



Keeping YOU Informed

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council's Local Newsletter

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Hello and welcome....

to your Parish Council newsletter. This issue is a few weeks later than usual because we wanted to be able to present the latest information regarding the series of planning applications outside the development boundary in Welshampton (see article below) and, as the Annual Parish Report is enclosed with this edition, the audited accounts.

Many of you have attended recent Parish Council meetings and the two public meetings held since the last newsletter, including the Annual Parish Meeting. It seems there is something of a resurgence in community spirit in the parish as all activities appear to be well-supported, and beneficial for the fund-raising events, such as primary school plays, Welshampton plant fair, the Colemere and Lyneal open garden trail and the forthcoming Cajun weekend based at the parish hall. The community day in the Lyneal Guide Centre organised by local residents to raise funds for the Air Ambulance service as a thank you for the call out to a farming accident in Lyneal, was particularly successful. The fact that the Air Ambulance has twice since attended incidents in our parish really does show the value of this emergency service. So, for those of you who are not involved in a local community activity, or who want to get involved in more, there are two volunteering opportunities in this newsletter, in the articles about the Parish Plan refresh and North Salop Wheelers.

On personnel matters, two new Parish Councillors have been co-opted onto the Council since the last newsletter, and Andy Haydon's and Mark Standen's brief introductions are herein.

The Parish Council's main objective over the foreseeable future will be the managing of the planning issues, and the action taken depends on whether or not Shropshire Councillors approve the batch of applications coming through. The other main project will be the refresh of the Parish Plan.

I hope that this newsletter achieves its objective of keeping you informed about your Council's activities in recent months. As always, you are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings; believe me, they have not been uninteresting lately!

Chris Symes

Potential New Residential Homes in Welshampton

As residents will be aware, the Parish Council, following lengthy consultation, submitted recommendations to Shropshire Council for the future development of the Parish. For Welshampton this was up to 25 new houses on sites within the development boundary with no more than 5 dwellings for the period up to 2026.

The Government requires all Planning Authorities to have a 5 year land supply for housing. Shropshire does not currently meet this target and so developers have been able to submit opportunistic applications to build on land outside of development boundaries. This has happened in our Parish where 4 applications have been submitted

for developments outside of the development boundary of between 1 and 10 dwellings. The applications all go against the Parishes preferences

The Parish Council has held 2 Parish (open) meetings with a good number of residents attending. The overriding response from those present was that the Parish Council should object to the applications as they did not meet the views set out in the Parish Plan and the Council's recommendations.

Shropshire Council is currently considering the merits of these applications and they are all at different stages. Applications are referred to a number of specialist

departments, conservation and ecology to name just two, and these departments can request specialist reports. Some of the applicants have been requested to prepare reports to support their proposals.

At the time of writing none of the applications have been determined and residents can track progress through the Shropshire Council's website: <http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/planning/applications/viewing-planning-applications/> Shropshire Council will determine the applications with reference to local and national planning policies, but the Parish Council will continue to express the views of the majority of the residents.

Welshampton Plant Fair

The Parish Hall was again a magnet for plant lovers on 5th May for the 9th charity Plant Fair, which raised a record £7,759 for Shropshire Macmillan Cancer Support and Welshampton Church. The organising committee are most grateful for all the willing help which we received and would like to thank everyone for their support.

Tom's Challenge

A reminder to everyone who purchased sunflowers at the Fair, to grow on for our competition. Please phone the height of your sunflower through to 01948 710403 or email johnwebokc@talktalk.net by Wednesday 3rd September. Judging will take place on 4th September.

Mere Ambles

How would you like to join a group of enthusiastic, friendly walkers? We are a group of people from all backgrounds and walking abilities who enjoy this **Free** activity as well as making new friends.

We meet at 10 o'clock every Wednesday at the Wharf in Ellesmere (outside Tesco). We have a varied programme of 1 and 2 hour walks lead by Trained Leaders

Come along and give us a try. Further info Dennis Powell 01691 690649 dmpowell@btinternet.com.

