

North and South Wheatley Parish Council



Newsletter November 2020

Greetings from the North and South Wheatley Parish Council

We are aware that following the demise of 'Clays Contact' there is no longer any 'hard copy' feedback to residents about the actions of the Council or information on current or forthcoming issues.

Moreover, during the current Covid 19 crisis, our monthly meetings are taking place via Zoom and although residents are welcome to join, it does make us feel a bit 'cut off' from the community we serve.

The minutes of the Parish Council's (PC) meeting are available on the **PC website** and a new version of this will be launched in the next month. Please visit us at:

www.northandsouthwheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

However, to improve communication we have decided to produce a periodic '**Newsletter**' to inform all residents of any particular noteworthy points and, from time to time, to seek feedback.

Planning Issues

The PC is asked to comment on all individual planning applications in the village. We are also involved in the development of a new **Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan (SWNP)**, which details our community's ideas of how we would like our village to develop. This has been undergoing a significant re-write over the past two years in order to define more specifically where new homes should be built in order to meet the requirement placed upon the village by Bassetlaw District Council (BDC). The original requirement was to expand the village by up to 20% (approximately 53 new homes) by 2037, including building agreed since 2018. The SWNP is also needed to preserve green spaces.

Following a considerable amount of work by the SWNP Steering Group, there was a consultation over the summer, which received over 100 responses. Of the seven sites put forward in Wheatley, all of which were supported by residents (from 54% to over 80%), BDC has only given the green light to two of these sites (NP36 Top Street opposite Solent - with 1 instead of 3 dwellings; and NP16 The Manor with 1 dwelling). This means it is unlikely that the village can meet the original BDC requirement. District Councillor James Naish is working with BDC to lower its housing expectation for the village.

Support in the November Lockdown

In the spring lockdown many villagers benefited from the help of the Clay responders and 'good neighbours' for help with things like shopping, collecting prescriptions and general advice. District Councillor James Naish has taken steps to partially rejuvenate the old 'Clay Responders' organisation. Anyone needing support in this new lockdown should contact 07967 807 037

There are more useful contacts on the back of this sheet...

Local Organisations

Some useful names and telephone numbers

Beavers/Cubs/Scouts	Carol Banks	01777 711583
Guides	Nadine Ping	07947 838486
Brownies	Alison Wilkinson	07972 128421
Rainbows	Heather Thomas	07790 517936
Wheatley Family & Local History Group	Audrey Hodson	01427 880384
Book Club	Margaret Burton	01427 880549
The Alternative Book Club	Beverley Murphy	01427 881149
North & South Wheatley W.I	Judith Goacher	01427 880562
Wheatley Cricket Club	Wayne Harrison	01777 860827
Wheatley Tennis Club	Angela Bland	01302 710855
Wheatley Bowls Club	Mary Ward	01427 884778
Clays Horticultural Society	Christine Crowther	01427 884882
Clays Cloggers	Jean Johnson	01427 880571
Churches	Reverend Mark Cantrill	01777 711530
Wheatley Methodist Church	Judith Goacher	01427 880562
Church Wardens - Wheatley	Janice Sykes Hilary Bennett	01427 884877 01427 880596
Church Wardens - Sturton	Barbara Bartle Sue Bartle	01427 880558 01427 880289
Church Warden - Bole	Rosemary Moss	01427 848324
Wheatley Chapel - Booking Clerk	Carol Kirk	01427 880728
Wheatley Luncheon Club	Hilary Bennett	01427 880596
Wheatley Christian Fellowship	Rob Naish	07831 881550
Wheatley Village Website	www.northandsouthwheatleyvillage.co.uk	
Wheatley Village Hall - Booking	Kerry Driver	01427 884599
Sturton Village Website	www.sturton-le-steeple.org.uk	
Sturton Village Hall - Booking	-----	07887 703348
North Wheatley CofE Primary School	Head: Miss H Sharpe	01427 880409
Sturton le Steeple CofE Primary School	Head: Mr Mark Elliott	01427 880342
Wheatley Parish Council - Chair	Mike Newby chair@northandsouthwheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk	01427 884138
Wheatley Parish Council - Clerk	Sara Stilliard clerk@northandsouthwheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk	01427 881582
Sturton Parish Council - Chair	Philip Appleyard	01427 880119
Sturton Parish Council - Clerk	Sara Stilliard	01427 881582
Bassetlaw District Councillor	James Naish	07967 807037
County Councillor	John Ogle	07770 832469
Bassetlaw Police Control Room 101	PC Nathan Thomas	07525 226604
Local	PCSO Dave Airey	07525 226838
	Non-emergency	101

Useful Information

Blue Bins

Aerosol Cans, Can (drink & food), Catalogues, Cereal boxes, Egg boxes, Envelopes, Plastic bottles, Telephone directories, Yoghurt pots, Greeting cards, Junk mail, Margarine tubs, Milk bottles (plastic), Newspapers, Shampoo bottles, Wrapping paper, Yellow pages. No pizza boxes or plastic bags.

