hello to;

Councillor Pauline Lindsay
Councillor Richard Brinkworth
Councillor Mick Cool and
Councillor Paul Hart

And we say a huge THANK YOU to those Councillors that stood down;

Councillor Victoria Mair and
Councillor Terry Medcraft.

We do still have 1 vacancy on the Councillor so if anyone is interested please contact either myself or the clerk and we can discuss the role with you.

We also have a number of working parties running; (Parish Plan, Village Hall, Play Area's etc) and we do value Parishioner representation on these groups, so if you are interested then please again contact myself or the clerk and we will put you in touch with the leader of the group.

Don't forget if there are any points of view you would like to express then please feel free to contact any of your local councillors using the contact information on the back page.

Regards

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Summer Sizzler

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Cawston Greenway

The first year of work on the disused railway line that runs between Cawston and the Western Relief Road has transformed it from basically an overgrown wilderness, into a well cared for greenway.

The aim is to push back the scrub and open up the path so that wildflowers are encouraged to grow. This will attract a lot of wildlife and make the greenway a very rich and diverse nature reserve.

The greenway will eventually connect with National Cycle Route 41 at Draycote village. This will mean that local residents will be able to walk or cycle to Draycote Water without having to set foot on a main road.

At the moment the railway line is very boggy where it passes through Dunchurch but this will be sorted out when the link is completed.

Further down the line the aim is to open the path up and connect with Offchurch Greenway via a new bridge that will span the Fosse Way.

Work on Cawston Greenway has dropped down to one Sunday a month whilst the bird-nesting season is upon us, but there is still plenty to do to keep the path clear and tidy.

When the bird nesting season is over at the end of August, we have a lot to do with clearing large sections of scrub and dense wooded areas being the main focus.

Details can be found at www.cawstongreenway.org and click on the blog button.

If you would like to get involved with this exciting project simply come along to a workday, which are advertised on the blog, or get in touch via paul.hart@cawstongreenway.org.

All tools are supplied but please bring your own gloves.

Rugby Town West Community Forum

Do you want your say? – Here's your chance

The forum is an opportunity to raise issues of local concern and to find out what is happening in your community

Next meeting date 14th September

Rokeby Primary School, Anderson Avenue, CV22 5PE

Drop in from 6:30pm – A chance to speak to local councillors and the police regarding any issues that concern you.

Forum from 7pm – Topics include

- Update on previous actions
- Safer Neighbourhoods Policing and Priorities
- Open Public Question Time

For more info, please contact the Rugby Area Partnership Team on 01788 533656 or email: rugby@warwickshire.gov.uk or www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums

Community Speedwatch

As mentioned in previous issues of CPN a number of your Parish and Borough Councillors have been trained to use the Community speed gun to gather data relating to speeding on the estate. We are hoping to use the speed gun and gather the data over the summer period.

The data collected will then be used to help plan further traffic calming measures around the estate, in order to improve the safety of our residents.

Planters and 'Welcome to Cawston Parish' Signs

We are currently in negotiation with RBC and the Consortium relating to areas of land that we could use to position welcoming signage and planting.

The exact details of the signs, the wording, and the type of planters are still being worked upon.

The map below shows the proposed locations being discussed.

If you have any comments or questions then please contact our clerk Mr Raymond Morgan at clerk@cawstonpc.org



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Graffiti

We are fortunate not to have much graffiti in Cawston, and we do want it to stay that way.

Occasionally a small amount occurs. If it is on Borough Council land, such as the two play areas, and particularly if it is obscene or offensive, they will remove it for us - they have been very quick in their response in the past. If it is on Parish Council property, such as litter bins, notice boards, or benches, we will deal with it.

If it is on unadopted land, or on private property, it is more complicated to resolve, as it is then the responsibility of the consortium or the house holder.

It is important to remove graffiti as soon as possible as if left; it is likely to be added to. Please can you let us know about any new graffiti, so we can start to deal with it. If you have a problem with private property or unadopted land, it is still worth getting in touch, as we may be able to offer some advice.

Cawston Runners

This is a new group in Cawston trying to get established with a regular weekly run.

At the moment the plan is to do a 5k run around Cawston and hopefully by being on a fixed day, this will encourage people to come along and join the group.

The planned day is Wednesday evening at 6pm, meeting at Turchil Road play area. However, if this is not a good time for the majority, then this can be changed.

Further details can be found at www.cawstonrunners.co.uk or just put Cawston Runners into facebook.

