

Newsletter

SUMMER 2019



Stewartby & Kempston Hardwick
PARISH COUNCIL

SPEEDING



We have been contacted by a number of residents concerned about a noticeable increase in speeding through the Village. This is something we are aware of and are working with our local policing teams and Cllr Tim Hill on.

It may be worth noting that last month the average speed camera on Stewartby Way caught 68 offenders, one of which was clocked doing 68mph!!!

We will not tolerate this reckless behaviour and we are looking at plans to introduce new cameras and increase Police and Speedwatch checks – You have been warned!

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Chairman's REPORT

First let me welcome those who have moved into Stewartby since our last Newsletter. Here is summary of things you may find interesting

Covanta

Let me start by bringing old and new residents up to speed regarding Covanta, this infrastructure will be used as a incinerator burning waste to generate power to supply the National Grid with Electricity. Currently they can build on the site but cannot operate it until they receive a license from the Environment Agency.

BACI (local campaigning group) have been fighting the Vale's position to stop it happening

However there's been a lot of concern regarding Covanta building at night time I have just found out it was Central Beds who allowed them to build without notifying Stewartby or Beds Borough Council (nothing new here C.B often forget to notify us even though part of Stewartby is in C.B) so I'm sorry if it keeps you awake at night

More information will appear on our Facebook page and website once we have any news.

Brickwork Site

Cloud Wing have submitted their proposal for the first phase of the site which will run from Stewartby to the Railway Crossing at Broadmead

and later all the way to Kempston Hardwick

These plans are at an early stage and we have had a number of meetings with Cloud Wing re the design guide and going forward

Current proposal will see a Retail Shops / Public House / Health Centre and Community Area and a new School

Plans currently in the Village Hall and can be seen by appointment. The Plan currently allows for up to 1,000 homes plus industrial sites large and small.

Cloud Wing at the Stewartby Fest where impressed by the residents input for the site and will be later discussed.

Stewartby Fest

All I would like to say on this is that lessons have been learnt and those concerns will be addressed for our next Fest.

My thanks go to Lizzy Derwent, Niki Thompson and Marion Rogers and all the Stall holders for making it a wonderful day one I hope the residents enjoyed

Shops

The Coop is due to open shortly between September /October see more details inside there will also be a take away. Currently the spare unit is pending but it will be a retail outlet and not another take away according to the site management company

Sports Field Site

More information within the newsletter, However there a number of issues and snagging to be addressed.

One is the Bowl Club plus there's still ground works to be done including a French Drain over the back end of the park plus alignment of the footpath

Parking

There's been a lot said these passed months about Verge Parking.

Verge Parking is managed by Bedford Borough (not the Parish Council) and its they who issue tickets. The Parking wardens work 24/7.

Allotments

I'm please to advise residents, that thanks to Wootton Parish Council they hope to have Allotments available soon.

If anyone is interested can you please send your details to our Clerk Mrs T Young (contacts on the back page)

I'm sorry I have no costs as yet

In closing can I wish you all a well deserved summer break and if any residents wish to become a councillor please contact our clerk

Regards

John Symonds
Chairman

Trestle Tables Vintage Stewartby

Stewartby Village Hall recently had to dispose of a dozen or so old wooden trestle tables. New ones had been purchased, stronger, larger, easier to erect, and there was no space to keep and store the old ones. Sadly, they needed new homes, if they were not to become firewood. The Clerk offered them on the Parish Facebook page, and much to her surprise, all were snapped up within a few hours! Even the ones that were rather 'tired' after many years of use at every type of village hall event you can imagine.

When one resident came to collect a table that his wife had reserved, he told us why she had instantly jumped at the chance to have one - many years before, they had held their wedding reception at the hall, using these very tables. A touching tale that made the Clerk wonder if others had special reasons for wanting a table, or what they intended to do with them. So, she asked. Some, naturally enough, went to regular Car Booters or Stall Traders. Other responses were varied, and the new owners both young and older:

I wanted the tables for when I needed a table. When I got them home they are so beautiful I want to use them as one big dining table, to fit my family round to eat together, when I eventually have an extension on the back of my home.

