

CLERK'S REPORT ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES
OCTOBER 2006

FORMAL OPENING OF THE REFURBISHED CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

On a chilly but clear day, Bob Akers formally opened the children's play area on 14th October. The crowd was somewhat disappointing but all who came admired and enjoyed the new equipment and the bright and interesting play area that has been developed.

Special thanks to Heath Trees and Fencing who painted all the old fencing and to Chris Massey and Trevor Goodingham who repaired the seats and picnic tables before the opening. Trevor also spent some time cutting the grass and clearing around the area.

INTERNET ACCESS POINT

The generosity of the Silver Fox, in providing a location, has enabled the Parish Council to supply a desktop PC and internet access, using a wireless connection for a year's experiment. It is hoped that the system will be up and running from early November.

There will be no charge for Internet Access use but a donation for the batteries used by the equipment would be welcome.

No other software will be available, except Internet Explorer, and email will only be available using web based accounts such as Hotmail or Yahoo. No printer will be supplied.

A laptop in the Post Office, providing a similar service will follow when a location becomes available.

20 MPH SPEED LIMIT IN THE VILLAGE

The Parish Council has agreed to investigate the lowering of the village speed limit to 20mph. This limit would cover the village from the present 30mph sign on Downfield Road up to the end of all roads that emerge onto London Road but would exclude London Road.

Of course the Parish Council can only suggest this to the Highways Authority in the County Council and it will be subject to their finance, politics and priorities.

One method of improving priority is by having the village residents give an overwhelming majority yes vote to any proposal. To achieve this a voting leaflet will be sent to each household in the village, a yes vote of 75% is required and apathy is not an option. The leaflet will be sent out in November.

The delivered leaflet will also ask for any other suggestions that can be applied to the road or transport in or through the village. If any of these are taken up a new proposal will be submitted and a further vote will be required.

DON'T FORGET BONFIRE AND FIREWORK NIGHT ON SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER

The school children are designing posters again and each class will be producing a guy. All guys will be judged at 6.00pm with the bonfire scheduled to be lit at 6.30pm, followed by the fireworks.

Also on show will be the returned balloon cards - so come and see if yours is there and how far it flew.

PICNIC TABLE AND BENCHES ON THE MEADOW

Thanks to the generosity of Seamus Bourke, the Parish Council has acquired a circular picnic table (with circular seats) and two benches to go onto the wildlife meadow. Even though it needs two people to lift the table, the Council feels that it and the benches should be fixed in place. This work will be carried out shortly.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

A reminder that all footpaths and bridleways on the Definitive Map are public rights of way and that the public is entitled to use them as such, even if they pass along a road that is privately maintained. Pedal cyclists are also allowed to ride on bridleways.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th November in the Mission Room at 7.30pm. Members of the public are always welcome at Parish Council meetings.

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