

# Keeping YOU Informed

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council's Local Newsletter

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## Hello and welcome....

to the autumn edition of your Parish Council newsletter. The main article is below and this matter arises because the Parish Council has decided it would be inappropriate for the Council to make a decision on whether or not to make any development boundary changes (in view of what is being proposed) without further consultation with the community.

Whilst there has been no significant housing development in the Parish recently, it is still essential that we prepare for it as funds for the Parish will be generated by the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). So, if you have suggestions as to how this

fund could be spent please contact the Parish Clerk.

A long term objective of your Parish Council is to attain Quality Council status. The only remaining block to this is the fact that insufficient councillors have been elected (rather than co-opted) to the Council and so I bring to your attention the article on the 2013 Parish elections.

I hope you find that the newsletter does keep you informed and, as always, remind you that your comments about it or any other Parish matter are welcomed by email, phone or in person at one of our monthly meetings.

Chris Symes

## Important Public Meeting The Development Boundary of Welshampton Tuesday 13 November at 7.30pm Welshampton Parish Hall

This year the Parish Council was asked to respond to Shropshire Council's latest consultation exercise on future development in the County up to 2026. The Parish Council based its response on comments received from Public and Parish Meetings held over the last few years and is as follows:

### Acceptable development in Welshampton:

- \* Sites should be mixed tenure and design
- \* Maximum 5 dwellings per site
- \* Maximum total number of 20 dwellings
- \* Keep the Development Boundary as under NSDC Local Plan 2001 – 2011
- \* All development to be in line with the Village Design Statement
- \* To keep in line with statements in the Parish Plan.

### Acceptable development in Lyneal:

- \* Maximum total number of 5 properties.
- \* To have the Development

Boundary as specified in NSDC Local Plan 1991 – 2001 with one amendment to restrict to Boundary to the west boundary of the Guide Activity Centre.

- \* To keep in line with statements in the Parish Plan

### The following statements covered development in both Welshampton and Lyneal:

- \* Total number of dwellings exclude any existing sites with current planning permission.
- \* All existing stock should be occupied prior to any additional development so to avoid empty dwellings.
- \* No ribbon development to be approved.

### No new open market development to take place in Colemere.

One key phrase used is 'development boundary'. This means that new open market houses can **only** be built within the boundary. As part of the consultation, Shropshire Council received requests from owners of 2 sites just outside the current

boundary and has caused the Parish Council to re-consider the development boundary. As this decision will determine house building in the village up to 2026, the Parish Council is seeking YOUR opinion on whether the boundary should remain as it is or be extended. A Public Meeting will be held, details above, to discuss the options.

In addition to the 2 sites mentioned earlier, there are other sites outside the current boundary where owners have expressed a similar interest to make them available for development. The Council has therefore offered an invitation to all site owners and their agents to attend the meeting and put their views forward on how they would develop the sites should the development boundary be extended.

A map showing the existing boundary will be displayed on the notice boards around the Parish and will also be on the Council's website.

**Please come to the meeting and put forward your views!**

## Parish Hall Update

Welshampton Parish Hall Management Committee have recently started to spend some of the monies raised during the last 12 months to improve the Parish Hall.

We have changed the flooring in the Committee Room as the carpet was horrible and, as it is used by the Playgroup, having a washable floor is a bonus. The ladies' toilets are on target for refurbishment, and should be completed by the 13th October, just in time for the Ceilidh and promise auction later that evening. The heating system has been serviced and cleaned, gaining the Hall another safety certificate.

The bar is proving successful and Caroline wishes it to be known that the bar is profitable because the prices are reasonable, the service is quick and the beer is local.

And finally we want your ideas about a proposed move of the bar, from the entrance hallway to the committee room. This would free up the hallway space, and give people who wish to be away from the entertainment somewhere to sit.

We welcome all ideas and will be holding the AGM on Monday 12th November at 7.30pm.

John Pittaway

## Notice Boards

Observant residents will have spotted that the notice boards in Lyneal and Colemere have had a make-over! Years of use and weather had taken its toll and it's hoped that these repairs will see them through a few more years.

