

Community News

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A Fresh Approach



When returning home from a journey, I am always pleased to see the sign marking the entrance to our beautiful village. It is an especially welcoming sight at this time of year, when surrounded by cheery Spring daffodils lining the approach.

Note the 30mph sign in the background, urging us to slow down and take the time to appreciate our surroundings, whilst also keeping a look out for pedestrians, runners, dog walkers and horse riders. The Parish Council are currently considering potential options for traffic calming measures around the village, particularly around the playground and Jubilee Hall entrances where there are blind bends and no footpath. We would love to hear your ideas and opinions on this too.

In and around...

Pothole, or open water swimming pool under construction?



Whether you're driving on the left side of the road, or driving on what's left of the road, watch out for those nasty potholes, cunningly disguised as puddles.

If you spot any tyre crunching craters, or anything starting to resemble a miniature version of the Grand Canyon, you can report it on-line to FixMyStreet - Shropshire Council.

You will find the link on our website:

Park Life...

Don't take 'a fence'

If you're a regular visitor to the Jubilee Park, you may have noticed that the chain link fencing marking the boundary has fallen somewhat into disrepair, which is hardly surprising given that it is over 40 years old! As a Parish Council, we are responsible for maintaining the boundary fencing and so we have been busy obtaining quotes from local businesses to repair/replace the fencing. However, as the boundary is some 280 metres or so long, the cost is not insignificant, so we are currently considering the possible options and would welcome your views on this too.

Path of least resistance

In addition to the fence, the path leading from the gate up to the Jubilee Hall is also looking rather tired, and several wonky slabs may present a potential trip hazard. The roots of the trees lining the path have lifted some of the slabs, so we are exploring options for a more sustainable solution to the problem. However, it all takes money, and so quotes are being sought and considered to ensure we get the maximum value for the available funds.

A tree-mendous addition

Unfortunately, one of the oak trees planted in the Jubilee Park as part of the Queen's Green Canopy' has not been looking too perky lately. We are hoping that with some TLC from Councillor Clifton, it will make a recovery, but just in case, we have purchased an additional tree, which has been planted and will hopefully flourish in the Spring.

Green, green grass of home

With the growing season now upon us, you will be pleased to know that a new contractor has been engaged for the maintenance of the green spaces around the village. The grassed areas will be cut every two weeks during growing season, keeping our village looking it's beautiful best.

Neighbourhood Matters



Tara Carruthers

Introducing Tara Carruthers, the Police Community Support Officer for our area. It is now easier for residents, businesses and local community groups to keep in touch with local policing teams and find out more about what is going on in the area through the Neighbourhood Matters messaging service. You can register for this free service and receive updates on crimes, incidents and community policing activity. The link is on our website. www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk

Have your say...

Hopefully this has given you an insight into how the Parish Council funds are used, for the benefit of the local community and the maintenance of the local area and public spaces. We would love to have your input and hear your thoughts on our plans and priorities for 2024. The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.00pm on 17th April at the Jubilee Hall. All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

An on-line version of this newsletter can be found on the website.

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