I thought it would be great having an actual item connected to the history of the village. We live in a new build at Hanson's Reach and love the idea of connecting it to the past. We'll have it out for our daughter's 2nd birthday party very soon.

I've adapted mine as a worktop in my shed. I've done away with the legs and am essentially using it as a large shelf. A bit of a shame really, but a bit of up-cycling.

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I picked up a broken one, thinking the sturdy wood might make shelving for the garage, or staging for gardening and potting once tacked back together. But, when we saw it in the daylight, we realized it is too special for that, and the Stewartby LBC brick works history makes it more so. It is now a renovation project, waiting for my attention when dark evenings return.

So, very glad to say, these old workhorses get to live on in different ways, albeit legless in one case! But appreciated, and even cherished in many.



A brief history of the bungalows at the top of Stewartby WayBrickworks

The bungalows were built for ex workers of The London Brick Company. Workers that worked in company for 50 years or more would have a home after serving the company for such a long time. The trust for building and maintaining the bungalows was founded by Sir Malcolm Stewart in 1945.

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of his life in nearby Ampthill. The first 24 bungalows were opened by Sir Malcolm Stewarts' widow, Lady Beatrice Stewart, on 23rd May 1956. In 1964 more bungalows were built and the site was completed in 1978. Beneficiaries of the trust live rent free in the bungalows.

There is now a service charge for

new residents since July 2010. The residents of the bungalows benefit by having 2 on site wardens. There is also a groundsman to keep the green areas smart. There is also a minibus to take residents shopping on Tuesday and Thursday. The minibus also takes church goers to church on Sundays. Bungalows 1 through to 24 and the common room have Grade 11 listing due to the work of the architect. The common room is used for social events for the residents and these are organised by the residents.

To live on the site residents need to be over 55 years of age. Bungalows

Bungalows 1 to 24 are being improved this year by the installation of new widows.

1 to 24 and 45 to 60 are the core bungalows and they remain for the use of beneficiaries. Bungalows 25 to 44 and 61 to 86, as they become vacant, will be sold. The site used to be 86 bungalows and the residents were all ex workers of London Brick Company.

Now due to sales of some bungalows, not all of them are ex workers. Some have been sold to people living away from Bedfordshire and have moved to Stewartby to be near family. Bungalows 1 to 24 are being improved this year by the installation of new widows. The Sir Malcolm Stewart, Bart Trust still looks after the bungalows.



Christmas Lights & Market

The ever popular Christmas Light switch on will be on Saturday 30th November. We hope that this year will be even better with a Christmas market and food stalls. Keep an eye out of Facebook and the Website for more details as they are announced.



Stewartby in bloom

This year has seen the addition of a collection of hanging baskets around the Village and Village Hall as the Parish Council try to improve the general appearance of the Village. We are encouraged that we have received several comments of praise for this addition to the Village and we hope to extend the scheme next year.

VILLAGE HALL PARKING

We are happy to report that the success of the Village Hall is growing with more and more events taking place. This has however caused some frustrations to the community on Churchill Gardens as often people attending events park in a carless manner causing access issues.

The Parish Council appreciate that this is an issue and have taken a variety of measure to manage the problem. When large events are in operation we now deploy no parking cones and parking marshalls. All hall hirers are made aware of where their guests can and cannot park upon booking and new signage within the hall has been placed. It is also hoped that in the new year, a new car park will be made available in land on the old brickworks, discussions are in progress with the new developers.



Borough Councillor Tim Hill's Report



A m p t h i l l Road between the bypass bridge and Kiln Road has been assessed as being in some danger of a complete deconstruction in a couple of years, due to the recent extremes of weather. This is the reason why there has been a temporary 40mph speed limit on this stretch of road for the last few months. We have allocated funds for this financial year for surveys and testing. This is to do the detailed design of the work and the tendering. Most of the funding is in

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next year's budget for when the works are planned. In the interim period, Borough Highways will be keeping the road safe.

