

New Councillor – There is currently another vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor please contact the Parish Clerk for details – parishclerk@bletsoe.org.uk.

Borough Local Plan - Meetings have taken place with the Mayor regarding issues around the proposed potential developments in North Bedfordshire on the old airfield, Twinwoods and Sharnbrook. There are major concerns over lack of infrastructure and rat running through the villages. A decision will be made by the Mayor and his Executive Committee during the course of 2018.

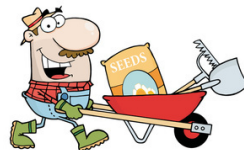


Dogs in Playing Field – Just a reminder that **ALL** dogs must be kept on leads in the playing field. The field is well maintained by volunteers and the Parish Council. You can help them by adhering to this request. Notices indicating that dogs must be kept on leads are posted at both ends of the field. Please also ensure that you clean up after your dog!

NDP - The Bletsoe Plan has hit an obstacle after its submission to the Borough. We are required to produce a Strategic Environmental Assessment due to the historical issues around one of the designated sites. This involves more expense so a grant will need to be sought. It is a great shame that the delivery of the plan has been further delayed but hopefully it will happen in the early part of next year - watch this space!

The Lady Smockers - were granted funding by the Parish Council to purchase equipment to take on the mowing of the Playing Field. The Parish Council are very appreciative of the work the Smockers do to keep the field and other places in the village in good order. Our thanks to Cllr Martin Towler who has given £1000 in ward funding for the provision of a shed for the Lady Smockers.

Councillor Edward Bean – In August we were saddened at the death of fellow councillor Edward Bean. Edward was a parish councillor for a long number of years and had been chair before he became ill. He will be sorely missed for his contribution to the Council and many other village organisations in so many ways. He could always be relied upon for all sorts of historical information about the village.



Allotments – following a request from 10 residents, the Parish Council agreed at its recent meeting that in principle allotments should be provided and that they could be sited at the Coplowe Lane end of the Parish Field. Nothing happens quickly in Council matters, so a planning application has to be submitted and a working group of Councillors will decide on the terms, conditions and rules, which will be set. Hopefully we will see the allotments up and running in 2018.

Waiting for the Sun - A6 - the date of 28 November was set for the removal of all caravans. Currently a planning application has been submitted for a barn conversion of the goat shed. You can find full details of this on the Bedford Borough website under planning.



Old Parish Field - following the departure of the O'Connors from the village the old parish field is now available to rent. The Parish Council agreed to advertise the whole field for annual rent and it was agreed that the rent charged would be in line with current commercial rates. There is no water supply to the field which is to be used for grazing purposes only. A new tenancy agreement will be drawn up with the new tenant. If you are interested in taking on the tenancy please contact the Parish Clerk no later than 31st December – parishclerk@bletsoe.org.uk.



The old telephone box is looking very sad and is no longer of any use so the Parish Council is investigating the possibility of having it removed.

Parish Councillors 2017-18

Paul Caves
Alison Foster
Ann Gibbons
Clare Goduti
Mary Laws
Paul Vine

Clerk: Alison Southern



It may be a little early but Councillors would like to wish all Bletsoe Residents a very happy Christmas and a good New Year.

Useful Information/contact details

Defibrillator Code : C159X - Box Number: 1280

Pothole hotline Number : 01234 718003

E-mail: Highways.Helpdesk@bedford.gov.uk

Planning issues: www.bedford.gov.uk/searchplans

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