If you are interested in helping to start a friendly running group in Cawston please get in touch via paul@cawstonrunners.co.uk.

Cleaning Up

In the past months we have received numerous complaints regarding dog fouling around the estate – PLEASE remember to clean up after your dog.

Many residents like to walk around the green open spaces of our beautiful estate, they don't want to have to negotiate the unsightly mess that can be left behind, it's not nice, it's not safe and it's not healthy so please CLEAN UP.

Also remember that anyone caught not cleaning up can be subject to a fine of up to £1000

Road Adoption

As you may be aware we have been struggling for some time to get the relevant bodies together to allow the adoption of the main roads around the estate.

Once this is done we can then pursue the individual builders to get the side roads repaired and adopted.

The latest issue has been with Severn Trent Water (they have to adopt the sewers beneath the roads before the roads can be adopted.)

I am pleased to say that through our local Borough Councillor Mark Williams we have enlisted the help of our M.P. Mark Pawsey, who has written to the Chief Executive of Severn Trent Water asking for a conclusion to this matter.

When we see Severn Trent's response to Mark we will communicate the plan to you in future issues of the CPN.

Fly Tipping

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that a certain amount of fly tipping of garden waste has been and is still taking place in the parish open areas. It is almost certainly been done by local residents. If it continues the parish will soon look like a rubbish tip.

This is detrimental to the overall appearance of the parish as well as being a health hazard to children and pets.

The potential penalty for fly tipping is a heavy fine.

Please use the green bin provided by Rugby Borough Council for all garden waste.

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Neighbourhood Watch



It is proven that residential areas covered by Neighbourhood Watch schemes tend to have less reported crime problems than areas not covered by the scheme.

Tom Tucker has been the main coordinator for the group including Francis Drive, Joyce Way, Judith Way, Stonehall Road, Gerard Place and Gerard Row. For health reasons Tom has decided to retire from the position of coordinator.

The Parish Council would like to thank Tom for all the work he has done during his time as the coordinator.

There is still a need to maintain a coordinator for the above mentioned group. Tom is very willing to advise and get anyone started, who may be interested in taking over this important position in the community.

Contact details Tom Tucker 01788 810221

Delivering the Parish News

Are you able to help us deliver the Parish News? We already have a team of deliverers but more are always welcome.

We produce four editions a year, and would try to keep the deliveries fairly local to where you live.

Please contact margaret.brett@cawstonpc.org

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Cawston Grange WI Lite

Meets on the third Thursday of the Month

At 7.30 in the Primary School

(note change of venue)

Everyone welcome

For more information go to

www.cawstongrangewilite.co.uk

Community Hall

We are getting more confident that we will soon have a plot of land on the commercial area on which to build a community hall.

The legal documents for the transfer of a piece of land on the commercial area to the Parish Council for the sum of £1 are now with our solicitor. He has carried out the searches on the land, and has asked for one or two points to be clarified. Once this is done to our satisfaction, we shall be able to proceed with the land transfer. This has taken a long time, but it is important it is done correctly

We do want to reassure residents that when a hall is built landscaping, security and neighbours will be our prime concern. The day to day running of the hall will be by a group of residents who will be able to veto activities which they think might cause a nuisance.

This is a frustrating time and we have to be patient, but we want to assure you that we remain committed to this project.

Community Recreational Area & Green Gym

From the results of the 2010 Parish Plan we know that a green gym was high on your agenda, so we have now incorporated this desire into the recently formed working party on recreational play areas.

We have visited many play areas around Rugby, all had interesting ideas to offer but we were most taken with the GEC Recreation Ground. This stood out for us as offering something for everyone, nicely spread out with an open feeling of welcome for the whole family, and it incorporated a green gym!

Rugby Borough council have already collected lots of information from all of you that completed their recent survey and attended the Play day at Cawston in August last year.

We welcome comments from all and we will ensure that there is adequate consultation at all levels throughout the planning process.

If you would like to join the working party or just express a view then please contact;

Dawn.wilson@cawstonpc.org or **Philip.sharples@cawstonpc.org**

You can also provide your views to Borough Councillor Mark Williams at **mark.williams@rugby.gov.uk**

Cawston 'Extension'

Many of you attended the event held at the school by the Consortium where they showed proposed plans for further development on the land between our Parish and the disused railway line, (behind the houses on the Coventry Road.)

Borough Councillor Stokes has informed us that Rugby Borough Council's overall building scheme has been approved by Government Inspectors. This means that the proposed Cawston Extension development is less likely to happen in the short term as it is now much more difficult to get planning approval.