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Cawston Parish News

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Community Hall – Feedback from Consultation Evening

On the 18th March the Parish Council agreed to begin a consultation process regarding the funding of the Community Hall.

The Consultation was in three main parts

- Via the Parish website at www.cawstonpc.org
- By contacting the clerk via email: clerk@cawstonpc.org or by mail to: 52 Ratliffe Road, Rugby, CV22 6HB
- By attending an open consultation meeting on Tuesday 29th April between 8&9pm at the Children's Centre, Scholars Drive

Considering all of the commentary so far the Parish Council voted unanimously to prepare documentation to request approval from the Secretary of State for Local Government and Communities to apply for a loan to fund the balance needed to complete the building of the Hall.

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Cawston Memorial Arboretum

The planting of 11 trees on the 11th November to start the process.

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Parish boundary petition

Rugby Borough Council should make their recommendations known by the end of July. See Page 4

Road Adoption

Progress is slow. See how you can help on Page 4

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Chairman's Message

Hi,
A couple of really important updates this quarter.

The Community Hall is out to tender for the build and we have decided to seek approval for permission to apply for a loan from the Public Works Loan Board – a Government backed initiative.

We are looking at suggestions and proposals in regards to our Centenary Trees project to commemorate the start of the First World War and to remember those that lost their lives in the conflict.

Please read on, and as ever if you have comments to make or views on any of the proposals please feel free to contact any of the Councillors.

Regards Pete Venner,
Chair Cawston Parish Council

Facebook page

If you are on Facebook please "like" our page to help us get up to date news and events out to the community!
You will find us at: **"Cawston Parish, Rugby"**

Website

We try to use the website as one of the main conduits for the Parish Council to give Cawston residents information about events in and around the Cawston area.

All of the old editions of the Parish News are available to download from the web site, as are the archives of Parish Council meeting minutes (should you be interested!).

If any local businesses would like to advertise on the Web site we can offer a very economically priced advert linked to your own web site.

This is a community web site built by a Cawston resident for the community.

Please explore the site and sign up to the community database in the top right hand corner of the web pages. www.cawstonpc.org

Parish Boundary Review (Community Governance Review)

As we explained in earlier editions of the Parish News, Cawston Parish Council have asked Rugby Borough Council to carry out a review of our parish boundaries, with particular reference to the area of land known as the Cawston Extension at the end of Trussell Way (presently in Dunchurch Parish) and a small area of land off Whitefriars Drive (presently in Rugby Borough).

RBC has considered our initial proposal and has recommended that all of the houses in the Cawston Extension and those that currently face onto the Coventry Road should become part of Cawston Parish. They have also taken the opportunity to tidy up some of the other boundaries. They have also proposed that land on the other side of the relief road should move from Cawston Parish into Long Lawford Parish.

All of the changes would appear to make logical sense when you see them on a map, as the boundaries will line up with clearly defined features such as the main roads.

Next steps

RBC is now preparing their final recommendations based upon all of the feedback received. They will publish their final recommendations by the end of July and then they will make a reorganisation order within 1 month of the publication.

Road Adoption

WCC have asked the Consortium to produce "As Built" drawings as part of the Adoption process. The Consortium have appointed an external survey firm to complete these after which they will be pressing WCC to adopt the roads asap where remedial works were completed last year. There is an outstanding query with WCC with regard to the Consortium querying the need to replace all of the street lighting lanterns to meet the latest WCC specification, The Consortium are still awaiting a response from WCC.

I believe that once the lights are accepted by WCC then we can start pushing the Consortium and WCC to begin the road adoption process.

What can you do to help I hear you ask?

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Pets on Cawston Grange Drive

We have recently received a plea from a resident living close to Cawston Grange Drive who has had a second cat run over on the road.

Please can drivers make sure they observe the speed limit. If the worst should happen and you accidentally hit an animal that darts across the road in front of you please consider stopping to check if it has ID tags or take it to a local vet to check it for an ID chip. It is very distressing for owners of lost pets to no know where a pet may be.

