

Grandborough Parish Council Newsletter

November 2018

Neighbourhood Plan

Don't Forget

Drop in Sessions : Village Hall

Friday 16th November 7:30pm to 10pm

Saturday 17th November 10am to 12:30 pm

Neighbourhood Plan

Our opportunity to have more control of future development within the Parish

The supplementary Survey recommended by our consultants secured a 56% response rate and the returned surveys have now been analysed. There will be a display of these results together with an opportunity for all residents to contribute to the next stages in developing our Plan. Don't miss this chance to share your views.

Lodge Farm

Last submissions to the inspector have now been made, and we await the final wording of the Rugby Local Plan.

Proposed Pig Unit at Grandborough Fields

The proposal having been rejected by Rugby Borough Council was taken to appeal, and a public hearing was held on Tuesday 30th October, followed by a site visit. The Parish Council made further representations to the Inspector, whose decision is expected before the end of December.

Flooding

The Parish Council met officers of Severn Trent on Thursday 8th November to discuss continuing concerns over flooding and sewage, particularly in the Sawbridge Road and Hill Road area.

We have accepted a tender for the clearing of ditches in this area, and the work will be carried out shortly. We have also had a generous offer of help in clearing ditches at the rear of Hill Road, and are contacting the land owner to arrange this.

Elections 2019

The current term of office of all the Parish Councillors ends in May 2019, when fresh elections will take place. The challenges of the last few years have demonstrated how important it is that we have a representative and active Parish Council. We already know that not all current Councillors will be seeking re-election—so this is your chance to step forward to help protect and maintain our community. If you would like a confidential briefing on what is involved in the role of a Parish Councillor please contact any of those listed over.

Parish Council Budget 2019/2020

At our meeting on 6th November we reviewed the budgeted and actual expenditure for 2018/2019 to date, and then considered a projected budget for the following year. Projected expenditure was £10670 and projected income was £7978, producing a projected deficit of £2692. We have used accumulated balances to cover deficit budgets for several years now, and our projected balance available in 2019/20 would barely cover the deficit, and there would be no cover for any contingencies. We have therefore decided to increase the Parish Precept by £750 to £6000. (The first increase since 2007). This increase will amount to about 10 pence per week for a Band F Council Tax payer.

Hedges

We have accepted a tender for the cutting of hedges for which the Parish Council is responsible and work will be carried out shortly.

Grass Cutting

We reviewed the contract as it was coming to an end. We felt that the grass cutting regime this year had worked very well, and that a good standard had been maintained by the contractor. We agreed to offer a contract extension for the next two years to the same contractor.

Lengthsman Scheme

We also reviewed the operation of the Lengthsman scheme and agreed to offer the current contractor a renewed contract for 2019.

Dog Poo Bins

Please remember to clear up your dog's faeces, and place the bagged item in one of the dedicated bins at the Hill Road and Sawbridge Road entrances to the village, or in the general bin in Church Road, or in your own waste bin. Please do not decorate trees and hedges on the village approaches or elsewhere.

Verges

As verges are softened by winter rains it is more important than ever that we refrain from driving over or parking on them. There is adequate space on the public highway throughout the village, if driveway space is not available.

Grandborough Trust

Trust Funds exist to help residents of Grandborough Parish with educational bursaries and emergency assistance. If you think you may be eligible for a bursary or assistance, or you know someone who needs assistance please contact Tracy Pawsey 810997 or Michelle Johns 812945. All approaches are dealt with in strict confidence.

Dates of Parish Council Meetings in 2019

Thursday 3rd January
Tuesday 5th March
Tuesday 7th May
Tuesday 2nd July
Tuesday 3rd September
Tuesday 5th November
All meetings are held in the Village Hall, starting at 7:45pm.

All meetings are open to the public, and there is an opportunity before the meeting starts for any observer to comment on any Parish issue of concern to them.

Grandborough Flower and Produce Show

A message from Rod

It was a great shame that I had to cancel this year's show. Unfortunately the judge for the Domestic classes had to have an operation and was unable to attend. Despite the best endeavours of the Leicestershire Guild, Warwickshire WI and a host of other contacts it proved impossible to find a replacement Judge who was available on the day. (Unfortunately a very popular day for such shows) I was doubly disappointed as I had decided that after 32 years of helping to organize the Show, this was going to be my last year. Out with a damp squib rather than a bang.

I am circulating this message partly to offer the explanation above, but **more importantly to issue an invitation to you to step forward and help to organize the 2019 Show.**

The more responses the easier it will be for each member of the team.

I will of course provide a comprehensive briefing to the new organisers.

So, if you want the Grandborough Show to continue, please contact me.

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