

New Parish Councillor

We are pleased to announce that John Economides was co-opted to the Parish Council at the September meeting and took up his position this month.

Church Wall

Funding of £1360 was given to St Mary's PCC to help with the cost of rebuilding the church wall alongside the Old School.

War Memorial

Residents should have noted that the War Memorial has been cleaned and the lettering blackened. This was done in time for Remembrance Day when a member of the Campion family laid the wreath.

Village Hall

It was agreed at the recent meeting to support the grant application as a third party for the funding of the refurbishment of the kitchen and toilets in the village hall.

Dog Fouling

This is becoming a major problem in the village particularly in the village field. Responsible dog owners are expected to keep dogs on leads and clear up after them in any of the public areas around the village. The Parish Council may consider the ban of dogs on the field altogether but in the meantime has enlisted the help of a dog warden who will visit the village on a regular basis. The warden has the authority to issue a fine to any dog owner who does not clear up after their dog. **PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOGS ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES IN THE VILLAGE FIELD** - there have been numerous continuing occasions when dog owners have not abided by this rule.

Bonfire

Thank you to all those who contributed and helped build the village bonfire. It went up very well! However, please **do not** add anything further to it until next year. It is hoped that the area will be cleared during the course of the winter.

Speed Cameras & village traffic

The Parish Council continues to look at ways of dealing with speeding through the village and is currently enquiring about the possibility of a

speed survey as well as speed calming measures to try to address this problem. Several parishioners have expressed concern at the bus service going up and down Coplowe Lane and the Parish Council continues in discussion with Grant Palmer.

Bletsoe NDP

The launch of the NDP took place in September and was attended by a good number of local residents. The evening was informative and raised a number of issues. There will be several consultations with residents and questionnaires before a final plan is drawn up and a referendum held with a view to having it all completed by 2016. You should recently have received the first questionnaire through your letterbox. Please help the group by making sure that you complete and return this fairly straightforward questionnaire.

Waiting for the Sun

The Parish Council was informed recently that Mr Allen has appealed to the High Court (under s288 of the TCPA 1990) to challenge the Secretary of State's decision on points of law (including Human Rights). The Defendants are the Bedford Borough Council and the Secretary of State.

Welcome to new Residents

We hope the new residents in Bennetts Close will enjoy living in Bletsoe.

Orange Recycling Bags

If you require a roll of these due to the reduction in orange bin collections over the Christmas period, Bedford Borough Council have left a supply for residents. Please email info@bletsoe.net or call 07711378869 to arrange to pick them up.

Website

Please check the village website for up to date information of what's going on in the village and to access Parish Council agendas and minutes – www.bletsoe.net

If you have any issues concerning the parish please contact a Parish Councillor so that it can be brought to a meeting. Alternatively email info@bletsoe.net.

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