Meeting Dates

Council Meetings - start 7pm

Wednesday 27 August
Wednesday 24 September
Wednesday 22 October
Wednesday 26 November
Wednesday 17 December

All meetings are in the Parish Hall

Welshampton Church of England Primary School

As every year, 2013/14 has been a very busy year At Welshampton Primary School we continually strive to provide the best opportunities for all our children and we have been especially busy regarding some significant changes and improvements to our school and grounds.

At Christmas we had all new signs erected around school and at the entrance to our field to welcome visitors and ensure clarity for everyone. During the Easter holidays we had a new, much needed, cess tank installed and replaced the old broken fencing between ourselves and Caterpillars Montessori Pre School. This has had a huge impact on the aesthetics of the playground and many parents have commented on how smart it all looks and how much it has improved the safety of all our children as it includes a new lockable gate between the two sites. With safety and security in mind we will be changing the white wrought iron railings around the playground with similar green 2m high fencing that exists around

the rest of the playground and will incorporate two new high lockable gates. This will provide further security for our school site as it will ensure access onto the school playground is not possible out of schools hours.

The playground will also be resurfaced during the summer holidays and we will be having lots of new games and activities marked on as well as a new netball and football pitch. Additionally, the school field is being improved to enhance the opportunities for our children to develop their levels of fitness and sporting skills. We are having a new running track, rounders pitch and 5-a-side football pitch marked on and we will be replacing our old trim trail with all new climbing equipment which the children have voted for.

As a church school we encourage our children the importance of all the Christian Values and the importance of charitable donations. This year we raised over £200 to Children in Need and £262 to Marie Curie. Thank you to all who attended and donated.

Mrs Heather Cawkwell
Head Teacher

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Hall

Isn't it nice to see that summer has arrived. Here at the hall we are seeing that the tennis court is often being used and we are looking forward to the new netball rings arriving.

We still have our regular events taking place. Bingo on the 3rd Wednesday of every month apart from August and whist on the 1st Saturday of every month. Why not come along one evening and join us, we always have a good night.

We are looking at holding more family fun events and will be advertising dates for a Ceilidh and a Frog Race soon, it will be lovely

to see you all.

The Annual Cajun Big Weekend being held 15th - 17th August has a limited number of tickets left so grab yours quickly if you want to join us on what looks like being another great weekend.

The Management Committee would like to thank everyone for supporting us at our events or by hiring the hall and we look forward to seeing you soon

Caroline Hamilton
Chair

Parish Plan Refresh

In the last newsletter a questionnaire was included outlining progress on fulfilling the action points identified in the 2008 Parish Plan and a few key objectives identified for the future and their associated actions. We asked you for your comments and whether you agreed or disagreed with them.

By the time you read this newsletter the initial report analysing the responses received will have been reviewed. 83 surveys were completed either by the paper form or online which gives a response rate of 22%. This is an acceptable level of response to proceed with drawing up a 2014 Parish Plan.

The next stage after the initial

review will be to identify:

- * the actions to be taken forward and timescales;
- * which actions require the involvement of other parties;
- * what costs will be involved in fulfilling the actions and a plan to obtain funding; and
- * who will take responsibility for the actions and ongoing monitoring of the Plan.

So there are still opportunities for volunteers to help with the review, produce the Action Plan and also join steering groups to progress the projects of the Plan. If you would like to assist us in this project please contact the Parish Clerk. Contact details are on the back page of the newsletter. The final Plan will be distributed to all households.

Caterpillars Pre School

Our numbers have picked up, 5 new children this term and 2 more starting with us next term. We are planning to redo our flooring over the Summer Holidays which will definitely improve the visual image. We will then be working on the outside to make that a little more appealing.

The Montessori Approach, which is new to the area, has been received really positively and we now have families taking this into their homes as an approach to parenting. This has been done by information evenings / sessions which have been delivered to the parents. We are keen to be able to offer this type of education to children in the surrounding community who may be from more deprived backgrounds.

