Trysull and Seisdon Parish Council

Complements and Compliments

Our compliments to all our new Parish Councillors who were recently co-opted to the Parish Council at our meetings in September and October. All have shown a great enthusiasm for their new roles and we welcome the new ideas and visions of Parish improvement they will bring to the table. It has been some time since the Council has been able to operate with a full complement and existing Councillors were delighted with the response from their recent recruitment drive that has now brought us up to full strength again. And so, a very warm welcome to Stephen, Michael and Sarah.

Remember that all your Parish Councillors' contact details may be found on our web-site at

https://www.trysullandseisdonparishcouncil.org

Calendar Competition

Both art work and photos have been continuing to trickle in and we have now received dozens of entries. Likewise, there has been a splendid continuation of funding sponsorship and again we would like to thank all who have engaged so generously with this project.

Judges are now at the ready to make their unenviable choices during the first week in November and all winners will be announced in our next article. A meeting at the printers has also been arranged to offer up the winning entries, once chosen, to go to print.

Village Signs

Dilapidated and traffic beaten village signage has been somewhat of an eye-sore for far too long. Costs have already been budgeted for in this year's spending round and Councillors will be meeting soon to decide on final design and quantum of replacement signage. We believe this will again be a very welcome and significant continuance in our overall theme for this year of 'visual parish improvements'.

Planters and New Bulbs

We hope you have noticed that the planters have now been re-dressed with winter pansies for the autumn and winter seasons so, hopefully, we will have some colour permeating throughout. Our volunteers will also be out over the next few weeks planting daffodil bulbs in several verges in readiness for the spring bloom. (See pictures on centre pages).

Defibrillator

Arrangements are in progress for the 'plug in' of our new village defibrillator. It will be stationed at the Village Hall and will essentially service Trysull and the playing fields where most of our Parish's sporting activities take place.

District have kindly offered to provide adequate indicator signage and we have promised the Henry Angell-James Memorial Trust (HAJMT) that this essential medical equipment will then become part of the national register. We urge you again to read more about this wonderful philanthropic organisation that has donated this wonderful gift to the Parish. The Trust has requested we have a photo opportunity once the defibrillator is commissioned and we hope to bring you photos of this splendid occasion soon.

https://www.hajmt.co.uk

Next Year's Budgets

With reference to matters above you will see that we have more than a fair share of projects to keep us busy and to see through to completion this financial year. However next year's spending round will soon be upon us and one of the most onerous tasks of the Parish Council is to set the Precept to ensure we have the funding in place for next year's spending plans.

Over the next few months detailed budgets will be drafted ready for submission next January. If any member of the public has any preference, ideas or desires for a particular project they may wish to see come to fruition now is the time to make these wishes heard. All suggestions will be warmly welcomed and considered. So please come and join us at our next meeting or simply e-mail your ideas to us.

The Parish Council, quite rightly, has to operate under strict rules of financial transparency and our web- site contains details of current and previous years budgets. As well as our audited yearly accounts, quarterly accounts and variances from budget may also now be found on the web-site.

The Local Plan Review

As referred to in our last article the Local Plan review is about to enter its public consultation stage re preferred options. This phase will last for six weeks and commences on 1st November. For those wishing to take part in this consultation please follow the link below:

www.sstaffs.gov.uk/localplanreview

You may also find appropriate links on the Parish Council web-site as detailed above.

Stay Safe

The rising daily cases of Covid appear to be a worrying trend and a very serious reminder that the pandemic is not behind us. Vaccinations have proved to be a marvelous innovation that have prevented may thousands of hospitalisations and fatalities. So please ensure that this protection remains at its most effective and get the booster jab as soon as it becomes available to you. And please don't forget your flu jab too!

Take care this winter and always, with best wishes from all your Parish Councillors.

Parish Chair – Andrew