



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

October 2022

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Held second Monday of every month except for January and August. 7.30pm in the Reading Room. Everyone is very welcome.

RESIDENTS SURVEY

If you have not already completed the residents survey that was distributed to every household with the last newsletter please do as we really want to hear from all residents so we can understand what you would like to see the Council do. If you need another copy then please just let us know. The survey can also be completed online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7B3CG8B> **DEADLINE for responses 31st October 2022.**

DIRFT EXPANDING TOWARDS YELVERTOFT – WNC SPATIAL PLAN CONSULTATION

We have still not heard from West Northants Council so have no update to give at the moment. We are expecting a response any time now and will let residents know as soon as we do.

POST BOX REMOVAL

Royal Mail have confirmed that the post box opposite the Reading Room has been removed due to a request submitted by the new landowner in May 2022. As the post box was on private land they had no choice but to comply with the request.



As part of their regulatory requirements, they must ensure that there is a post-box within half a mile of at least 98% of all 'delivery points' (usually a customer's letter-box) nationally. If the current posting facilities in the above-mentioned area already meet these requirements, the box may not be replaced or relocated. If it is due

to be relocated then they must also liaise with the local authority and National Highways to identify a suitable location. With the above in mind, if the post box hasn't been replaced within 25 weeks from removal, it is likely that the current facilities in the area already meet their requirements and a new post box is not warranted. The post box opposite the school is more than ½ mile from the houses at the other end of the village, and it is in a dangerous location due to the bend and the school. Council will continue to liaise with Royal Mail to see if we can get another post box installed.

SOLAR FARM

The solar farm has now commenced. We have received complaints about construction traffic which we are liaising with the developer over. A sweeper has been employed by the developer to ensure Crick Road remains clear of mud.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING - HILLMORTON LANE

An archaeological dig needs to be carried out before development can commence. The developer is planning to complete this the last week in October.



KGV FIELD and ALLOTMENT FIELD

The plans are well underway and we are pleased to report that we have been successful with our grant application to The Tree Council in securing the sum of £2,000 for hedging and trees and we will find out in November if we have been successful with our grant application to Yelvertoft Community Wind Farm Fund.

WAR MEMORIAL

The war memorial will be cleaned and sealed ready for Remembrance Day. This completes the works to the memorial.

OVERHANGING BRANCHES

Can we please ask that all residents cut back any tree or hedge branches on their property that are overhanging public rights of way.

DOG FOULING

Dog fouling is becoming a problem again and we are receiving many complaints. Please do clear up after your dog. If you see anyone not clearing up then please do try and get a video and send it to us. We can then inform the dog warden who can issue a fine.



Failure to follow the requirements could result in a fine of up to £1,000.

A reminder of the rules - Under the Public Spaces Protection Order if you own a dog(s) you are required to:

- Keep your dog on a lead in graveyards, cemeteries, and memorial gardens (dogs are not allowed at all in Yelvertoft Cemetery)
- Keep your dog on a lead near schools
- Walk no more than 6 dogs at a time
- Pick up your dog's poo
- Carry the means for picking up your dog's poo while on a walk
- Stop your dog from entering a fenced-off playground
- Place your dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer
- Put your dog on a lead in an area around the visitor centre and café at Daventry Country Park

DEFIBRILLATOR

The Council have agreed to take over responsibility of the defibrillator located at the Knightley Arms. Community Heartbeat have been asked to carry out a complete service and replace the pads and battery. This means that the device will be removed for a short period but will be replaced back at the Knightley once it is in fully working order again.



Council would like to express their sincere thanks to the Knightley who have very kindly agreed for the defibrillator to remain at their property, and have volunteered to be

trained on the device in order to undertake weekly checks.

FLOODING

We are pleased to report that the Environment Agency flood cameras are now fixed and both are online and can be viewed by anyone wishing to monitor the Flood Storage Area on the Crick Road.

We have submitted a Freedom of Information request to the Environmental Agency to obtain a copy of their report following a site visit in December 2020, and details of the 50-year plan they say they have for Yelvertoft.

The flood works needed are estimated at £7m. We are looking into what grant funding is available. We have tried to obtain a share of the £100m Defra Frequently Flooded Communities Fund but to no avail at present. We are also canvassing the MP.

CHRISTMAS TREE

We are looking for volunteers to help with the decorating and installation of this year's Christmas tree. All ages welcome. Please just let us know if you would like to be involved.

WELLBEING WALKS

We are very pleased that the walks are still being very well received by residents. Walks will be the first Saturday of every month. The next walk will be 10am on 5th November meeting at the War Memorial. Everyone is welcome.

ALLOTMENTS

The padlock to the allotment gate has been broken again. If you see anyone tampering with the lock please do let us know. We still have many allotments available for any residents who wish to grow their own.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE COMMEMORATIONS

40 way markers will be placed on the Jubilee Walk. 7 Prunus Avium native cherry trees will be planted in the KGV Field as a permanent commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. The Queen's Green Canopy plaque that we received from Daventry Town Council will be sited with the trees.

GRANT FUNDING – LILBOURNE WINDFARM FUND

The deadline for applying for a share of the annual Lilbourne Windfarm grant fund is 31st January. If you are a local group or organisation and required funding then please do complete the grant application form and return it to us by the deadline. The details and form can be found on the website or by contacting the Clerk.

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