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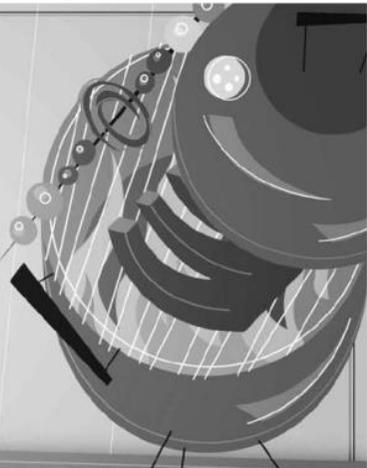
Sunday 13 July

3-5 pm
Followed by an open air
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it's free

Venue: Cawston Grange Primary School

For more information please email
cawston@becchurch.org.uk

Queens Diamond Jubilee Events

On the 15th and 22nd June The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre will be hosting two events to raise awareness about health.

The event on the 15th June is for Men's Health week, there will be free taster sessions in basketball, spinning, badminton and climbing. There will also be a bouncy castle for young children and free health checks. The aim is to raise awareness of preventable mental and physical health issues alongside encouraging early detection and treatment of disease among men. The day is for men and boys of all ages and sporting abilities however, if women and girls would like to come along and support they are more than welcome.

The event on the 22nd is for older adults with the aim of providing an opportunity for people to try new sports. This will also run from 12-3pm with table tennis, badminton, bowls, walking basketball and three exercise classes. The classes will be power stretch young at heart and Pilates and will last for 30minutes each. There will also be free health checks on the day. The aim of both events is to encourage children and adults to try new sports and receive free health advice.

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Community Hall Update

Things have progressed at a pace since our last CPN. The Parish Council held a community consultation evening on the 29th April and assessed the opinions of the community. Subsequently, at the May Parish Council meeting we voted to proceed with a loan application to temporarily borrow funds to build the hall. The funding will be repaid once the promised Section 106 monies are released from the Cawston Extension development.

With this confidence of having funds available to start building our Architects have put the project out to competitive tender; this was initially to 6 contractors however the concerns we had over the heating up of the economy has proved to be true as 2 contractors have declined to tender due to their current work load. Prices are expected to be returned on 20th June; hopefully we will be able to report the appointment of a successful contractor or even a start on site within the next few weeks.

Once building commences we will no doubt be 'on the scrounge' for help sourcing all of the many essentials we will need to fill the hall with such as furniture, crockery, cutlery etc., etc. please bear us in mind if you are updating furniture at work and have loads of chairs that are likely to be skipped!"

Contact Cllr Matt Emery on matt.emery@cawstonpc.org

Feedback on Community Hall funding consultation

Background

With planning permission secured and sufficient reserves for the first phase of building the Parish Council decided on the 18th March to start the tendering process to find a building contractor. At the same meeting Councillors agreed to launch a consultation on the options for funding the balance of the construction costs.

We sought views and comments from Cawston residents regarding all options, including the possibility of borrowing funds. The consultation was launched with the delivery to every house in the Parish of the spring *Parish News*. Each magazine had a high colour flyer inviting a response through a range of mechanisms:

- Via the Parish website at www.cawstonpc.org
- By contacting the clerk via email: clerk@cawstonpc.org or by mail to: 52 Ratliffe Road, Rugby, CV22 6HB
- By attending an open consultation meeting on Tuesday 29th April between 8&9pm at the Children's Centre, Scholars Drive

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Clearing up after dog mess

A resident did get in touch after the article in the last issue of the Parish News;

Dear Councillor Venner

I write in response to the most recent article on dog mess.

I wonder whether as a responsible dog owner who does clear up after her dog, I might comment from the point of view of a dog owner.

Dog bins: the more of these that can be afforded, the better. No dog owner likes walking further than they must to dispose of dog mess and it would help if they could be emptied as regularly as possible. They should be designate as dog waste only bins, as if they are not, people will dump their bottles and other rubbish in them. I will if I must carry it home, but it would be nice not to have to do so. Enough bins need to be provided overall to take account of the increasing size of the population here in Cawston. Could the dog bins possibly carry a pay for supply of dog bags. None of us are perfect, and we have all been known to leave home without sufficient supplies.

Enclosure of play area. Could consideration be given if funding can be obtained to enclosing, what I acknowledge to be a large area, so that children may feel safe within it? This could obviate both the problem of dog mess in the goal posts, and the fear of children of dogs. If that is not possible, could you advise where people who want to let their dogs off leash may do so? The article says to keep them on the leash "near the play area". Clarification of what is meant by near would I think be useful.

