

November 2021 North and South Wheatley Parish Council



Newsletter

Greetings from the Chair

Hello and welcome to another issue of the Parish Council Newsletter which I trust you will find both interesting and informative. After a flurry of activity most of our 'capital' projects are now completed. Unfortunately the work to stabilise the beck bank, behind the pavilion, has now been postponed until the next financial year. However, this is not urgent and we have 'ring fenced' the funds, so this delay is not a major issue.

I am very pleased to see how well the community garden has turned out and it is nice to see some table tennis being played – incidentally there are some bats and balls stored in the shelter for community use but please return them to the shelter after playing. We still need to renovate the remaining raised bed in the garden but this is now a job for the Spring.

After eleven years of loyal service we are saying **'Good-bye' to Ian Wilkinson** as he relinquishes the role of 'Village Lengthsman' - a task which includes a plethora of duties ranging from grass/hedge cutting and emptying the village waste bins to putting up the village Christmas Tree every year. We offer our sincere thanks to Ian for this valuable contribution to keeping the village tidy and at the same time welcome his replacement, **Sam Foster**, who takes on the role from November.

The purpose of the newsletter is not to replace 'Clays Contact' and we can't be a 'Village Noticeboard' but I would encourage you all to look at the Parish Council Website (see article on Page 3) which contains lots of useful links to community groups.

In particular there is link to a little known charitable foundation

called **'The Middleton Trust'** which exists to support education (and in particular but not exclusively religious education) in the village. In the past it has funded teaching about the Holocaust and educational visits abroad which have involved service to others.

Finally I commend to you the short article about 'Good Neighbours'. We all want to live in a harmonious community and I think that after the difficulties of the Covid lock-downs we all appreciate how lucky we are to live in such pleasant surroundings. From time to time we are asked to intervene on a parishioner's behalf but the Parish Council is not a village police force and we can't really 'take sides', so all I would ask is that people pause to consider the wider implications of whatever they are doing and in particular the effect, however unintentional, it might have on others.

Mike Newby –Parish Council Chair

Our Community Thanks You

I am sure we would all agree that North and South Wheatley Villages have looked very colourful and well maintained throughout out this year.

As well as thanking our Village Lengthsman- Ian our thanks also go out to the many residents who volunteer their time to keep Wheatley blooming and tidy.

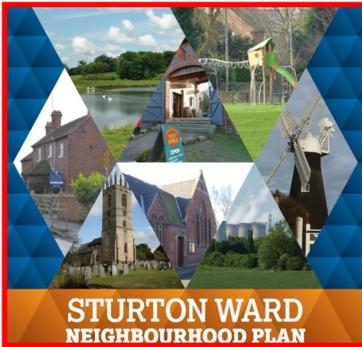
In particular David and Jacqui Cooke, Terry and Carol Kirk and Sandy and Jane Sanderson for planting and watering the variety of large planters we have around the village.

Thanks also to the individuals who pick up litter as they are walking around Wheatley and the residents who mow the verges outside their property boundary.



Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor -James Naish



Our draft Neighbourhood Plan – which limits development to just over 5% across the ward was approved by Bassetlaw District Council on 23/09/2021

Contact Cllr James Naish on 07967 807 037 if you want more information.

There will now be a **referendum** to adopt this plan on **11th November**.

PLEASE review the plan and vote. There has been a lot of work done on this plan over the past 2-3 years by members of the community across the Sturton Ward.

It is especially important if you oppose development on the site to the south of Low Street, and you want to protect our Local Green Spaces and Significant Green Gaps.

A copy of the plan is available to review in The Cartshed at Corner Farm in South Wheatley or available online at www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/sturtonwardnp.

**WANT YOUR SAY
ON FUTURE
HOUSING AND
GREEN SPACES
IN
STURTON
WARD?**

West Burton Residents' Planning Group

You should hopefully have received a leaflet about this Group, which was set-up earlier in the year to think about the future of West Burton A, the coal-fired power station.

About 20 Sturton Ward residents are meeting monthly to develop plans based on the 2020 survey.

The Group has appointed a professional services firm to run a two-day community workshop in the early spring, with a resident-led plan for the 250-acre site expected to emerge in April or May 2022.

Contact Councillor James Naish on 07967 807 037 if you want to get involved.

For up to date information on the Parish Council please visit the website at <https://www.northandsouthwheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk>



Community Garden

We hope you are all enjoying our community garden. We have still a few more items to complete but we hope you agree the space is now a lot more user friendly. Thank you to Sarah North who has generously donated some spring bulbs which Sue Hayden will be planting in the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing the Christmas tree lit up in a few weeks time.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022



We are planning to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. We hope to have a village beacon which will be lit along with all the others across the country at 9.15pm on Thursday 2nd June. On Saturday 4th June we are organising an afternoon community event for the whole village to join in at the Playing Field. We have food stalls, a bar and children's entertainment booked but are hoping to have a committee with a representative from each village organisation to organise the rest of the days activities. Further information will be available early in the New Year but **please save the date now.**

Parish Councillor: Vicki Wilson



Keeping in Touch - We know people miss the Clays Contact and whilst we can not replace it, please remember that all the Parish Council information is on our website. The website also has a "**Whats On**" calendar that organisations can have their events listed on, by forwarding them to the PC using the contact form. All the villages organisations contact details are also listed on the community page. Please visit and bookmark the website for easy access.

<https://www.northandsouthwheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Good Neighbours

Over the past few months Parish Councillors have been told about and/or asked for support with a number of issues that can be described as a 'nuisance', 'annoyance' or 'anti-social behaviour'. In particular people have raised concerns about speeding cars, bonfires, parking on the roadside where there is poor visibility, excessively loud music, barking dogs and fireworks.

Hopefully most issues can be resolved by speaking to your neighbours about the problem. They may not be aware that it is causing you any distress and by approaching them with your concerns it will hopefully make them more considerate in the future.



What is wrong with having a Bonfire?

Bonfires have been used throughout the centuries to mark occasions and dispose of waste, however we now have alternatives for disposing of most materials.

Bonfires cause **air pollution** and can be damaging to your health, particularly if you have underlying health problems.

Smoke can be an **annoyance** and can prevent neighbours enjoying their garden, opening windows and hanging out washing.

Left unattended a bonfire could spread and be a **safety hazard**



What are the Alternatives?

Garden Composting

The Garden waste service—brown bins <https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/recycling-and-waste/garden-waste-collection-service/garden-waste-service-2021/>

Using the local Recycling Centre



If the problems with bonfires and smoke are persistent you can make an

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMPLAINT contacting customer.services@bassetlaw.gov.uk

Fireworks

As we approach Bonfire Night remember the importance of safety. If you are planning your own fireworks display, please get information about firework safety from The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents and the Health and Safety Executive.

The Law

The Government have imposed a curfew on the use of fireworks during the night (11pm-7am - except on Bonfire Night when the curfew starts at midnight, and New Year/Diwali/Chinese New Year when it starts at 1am). Excessive noise from fireworks could be deemed a nuisance under Part III of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

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