Ever since the Interchange 1 Retail Park was first opened, it has been obvious that the road layout and priorities were very poorly designed. It has suffered from almost non-stop

queueing for far too long. I have been pressing for action to address this problem and there seems to a resolution now. Funding has been secured to change the layout to reduce the queueing misery.

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Travellers have been regularly returning to the site by the C94/ Manor Road junction. I have regularly been working with the private landowner to get them removed promptly and to clear up the rubbish they have left behind.

Stewartby Fest

Thankyou to all those that supported our very first Stewartby Fest, we hope that everyone had a good time. It was great to see the Village come alive with people. The event is provided by the Parish Council for the community with a view to raising funds for local charities.

A tremendous amount of work is

We are already in the planning for next year, for a bigger and better event, save the date – Saturday 27th June 2020.

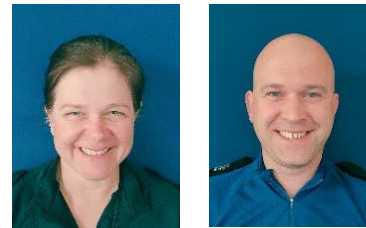
required to put on these events and we know as this was our first event we have lessons to learn for next year. We are already in the planning for next year, for a bigger and better event, save the date – Saturday 27th June 2020. A big thank you to all that volunteered and assisted in putting this event together.

Thank you!



COMMUNITY POLICING

PC Kerry Jones
Bedfordshire Police – North Rural



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Together

I am PC Kerry Jones, myself and my colleague PCSO James Dancer are your local officers. We are working hard to tackle issues that are important to you.

At the last community priority setting meeting on 26 June, the priority for your area was decided as being drug use, drug dealing and related anti-social behaviour.

Our priority setting meetings take place every three months, and the priorities for each policing area are decided by residents at the meeting, following discussions about the

issues you feel are most important or are having the greatest impact on your area.

The new priority was raised following concerns from our communities of people using and dealing drugs. We'll be looking to tackle this in a variety of ways, including using high-visibility patrols in key areas to disrupt activity.

However, it's really important that we can make sure we are in the right areas at the right time and can catch any activity taking place.

So in order to help us, we'd urge you to report any suspicious activity, or activity you believe is related to drug use or drug dealing, via the Bedfordshire Police website.

Reporting information by using www.bedfordshire.police.uk/ report will help us continue to build a picture of activity, which in turn will enable us to help tackle it.

Your support is vital to help us tackle issues facing your community, and we'll continue to work to make sure our county is a safe place to live and work.

Residents can also complete our anonymous survey, to tell us what your priorities are where you live and work. Visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BedsPoliceHaveYourSay>

Local Council Elections

In the recent local elections in May, the existing Parish Councillors were all re-elected to serve for the next 4 years. Councillor John Symonds was also re-elected as Parish Council Chair. With a large majority Borough Cllr Tim Hill also was re-elected.

All Councillors remain committed to serving the community in this critical time with further major redevelopment of the Village pending. Details of all councillors can be found on the back page.



**POLLING
STATION**

New Sport Field and Pavillion

We reported in the last Newsletter that the "wait is nearly over" for the opening of this new facility for Stewartby.

Well although the facility is not open yet, we are pleased to report that we are now in touching distance of taking ownership from Persimmons Homes. There are some snagging

works to be completed, safety checks and sign off on the play area and final legal aspects to be undertaken.

We are hopeful to have the play area open for the last part of the School summer holidays and then bring on other aspects of the facilities in due course. We know

that this process has been long and frustrating. In the meantime as tempting as it may be, please do not allow children to use the facility or for dog walking etc.

This space is still not completely safe and is not insured for public use and people on this land will be trespassing.



PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies for Councillors.

Get involved and help in the running of your local community.

Don't have time? You only need to give a minimum of 6 hours per month depending on how involved you wish to be.

Check out the localgov website for more details

<http://www.localgov.co.uk/Parish-council-responsibilities>

If you are interested in the first instance

contact Tracey Young - Parish Clerk

email - clerk@stewartbtkhparishcouncil.gov.uk

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