There is no excuse for not collecting waste on the bridle path, and I don't excuse that. I do think that greater provision of baskets, and bags if possible would help. If nothing else it would give a weapon to the dog wardens. How often in fact do they patrol? I suspect much of the problem may arise from those who walk at night. If you have not got a torch, it can be impossible to see so as to do the clearing up!

One final plea: could people be reminded of the dangers, both to dogs and children, of not clearing up broken glass, or cans. I was walking my dog in town, and had to retrieve with some difficulty from her mouth, a large bottle cork from a champagne bottle which, had she swallowed it, would probably have meant an operation. Humans whether adults or children, and dogs have to co-exist. Please don't judge the responsible majority by the actions of an apparently irresponsible few!
Thank you.

The contents of the email have been shared with members of Rugby Borough Council and we will consider the points in future discussions.

If you have suggestions for the position of extra bins why not send a picture or sketch to peter.venner@cawstonpc.org

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New Compaction Bins

You may have noticed that RBC has put three of these new bins in and around the play area. (The older ones will be relocated.)

They are solar powered compaction bins, and they send text message to RBC when they need emptying.



Feedback on Community Hall funding consultation (Cont'd)

The consultation closed after the open meeting and a report prepared for the May meeting of the Parish Council.

Feedback

- **Website feedback**

One parishioner responded suggesting we review the plans to create a smaller hall or consider building in phases rather than opting for a loan.

- **Responses to the Clerk**

None

- **Open evening**

A range of materials were prepared for the evening – this included a review of the option to build in phases, an affordability assessment and a detailed document considering the financial implications of a loan.

Four residents attended and all privately completed an anonymous feedback form. Comments, unedited, were as follows:

‘Very useful information. I agree that borrowing to capital and repaying it as funds allow is the best option. This allows for the building to be used earlier.’

‘I believe that the community needs this facility sooner rather than later. I agree with funding this via a loan’

‘I believe that we should go forward with taking a loan to fund the Hall so that the project can go ahead as soon as possible. It would be a false economy to wait any longer. The Hall is needed for Community use so let’s go ahead and build it.’

‘Very interesting – plans for community hall are exciting and the loan idea sounds sensible’.

Conclusion The result offers 4 to 1 support for the loan route, but Councillors noted this is based on a very small response.

This consultation had higher advertisement but far lower response than previous consultations – where response and attendance at open evenings was been better, but perhaps the subject matter may have been considered more contentious (the design of the building, a potential partnership with a non-Cawston based club and desire to capture community needs from a Hall). This consultation also more proactively used the website and introduced the facebook page in the latter stages – therefore residents were given a range of options to feedback.

After considered discussion the Parish Council voted unanimously to prepare documentation to request approval from the Secretary of State for Local Government and Communities to apply for a loan to fund the balance needed to complete the building of the Hall.

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Progress Report: Cawston Memorial Arboretum

The Council would like to thank those who have been in contact regarding the plans for a tree planting scheme to create a memorial arboretum around the recently opened play area. The article covers the issues raised and provides an update on the plans.

In some correspondence the long term impact of planting was raised with two parishioners were concerned the valued sense of open space would be lost. This is not the intention; the Parish Council have agreed with Rugby Borough Council (RBC) that species selection and the planting density will be designed to retain the 'open country' style of the area. Furthermore, the plans as printed outlined far more trees than planned (it was an artist's impression) and implied they would all be planted at once. This year it is proposed that 11 trees be planted on the 11th of November in what we hope will be a reflective community event. This first planting will then be supplemented in the following weeks with up to 15 specimens.

Over time, RBC will assess tree health, the ongoing development of the landscape and then, in discussion with the Parish Council, selectively add further trees during future commemorations and as appropriate locations for the specimens become apparent.

The arboretum will develop over time in a way sensitive to the space - and as some other residents have welcomed - at the same time provide some additional screening from the park.

The 11th November event will involve children from the local school who have started work with the RBC education, library and archive staff to research and report local stories from the First World War. We will provide more information on the commemorative event in the next newsletter.

Some residents have offered to help with the project; many thanks for your offer of support. The Parish Council will get back to you in the coming weeks to see how you can contribute.

Finally, the Parish Council have also decided to apply to Arts Council England for a public arts grant to fund an appropriate memorial to sit at the centre of the planting on the 11th November. Timing may be tight to secure this in time but we are enthusiastic about creating something suitable in the next 12 months.

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