We do accept the 24U funding which supports families who have 2 year olds that would benefit from being in a setting to aid their

development. Our website is about to go live which will have a blog page so all will be able to know what we have been doing from week to week.

Camilla Bruce

Walking in the Parish

By the time this newsletter is published it is hoped that the project to produce a series of 5 leaflets of local walks from Welshampton will be completed and the folders distributed to local tourism points. The Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers who helped produce the leaflets.

The Project was funded by the Meres and Mosses Landscape Partnership Scheme, Shropshire Council, the Parish Council, the Sun Inn and Fernwood Caravan Park.

Road Closure Colemere

Please note that the bridge at the end of the Avenue will be repaired following damage last year. The works are planned to take place from 4 August for 2 weeks. The road will be closed from Belgrave Cottages to the Avenue. Diversion signs will be in place.



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New Parish Councillors

At the March meeting two residents put themselves forward to fill the two vacant positions. They explained why they wished to be members of the Council and answered questions from existing Councillors. Both were successfully co-opted onto the Council. Below is a brief introduction:

My name is Andrew Haydon and I am a farrier. I have lived in or around this area all my life. I am married and we have a baby due imminently. I have a keen interest in the local community and the environment that we all live in and would like to try and help preserve, or improve it where possible.

I'd like to introduce myself Mark Standen, I have lived in and around the village of Welshampton for 12 years now with my partner. We have two boys who both attend the local School and Pre School in the village. I joined the Parish Council to understand and learn how the council works and to offer my views and opinions. I feel I can make a positive contribution to the Parish Council and village.

NS Wheelers

In the October 2013 edition we included an article about Shropshire Council withdrawing from local community transport and handing the service over to voluntary groups. Our Parish is now served by North Salop Wheelers.

Several of you came forward to volunteer to help drive local residents to Ellesmere on market day but more volunteers are required so not to make it too onerous on a few people. The more volunteers who come forward gives more flexibility to the rota.

If you can spare a few hours on a Tuesday morning every so often please contact :
John Harrison on 01948 880037 or
js.harrison@btinternet.com

A Thank You to Residents

This letter appeared in the Shropshire Star mid June. The road closure was the result of a serious traffic accident at Newton bends. It is re-produced here to ensure those residents who did not read it at the time are aware of the PCSO's thanks.

I would like to pass on my thanks to the residents of Welshampton for their generosity in providing refreshments to my colleague and myself while we were attending a road closure on A495 on Thursday June 12.

Their concern for our welfare was second to none in the heat of the afternoon and very much

appreciated.

Special thanks must go to Ray, who assisted throughout with traffic management — local knowledge goes a long way.

Normally a letter would be sent from West Mercia Police, but as there are a number of people to thank, and I don't know any of you, I'm afraid, I decided that this is the best way to let you know how appreciative we are.

Many thanks
PCSO Graeme Baines
Whitchurch Police Station

New Email Address and Website

The Parish Council has recently changed its email address to:
clerk@welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk.

It has also moved its website from 2Shrop.net to its own site www.welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk. Both the email address and website name is rather long but this is to comply with government protocols.

The website is in its basic format at the moment but will develop over the next few months. It is hoped to include pages and news of local community groups so if you wish to publicise a local event please email the clerk — at the new email address!

Please let the Council know what you think of the new site and please feel free to suggest ideas!

Useful Contact Details

Parish Council

Welshampton Ward

Sarah Jefferies Caroline Hamilton (Vice Chair)

Andrew Haydon Bob Richards

Mark Standen Jennifer Wright

Lyneal Ward

Lawrence Houghton Martin Withington

Chris Symes (Chair)

Councillors can be contacted by letter, phone or email through the clerk

Shropshire Council

0345 678 9000

Shropshire Councillor

Brian Williams 01939 234198

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

Community Contacts

Welshampton Parish Hall 01948 710687

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