Bulky Refuse

Items included for collection:

Beds, 3 piece suites, Tables, Chairs, Wardrobes, Sideboards, Wall units, Chests of Drawers, Carpets, General items of Household furniture, Washing machines, Cookers, Fridges, Freezers, Fridge/Freezers, microwaves, Tumble Driers, Televisions.

This is a chargeable collection and can be arranged by contacting the Council Environment Services Unit on (Tel: 01909 534501)

Items NOT Included for Collection

General waste or tree/shrub prunings, Building rubble/material, Fireplaces, Concrete, Window Frames, Doors, Glass, Batteries, Tyres, Baths, Kitchen Units, W.C. Pans, Wash Hand Basins, Gas Fires, Boilers, Radiators, Fencing, Garden Sheds, Asbestos, Pianos, Car Parts, Bicycles/Motorcycles, Mowers/Garden Machinery, Pianos, Other Household Fixtures/Fittings.

Parish Council Finances

Each year the PC receives a set amount of money. This funding, which is allocated by the district council and collected via the area's council tax, is called an **annual precept**.

Most of this money is used to fund a variety of regular and somewhat mundane maintenance activities such as grass cutting, tree pruning, insurance, the village website and the clerk's wages. However, we do have some surplus cash to fund capital projects such as the recent purchase of our own **interactive speed sign** (the ones you may have seen up have been on temporary loan), the **new fencing for the sports pavilion** and the **exercise equipment** on the village field.

This money has also been used to provide grants to the Village Hall, Tennis Club and Bowls Club.

Two years ago we applied for and received a grant of approximately £30,000 from Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund to which the PC added £5,000 to fund the new **Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)** on the playing field.

We are obliged to keep a float of around one and a half times the village's annual precept as a contingency fund; indeed, at some stage in the not too distant future, we will have to take action to reinforce the bank of the beck behind the sports pavilion, which is starting to show signs of quite serious erosion. However, as it stands we are left with some money that could be used to fund new village projects.

We plan to use the **January 2020 meeting as a 'Strategic Planning' meeting** at which we would consider what capital projects we would like to complete over the next year

Your Views

As you might imagine the money we have available that could potentially be used to fund various village projects could be spent many times over. Moreover, we have to remember that this sum has been

built up over a number of years and cannot easily be replaced. We therefore need to consider very carefully how/if we use it and ensure that any projects that we decide to progress are the ones that the village really wants. With that in mind, if you have any strong views (either positive or negative) on these proposals, or have any other suggestions for village improvements then please let us know.

On the following page are projects the PC has been considering funding. Some are ideas of the PC itself whilst others have been suggested by residents. We should appreciate your thoughts on these, either in support or otherwise, and indeed if you any other ideas for projects that would enhance our village then we would be keen to hear about them. Please make any comments on the project page and then drop it off in the new PC mail box which is attached to the outside of the Open Door office in South Wheatley.

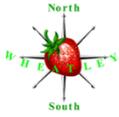
As part of our PC remit, we are also looking for additional grants and funding streams we can apply for to enhance our budget. Again, if you have any knowledge on available grants then please let us know.

Available Charity Funding

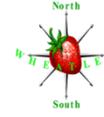
The Sir Stuart and Lady Florence Goodwin Charity

The Sir Stuart and Lady Florence Goodwin Charity has funds available for people aged 60 or over and living in the former Retford Rural District who need financial assistance for the purchase of specific items such as disability/mobility aids, household goods or furniture. Anyone who meets the criteria may wish to consider whether the Charity could assist in some way. All applications, which will be dealt with in the strictest confidence, should be addressed to:

Linda Dore, Administrator to the Managing Trustees. Tel: **01901 533252** or email: **goodwincharity@bassetlaw.gov.uk**



Future Projects



Project	Estimated Cost	Comments
Rejuvenation of the village play park – A new wet pour surface and possibly the addition of an accessible roundabout.	£30k We would need a significant grant to allow this project to proceed unfortunately we have already been turned down/deemed ineligible by 2 trusts	
Rejuvenation of the community garden village – Replacement of planted beds, additional trees and safety fencing/gates to form a child safe area.	Up to £5k	
Provision of electric car charging points in the village hall car park.	£6k - Funding may be available.	
Permanent table tennis table (either in the community garden or adjacent to the village play park)	Up to £4k	
Village entrance sign for to be erected on Eastfields	Approximately £2k (an application for a grant has already been submitted)	
Bench and plaque to commemorate the village's response to the Covid 19 Pandemic	Up to £700 - location to be confirmed but a location adjacent to the village shop has been suggested.	
Picnic benches for in the plaster pits	Up to £1k	
Metal poppy wreath retention railing for the village war memorial	Approximately £1.5k	

Please write any other comments /ideas in this box and your contact details (optional)

Future Projects - please leave completed forms in the post box outside the 'Open Door' office at South Wheatley