There is also a new notice board at The Sun for community use and has been funded jointly by the Council and The Sun. It is already proving to be very popular!

## Community Oil Buying Scheme

You may recall in last year's November newsletter we outlined the Community Council of Shropshire's Community Oil Buying Scheme. The Council is pleased to report that Ian Fletcher has come forward to act as co-ordinator of the Scheme for the Parish. The Scheme's aim is to bring communities together to make the most of joint buying power so that greater savings can be made and passed on to customers. All you need to do to take advantage of the scheme is to pay an annual membership fee, which will cover as many oil orders as you need during the course of the year.

Every time a tanker comes out to make a delivery, it is using a lot of diesel. If deliveries are organised so that one tanker delivers to several customers in a village instead of making lots of individual deliveries, the fuel consumption is reduced and so is traffic in the village.

### Annual membership fees

Domestic: £20, Community

Building: £30 and Business: £100. This will cover your oil deliveries for a year.

### Minimum order:

500 ltrs

### 5 easy steps to cheaper heating oil

Step 1: Join the CCS Scheme

Step 2: Wait to hear from your local co-ordinator

Step 3: Place an order

Step 4: Wait for the price to be negotiated.

Step 5: Take delivery of the oil and pay the company

To take advantage of the Scheme you have to first register through the Community Council of Shropshire at [oil@shropshire-ccc.org.uk](mailto:oil@shropshire-ccc.org.uk) or phone 01743 342167. They will then let Ian know you are part of the Scheme. More information can be obtained from Ian on 01948 710398 or [aluco50@hotmail.com](mailto:aluco50@hotmail.com).

### Alternative Scheme

The Council is also aware of a similar scheme. For details contact: [kevin@jkdawson.co.uk](mailto:kevin@jkdawson.co.uk)

## Police '101' number

The Police Force's non-urgent phone number, 101, has been well publicised, including in this newsletter but a recent call to it by a local resident has brought to light a glitch in the system!

When reporting an incident the resident was automatically put through to the North Wales Police and not the West Mercia Police. He was told to phone the old 0300 333 3000 number. The resident was phoning from a Bettisfield exchange number. It transpires that the system which identifies phone exchanges on the boundaries between Forces and should give a choice of Force to contact, has not been working. The Police have confirmed that they are actively working to correct the problem.

## Parish Elections 2013

In May 2013, elections will be held for seats to all Parish and Town Councils in Shropshire. All current Parish Councillors will have to stand down and seek, if willing, re-election.

The Parish Council considers it imperative that it has the support of the residents and elections are one way of showing this. In future newsletters full details of how to make sure you can vote will be given.

Would YOU like to become a Parish Councillor? If you want to do more for our community, spend your time productively, think, listen and act locally then consider becoming a Parish Councillor! Contact for the Clerk for more details.

# Speed Visor

Speeding by vehicles has always been a 'hot' topic with residents and Councillors and it has been a frustrating 12 months seeing the speed visor at Welshampton working intermittently or not at all on occasions. These old style visors are now at the end of their useful life so the Parish Council was given the option of replacing it with a new visor. Although not budgeted for, the Council, realising the importance of the speeding issue is to the community, has

agreed to the £1,300 one-off charge from its reserves. Once the location has been agreed the new speed visor will be installed.

## 'Parish Watch'

A recent incident in the Parish brought the Council's attention to the fact that important and urgent communication between the Council and residents could be improved. You will be aware of Neighbourhood and Rural Watch Schemes and the Council is now launching its own 'Parish Watch' scheme based on email

communication. If you have an email address and would like to receive notification of urgent local matters please email the Council with 'Parish Watch' in the subject and you will be added to the circulation.

## The Shropshire Way & 'Walkers are Welcome'

Keen walkers will be aware of the Shropshire Way in the south of the County. Its development in the North is well underway and due to be completed by the end of the year.

