

# WOODNEWTON NEWS

## OCTOBER 2021



## Parish Council Report – August 2021

The Parish Council met on Monday 23rd August.

### **Public Time**

Three members of the public attended to express their views on various planning applications on the agenda for discussion by the Council during the meeting.

One member of the public attended to give an update on the churchyard wildlife enhancement project.

### **Playing Field**

The problem with some of the safety surfaces has been resolved with a cheaper repair being suggested by the provider. A test patch has been repaired which was reported as having worked well and the rest will be repaired when suitable weather conditions allow. The repair of the damaged equipment is taking longer than planned because of delays in the delivery of spare parts.

The grant application has been submitted for funding of approx. £19k to install the gym equipment and table tennis table. Notification of the applications success (or failure) will happen at the end of October.

### **Allotments**

Council agreed to increase rents for 2021/22 to £16 per plot. This would be the first increase since 2013.

### **Speed Camera**

The recent residents' survey showed wide support for the installation of speed cameras. The Council discussed the funding opportunities and resolved to seek funding from the Road Safety Community Fund for the installation of 1 speed camera like those found in many other villages.

### **Planning**

- (a) NE/21/00599/FUL – Permission Granted
- (b) NE/21/00854/TPO – Permission Granted
- (c) NE/21/00737/FUL – Permission Granted
- (d) NE/21/00994/FUL – Returned without Objection
- (e) NE/21/01206/FUL – Returned without Objection

The Council also discussed a letter received from WHP Telecoms Ltd. The letter was a pre-application notification for the installation of a 5G mast on Orchard Lane. The Council decided that early engagement with the Contractors was vital before an application was submitted and resolved to write to invite them to engage with the Council over the plans.

### **Bonfire – Garden Waste**

The Bonfire site will be marked out and open to residents at weekends only on 16th/17th 23rd/24th & 30th/ 31st October. As in previous years the access gate will be locked during the week to prevent illegal dumping by contractors working in surrounding villages. This facility is provided to residents to enable the easy disposal of autumn prunings, hedge clippings and general burnable garden waste. All normal household items must be taken to the recycling centre as usual.

Volunteers to help with the burning and clear up afterwards would be very welcome.

## Autumn Clean-Up

The Autumn Clean-up will take place on **Saturday 23rd October. 10.00am at the Village Hall,**

Tasks big and small to suit all ages/fitness levels. This is a great opportunity to join in with your fellow residents and help to keep your village somewhere we can all be proud of. Meet friends new and old. Please bring basic tools/ wheelbarrow if possible.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 4th October at 8.00pm**

**Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman**

## St Mary's Church News

### Services at St. Mary's Church, Woodnewton – October 2021

3rd October 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Harvest)

10th October No service

17th October 9.30 am Holy Communion (Modern Language)

24th October 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP (Traditional Language)

31st October 10.00 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion (Modern Language)

Every Sunday 5.00 p.m. A Service at Home by ZOOM. Log-in details from Rev. Jane

Services in our other churches in our Benefice are listed in the church porch, or add your name to the weekly email list from Rev. Jane: [jdtailby@aol.com](mailto:jdtailby@aol.com)

Our Care for Creation theme continues this month as we celebrate our Harvest Festivals across the benefice. Woodnewton's Harvest Service is provisionally booked for 3rd October, and this month we will also be hosting the joint benefice service on 31st.

As we continue our prayers across the parishes in preparation for the COP26 climate conference in Glasgow at the beginning of November, we are using this prayer each week in our services. You might like to use these words as a prayer yourself, or perhaps reflect upon the themes identified in the words.

*Lord of creation,*

*We pray for wise national leadership on climate issues*

*And for preparations for COP26 in Glasgow in November.*

*Give our leaders wisdom as they lead.*

*Give them courage as they act.*

*Give them perseverance as they face opposition.*

*Help each of us also to show leadership in our homes,*

*Our workplaces, our schools and churches. Amen*

With every blessing,

**Rev. Jane**



## Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery - Communicare

As mentioned in my last report in August we have decided that the time has now come to hold a face-to-face meeting which will be our 40th AGM – unfortunately the Christie Hall in Wansford which we have chosen as the venue was not available in September, hence the confirmed date of Thursday 21st October, as shown on the official notice of the meeting also published in this edition.

Covid has of course caused the very long gap since our last general patients meeting in 2019 and for that reason we wanted to make this AGM a bit special by having three guest speakers at a venue adequate to safely accommodate a hopefully larger number of patients. From feedback we have received over the past few months it would appear that many will be interested to hear the latest surgery news from one of the partners and learn of any future plans for the practice.

