



Newton and Biggin Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

November 2019

MEETINGS

All Parish Council Meetings are public. Do come along. The agendas are on our website and on the public notice board by the Stag and Pheasant Inn car park. All meetings are in the Newton Village Hall and start at 7.30pm. The dates of the next meetings are as follows:

November 21 2019

January 9 2020 (budget setting)

January 30 2020

If you want to book the Village Hall, Please contact Mrs. Ruth Hughes on 01788 860725.

WELCOME TO OUR THIRD NEWSLETTER

Parish Councils are the most local tier of local government. They have legal responsibilities (like open spaces and street lighting) but they are also the voice of their community, so they need to keep in touch. All of your Councillors live in the community and are part of it. We aim to produce around 3 newsletters a year and we hope you find it interesting. If there's anything you'd like to see in future editions, let us know.

JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT (JSNA) - WANT TO HELP SHAPE FUTURE LOCAL SERVICES? HERE'S HOW YOU CAN

To establish a picture of the health and wellbeing of the Warwickshire population, Warwickshire County Council and partners carry out Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNA) every few years. The assessment is used to inform the planning and delivery of many public services including health and social care and it can also be a useful source of information for charities and communities. This JSNA will inform the setting of local priorities and provide a more in-depth understanding of health and wellbeing within smaller areas. The JSNA will also incorporate data held by local organisations and the views of local communities, gathered through engagement with stakeholders and local residents. For more information contact: insight@warwickshire.gov.uk Please **complete the on line questionnaire via this link, Residents Survey to inform the JSNA process for the area where you live.**



GOLD AWARD FOR THE FIVE ARCHES WILDLIFE SITE

As you probably know, the Parish Council has been working in partnership with Butterfly Conservation to transform the area to the north and south of the picnic site into the Five Arches Wildlife Site. The project is now into its third year and the results are beginning to show - not only are there more butterflies (including some rare species) but there's a greater range of wild flowers and other plants, and more mammals, birds and dragonflies. In recognition of the progress made the site has received a GOLD AWARD at this year's Rugby in Bloom event. The award was presented at a ceremony at the Benn Hall on 18th September.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers whose efforts have led to this success. If you'd like to be involved with the future development of the site please contact mikeslater1956@outlook.com (Butterfly Conservation) or clerk@newtonparishcouncil.org.uk

SUMMER ACHIEVEMENTS

Village Hall Refurbishment Update

The new Village Hall roof is now complete, so it's watertight, safe and asbestos free. The Parish Council in collaboration with the Village Hall Committee is now working hard to improve the internal facility. The Parish Council has also been successful in bidding for funds to improve communication facilities in the Hall and is in the process of purchasing and installing a new projector.

Look out for new kitchen facilities and improvements to the toilets in the near future. We are also thinking about what further improvements are needed for next year. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact a member of the Parish Council.

ACTIVITIES TO NOTE

- Planting verges – Daffodils and Narcissus bulbs have been purchased by the Parish Council and verges are being planted by volunteers during November 2019



- New planters are being purchased and installed to provide an improved welcoming approach to the village
- Remembrance Sunday - Following last year's successful event, there is a service outside of Newton Village Memorial Village Hall at 10.45am on Sunday 10th of November 2019
- The Parish Council uses Facebook to share meeting agendas and activities of interest as well as the website
- The Parish Council Website continues to be developed as a village resource, please visit it to find links to other local, relevant sites, updates and information. See the website address in the opposite box
- Stag and Pheasant - The pub is now under the new management of Andrea and Ian. The bar is well-stocked and welcoming and they have plans for improvements. Why not drop in and say 'Hello'. The pub will open from 17.00 on weekdays and 12.00 on weekends
- Christmas - Arrangements are in train to put the Christmas tree outside of the Good Shepherd Church.

Your Parish Council has been busy during the summer months achieving the following:

- The residents information pack has been updated and circulated to the new residents of Ellis Gardens
- The Children's play area at Ellis Gardens has been safety tested and is now open for use. The Parish Council will take over ownership and maintenance of the play area in future
- The Village took part in the Britain in Bloom Great British Spring Clean 2019 by organising a successful Litter Pick. Thank you to all the volunteers who participated
- The Five Arches Wildlife Site was officially opened by the Mayor of Rugby and was well attended by Newton residents.



The site has won a prestigious award (see above) and with Warwickshire Butterfly Conservation, continues work on wildflower and tree planting, improvements to paths and maintenance.

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