The 38-mile Oswestry Loop was the first section to be completed, and takes walkers from Llanymynech to Chirk Bank, onto Ellesmere and back to Llanymynech. The North project will link the Oswestry Loop to Whitchurch, and will add new extensions. Walks to be created are:

- \* A 20-mile promoted route link from the Oswestry 'Loop' to Whitchurch and Grindley Brook, via Ellesmere and Whixall Moss.
- \* Promoted routes that connect Shrewsbury to the Oswestry Loop (26 miles) and to Whitchurch (28 miles).
- \* Four Shropshire Way 'circular walks' of around 6 miles each from Oswestry Racecourse, St Martins, Ellesmere and Northwood.

Members of the local Parish Paths Partnership Group have already met with project members and have been pointing out improvements to existing footpaths and bridleways in the Parish which will form part of the route.

Through the development of the Shropshire Way the Parish Council has become aware of an initiative called 'Walkers are Welcome'. There are 92 'Walkers are Welcome' towns and villages across Britain. All have joined this innovative new community-led scheme, to demonstrate their commitment to making visits to a town or village an enjoyable one.

Obtaining 'Walkers are Welcome' status brings a number of benefits. It helps strengthen a community's reputation as a place for visitors to come to enjoy the outdoors, bringing useful benefits to the local economy. It also helps to ensure that footpaths and facilities for walkers are maintained in good condition, benefiting local people as well as visitors. Both Oswestry and Whitchurch have obtained 'Walkers are Welcome' status and Ellesmere has expressed an interest to do so too.

The Parish will have 2 circular walks of the Shropshire Way going through it so do you agree Welshampton should become 'Walkers are Welcome'? Please let a Councillor or the Clerk know your thoughts. More information can be found at [www.walkersarewelcome.org.uk](http://www.walkersarewelcome.org.uk)

## The Future of Colemere

It is hoped that this newsletter will arrive on your doormat before the meeting, hosted by Shropshire Wildlife Trust at Colemere Boathouse on 25 October at 7pm, takes place.

This meeting is an opportunity for residents to hear and have their say about a new initiative under the Meres and Mosses Landscape Partnership. The Partnership, which includes Shropshire Council, Canal & River Trust and Natural England, has secured £1.5 million of funding to deliver a five year scheme of projects. One of the aims is to restore, conserve and enhance the distinctive landscape, cultural heritage and biodiversity of the area.

On a related but separate project, Chris Symes, Martin Withington and Carole Warner met recently with Jim Stabler, Shropshire Council's Access Development Officer, to discuss improved access around Colemere for visitors with wheelchairs and children's buggies. Several areas were identified for improvements but the point was well made that budgeted on-going maintenance was just as important.

## Meeting Dates

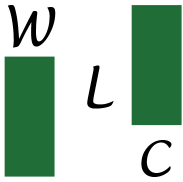
### Council Meetings

Wednesday 24 October 7pm  
Wednesday 28 November 7pm  
Wednesday 19 December 7pm

### Public Meeting

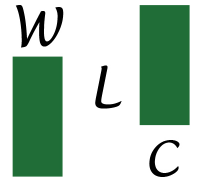
Tuesday 13 November 7.30pm  
All meetings are in the Parish Hall

[www.facebook.com/welshamptonlynealandcolemerecommunity](https://www.facebook.com/welshamptonlynealandcolemerecommunity)



## Useful Contact Details

For a more comprehensive list of local contacts please look at the Council's website [www.2shrop.net/welshampton](http://www.2shrop.net/welshampton)



### Parish Council

#### **Welshampton Ward**

Ruth Evans  
Peter Gee  
Richard Hall  
Caroline Hamilton (Vice Chair)  
Sarah Jefferies  
Ian Yates

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Chris Symes (Chair)  
Martin Withington

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Planning and building control	0345 678 9004
Housing and social services	0345 678 9005
Streets, roads and transport	0345 678 9006
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Children's services	0345 678 9008
Payment line	0345 678 9009
Dog Warden	0845 678 9018
<i>emergencies only</i>	07702 166039
Flytipping	0845 678 9009
Bulky waste collection service	0845 678 9009

### Emergency Contacts

In most emergencies you should dial 999

For non - emergencies

West Mercia Police	101
Shropshire Fire & Rescue	01743 260200
West Midlands Ambulance Service	01743 273649
NHS Direct	0845 46 47

### Local Policing Teams

Ellesmere (Welshampton) 01743 264749  
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