With imminent changes due to take place early next year in the overall responsibility for primary and social care in our area, we are also pleased that a representative from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group will be attending the meeting to give an update and how this might affect our own practice.

Our third speaker will be Simon Fairhall who has been instrumental in the setting up of a community garden at the Kings Cliffe Active site – this has been made possible by the co-operation of local organisations, much hard work by those involved and partly funded by a very generous donation to Communicare for just such a project.

We hope that the programme planned for this AGM, which also includes the invitation to come along a little earlier to enjoy a cuppa and cake, will encourage a really good attendance. A chance to support your PPG and hopefully gain assurance that we are all still here, alive and kicking, promoting the interests of patients both now and in the future.

We have been informed that the practice will be delivering its flu vaccination clinics in the same way as last year via a drive/walk-through system at the Kings Cliffe Active site. Patients will be sent letters inviting them to attend on a specific date when they should ensure they take the letter with them for the appointment.

Wendy Spencer

*Are you a patient at the Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery?  
After two long years without patient group open meetings  
we are delighted to invite you to attend the*

**40th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on  
Thursday 21st October 2021**

**6.30pm at The Christie Hall, Elton Road, Wansford**

Doors will open at 5.30pm with light refreshments being served before the meeting commences

Brief official AGM business will be dealt with first followed by our three guest speakers :

Wansford Practice Partner giving an update on current surgery matters and future plans

A representative from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group will be talking about plans being introduced next year transferring responsibility for local health and social care to newly formed Integrated Care Systems

We will also be welcoming Simon Fairhall to give an update on the new community garden project at the Kings Cliffe Active sports site partly funded with a generous donation in memory of a former patient

**COMMUNICARE**

**(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group)**

# Residents Survey 2021 – Results

Many thanks to all who responded to the Parish Council survey completed over the summer. 104 anonymous responses were recorded which provide valuable insights for the Parish Council to act on and to use as evidence for wider strategic consultations that often require substantive responses.

The respondent with the most years living in the village was 53 years and the average was 18 years.

The age profile was interesting; 5-16 year olds were present in 18% of households who responded 30% of households responding were between 25-49 years old and 47% were 65+ years old.

## Short term outcomes

### Speeding

Speeding was considered an issue of concern by many, and the action favoured by 72% was the installation of speed signage. As a result, the Parish Council have already applied for funding to purchase and install a Speed Indicator Sign as seen in many other villages.

### Bulbs & Wildflowers

72% ranked bulbs and wildflowers as their No. 1 option for making the village more attractive. This enthusiasm was reflected in the decision to go ahead with the plan for developing the flora and fauna in the churchyard by re-wilding some areas, as part of a longer-term management plan.

### Dog Poo

74% of respondents would like to see dog bins installed. The Parish Council will look again at this issue following the survey and consider the costs for inclusion in the 2022 budget. The location of the bins is also important and further consultation on this is important.

### Litter Bins

Nearly two thirds of respondents rated the number of litter bins as adequate or poor. This proves the value of occasional surveys, as for many they are just walked past every day and we don't stop to think about if there are enough of them or where they are placed. Again, this is something on the short-term list for the Council.

### Playground

66% of respondents agreed the installation of adult gym equipment and table tennis table was a good idea so the Council has completed a grant application with a view to completing the installation in time for next spring. The survey results are also very valuable as evidence of demand and interest when completing grant applications.

### History/Information Boards

Boards of various types are seen in many communities and have been discussed by the Parish Council for a number of years but have never been installed due to other higher priorities. However, 73% of respondents would support their installation so again the Council will look at this when agreeing the 2022 projects. It is also a great opportunity to work with other groups such as the History Group to pull the information together.

## Longer term strategic issues

While there are no immediate plans, the development of the village over the next 25 years in one way or another is very likely. The survey gives credible evidence that can be provided to enquiries and consultations on the bigger issues facing the village and the wider Nene valley area.

### Development

37% of respondents thought the village could accommodate some new housing and of those, the average number of new houses they felt could be added in the next 10 years was 21. These developments should be mixed with smaller family/starter homes prevalent.

Approximately 40% thought that some small business or craft workshops could also be encouraged.

