Trysull and Seisdon Parish Council- Greater things to come

Team Work

Greetings to you all and we hope our latest narrative finds you well and not too despondent with Euro 2020 Final result the other Sunday evening. Our new St. George flag was flying on Trysull Green in full support of our England team and we must take great heart from their achievements and wonderful entertainment they provided over the last month or so. Being a football fan or not we must all admire their skill and professionalism throughout the tournament and their absolute dedication to team work. And what bravery of those fine young men who chose to accept the awesome responsibility and all the hopes of a nation at the penalty spot. They should and will be applauded for their courage. Greater things to come in the World Cup!

As a Parish we should also celebrate having our wonderful playing fields that allow us to play our own, small part, in encouraging and inspiring the young sportsmen and sportswomen to live their dreams and, perhaps, become the penalty takers and our heroes of tomorrow.

The emphasis again remains on 'team work' and so a very well-deserved mention of our Playing Field Association who work diligently behind the scenes to ensure our playing fields stay in 'top spec' and remain a constant and fully utilized attraction. These areas are a magnificent feature of the Parish's open space and we should care to remember their upkeep, care and maintenance doesn't happen by accident.

Open Space Developments

Parish Councillors have recently met with District's Street Scene to discuss how joint enterprises could deliver further visual improvements to our Parish. A number of items were on the agenda and all were warmly supported by Team Manager Andy Aston. We thank him, most sincerely, for his time, encouragement and offer of assistance on many of our 'projects for improvement'. He was very gracious with his praise for our planters and benches and no doubt his team will be very welcome players in helping deliver those 'greater things to come'.

Our wish is to commence, very shortly, with smaller verge tidying exercises in Seisdon particularly around the small green area that should then complete the considerable work already undertaken here.

Larger projects in Trysull formed a considerable part of the talks with District. Landscaping outside the School remains a primary objective. Considerable cutting back and clearance of dead wood and debris was undertaken nearly two years ago but volunteering work then had to be called to a halt. However, matters are again in progress and with the major obstacle of the old iron railing now being removed will allow for better access for our clearance teams. Further work will be scheduled in the autumn when natural growth subsides. The idea is to create a greater grassy look but augmented with areas of wild flowers. A tidier and more substantial hawthorn hedge is planned that will add privacy to the school playground and provide a complementary back drop to the new verge scene.

A 'sensory' garden project was also discussed. This idea would see the development of land on the corner of Feiashill Road and School Road. It is owned by Trysull and Seisdon Charity and currently rented to the Parish Council for the exorbitant sum of £1 per year! Nevertheless, the Parish Council will still need the permission from the landlord - so no pressure on the Trustees then. We are,

however, very well informed this is an agenda item at their next meeting and we hasten to add we know the Chairman well.

District has already offered significant contributions in terms of planning and design and will also deliver a very kind donation of different types of flora including orchard trees. Our volunteers will again have much to do too but exciting times to come and all are welcome to become involved.

Parish Road Safety

Training of new recruits has proved to be an enormous success and we are very proud to announce that we now have well over a dozen fully committed and competent Community Speed Watch personnel. Thank you, again, to all those who helped and took part in growing our numbers. Another tick in the box for team work and a super community effort. Additional sites are also being risk assessed so the Parish will certainly be seeing more CSW activity from now on. One new team's first outing provided data showing in excess 10% of vehicles were travelling at unacceptable speeds. It is the mission statement of our CSW to drive this statistic down and we have every confidence they will succeed in making our Parish roads safer for all.

Crockington Lane continues to be a major concern and incident hot spot and it is the intention of the CSW to widen their remit and advance a publicity drive with the goal of seeing this stretch of road adopting a 30.m.p.h speed limit. The CSW teams will be calling on us shortly to explain how we may all show our support for with this worthy campaign.

Our thanks too to Dave Bainbridge who diligently ensures our Speed Indicator Devices remain fully operational. Dave has also recently interrogated the software capabilities and will now download and collate data on a monthly basis. These statistics may prove invaluable in securing any future traffic calming measures and we are also considering publishing this data on our web-site.

Looking Forward

There is certainly much to look forward to in terms of project work and Parish improvement and it is a privilege to be part of it. As with most Parishes resources are far from plentiful and our volunteers and helpers will continue to be an essential ingredient in our future successes. Again, we welcome anyone wishing to share in our vision. Whatever you may contribute will be fully appreciated, whether taking part in a litter pick, helping to clear or tend a verge, watering a planter or even reporting a pot hole or fly tipping it all adds exponentially to keeping our Parish the best and the envy of others!

Why not take a step further and consider becoming a Parish Councillor yourself? Join us at the next Parish Council meeting, talk to the team and find out a little more about us and what we do. Our meetings are always public events and anyone attending will always be made most welcome.

On that note we look forward to seeing you soon but in the meantime please continue to take care and stay safe.

Parish Chair - Andrew