### Feeding the Red Kites

*I know we all love to see the Red Kites around our village and sometimes feeding them to see the spectacle of them swooping into the garden. However, can I ask you to consider the consequences of putting out food remains - especially bones and chicken carcasses. We have a neighbour's tree that overhangs our garden in which one or sometimes two Kites sit. As a result I have to frequently pick up rotting food and old bones. Unfortunately my daughter's dog found some that were in the foliage. Luckily they were not chicken bones but they were cooked, which is not good for dogs.*

*For the sake of all the dogs in the village, please think before you feed the Red Kites. Thank you.*

**Liz Cooper**

# What's On?

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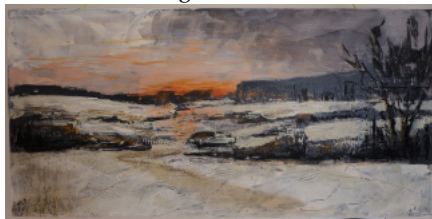
has moved from The Pottery to Woodnewton Village Hall.

Sessions every term week Wednesdays from 10.00am till 12.00 starting September 8th.

Interested in joining? Everyone welcome.

Please feel free to pop along to see what we are up to or contact John Russell on 470474.

We were all beginners once.



## Line Dancing Mondays

Line Dancing lessons take place in Woodnewton Village Hall every Monday evening from 7:00-8:00pm. Each session costs £3.50. For further information call Tasha Teall on 07789 230671 or turn up on the night.



The Village Hall has re-opened. Government restrictions are in place regarding legal gatherings and mandatory precautions. It is the responsibility of Hirers to ensure that any activity that takes place adheres to the government restrictions.

Provisional bookings may be made with Marilyn Jenner on 01780 470758 or [villagehallwoodnewton@gmail.com](mailto:villagehallwoodnewton@gmail.com), but are subject to change if the regulations change.

Under the current circumstances we may refuse bookings.



<https://www.facebook.com/WoodnewtonVillageHall/>.

# What's On?

## Quiz Night

Woodnewton  
Players

**Saturday 6th November**  
**Woodnewton Village Hall**

**Doors open at 7:00pm**  
**Quizzing starts at 7:30**

**Tickets £5.00 per person**

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## 5G on Orchard Lane?

The Parish Council called a village meeting to let us all know about the plans to build a 15m high 5G mobile network mast adjacent to the children's play area on Orchard Lane. The meeting was well attended and since then over 100 villagers have made their views known about this mast on the North Northants planning website. It seems clear from the posters and the "installation" at the site on Orchard Lane what the general consensus appears to be. The timescale for commenting ends on 24<sup>th</sup> September which is most likely before this edition of the News will land on your doormat, but if it does get to you early enough you do have the opportunity to comment.



## Veggies on Orchard Lane

No problem with lorry driver shortages at the Woodnewton allotment. Check out the fruit, vegetables and flowers on offer on the product stand at the allotment gate. Excess produce is offered by the allotment holders for a contribution to cancer charities. Get it while you can. Reduce your food-miles and your carbon footprint.





# **The Annual Woodnewton Tallest Sunflower Competition**

## **Raising Funds for Parkinson's Research**

Nearly at the end of the TALLEST SUNFLOWER CHALLENGE and it looks like we have had the final specimens reported. Or have we? I'm sure there are a few hiding in Woodnewton gardens. Let us know if you think you might be the sunflower gardening champion.

Email a photo and your height estimate, with you [or a suitable mannequin], alongside. We'll rush round with the measuring stick.

Don't leave it too long, it's "Measurement" - trophy day on Saturday 2nd October at 11am on the allotments, near the tin shed. Everybody is welcome to come along to receive the trophy [if its them!] or congratulate [or BOO] the 2021 champion and marvel at their gardening prowess.

Such is the interest that our Parkinson's fundraiser has created with the national organisation that a new trophy has been donated and some of our friends from the local branch will come to find out what sunflower growing is all about in Woodnewton.

By the way we are still happy to take donations and contributions of £100, £25 and £30 have been received recently. The latter from someone who missed the beginning of the 2021 competition but is already planning his 2022 strategy [manure and more manure].

For information about PARKINSON'S UK contact the Help Line on 0808 800 0303

Or [hello@parkinson's.org.uk](mailto:hello@parkinson's.org.uk) The free, confidential, helpline is available for anyone affected by Parkinson's across the UK.

You may have noticed that we have removed the word "Disease" from the article. Many people associated with Parkinson's felt uncomfortable with the word and it is being phased out.

Thank you

**Phil and Jennie Wood**

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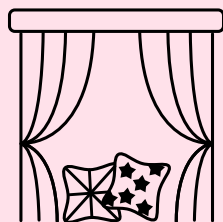
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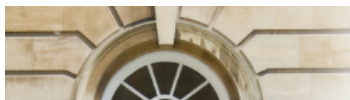
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