Trysull and Seisdon Parish Council

Calendar Competition

Your generosity and donations continue. Sponsorship in excess of eight hundred pounds has now been received towards the Calendar project. The competition remains open until the end of October so there is still plenty of time to take part and perhaps it's now time to consider the opportunity the wonderful contrasting colours Autumn will bring.

You will find all the details on how to enter on our web-site.
https://www.trysullandseisdonparishcouncil.org

Competition judges are now being nominated too. Sue Cotterell representing the Women's Institute and Revd. Richard have agreed to join this number in readiness for the onerous task of choosing the winners this November.

It is the intention of the Parish Council to make a gift to every household in the Parish of the 2022 Calendar, so a special thank you to everyone who has taken an interest, in whatever capacity, that will help make this community project a great success.

Village Tidy Up

Tidy up activities continue. The verge at the foot of Fox Close has received much attention. Volunteers persevered for two days cutting back the overgrown verge and removing unsightly decaying debris and recovering a couple of feet of precious footpath in the process. Many thanks too to Sarah and Keith who have been busy cleaning street signs in Seisdon (see centre pages). Similar events have also been organized by Helen and her friends in Trysull. We are so grateful and appreciative of all who have so generously devoted their time and effort so please forgive us if for not mentioning you all by name here.

A celebratory get together later in the year may well be in order to express our thanks more tangibly!

Please do send in photographs of all your good work and we will always try to make this a feature. After all, this space is about you – the community!

Fences to the rear of the Village Hall and surrounding the Playing Area have now been repaired and stained and look like new! Play Area benches and our new ones have also now received treatment for protection this winter. At the pavilion car park additional oak bollards and replacement of damaged ones has been completed and the main gate to the Village Hall once again 'hangs well'. A more concerted Village Hall tidy up is currently being arranged and our first defibrillator will be operational soon.

Ensuring that the Play Area Equipment remains safe to use will, of course, always take a top priority. Minor repairs to the Playing Area equipment have recently been undertaken in line with the preventative maintenance recommendations in our annual engineering report.

There is still much more to do and we will be delighted in continuing to keep you updated with progress.

Taking Part

There are many ways to join in and take part in the community spirit and help improve our village outlook. We will always be grateful to hear from anyone wishing to express an interest in joining our Volunteers. We are in the process of producing a more formal database so we may circulate all with any up-and-coming activities. It would be easy to add your name to the list, just contact our Clerk or any of your Parish Councillors via their details on the Parish Council's web-site.

Consider becoming a Community Speed Watcher! - More training events are being organized soon.

We fully appreciate these direct routes may not be for everyone but there are still alternative ways to join in. May be a litter pick whilst out walking, ensuring dog litter is safely binned, trimming that hedge to reveal the hidden traffic sign, not parking on grass verges. Every little individual accomplishment adds cumulatively for the benefit of the many.

Maybe you simply have a suggestion or idea for a community improvement. Why not come along to the next Parish Council meeting and share your vision with us?

Your views are very important and you will always be made most welcome. All our meetings are public events and are advertised on our web-site and notice boards.

Council Appointment Changes

The Parish Council has recently appointed two new Councillors who will, no doubt, broaden our horizons and bring new skills to the table. Two further vacancies remain and we are delighted to see we already have several expressions of interest that should soon see us operating with a full complement for the first time in over ten months. Again, please refer to our web-site and/or notice boards for more information on these vacancies.

A very warm and heartfelt thank you to Stephen Harrison who has now resigned after giving many years of commitment to the Parish Council and we wish him and his family the all very best as he continues his retirement in the Cotswalds.

A big thank you too to Harriet Warrilow and Julie Evans for all their past endeavours. Harriet designed our logo, a fine legacy and who also administered the Parish Council facebook. Jules was always a keen volunteer and inspirational during the recent Fox Close verge project and with partner Dave ensured our SID signs were always operational. We wish them well in their future interests.

Current News on the Local Plan

Local planning authorities must prepare local plans which set out planning policies for their area. They become very important when deciding on planning applications. They decide on suitable areas for future development and must be reviewed every five years. The current review is well underway and the Preferred Option Plan which will disclose new sites for housing etc. will be published shortly. There will then be an eight-week consultation period.

The Parish Council will continue to take a keen interest in the current review and will attend presentations and keep informed as required. Anyone interested in the process or wishing to take part in the public consultation may find all information and supporting documents on the review to date on the districts web-site at www.sstaffs.gov.uk/localplanreview. You will also find this link on the Parish web-site. The Parish Council would be interested in your views too.

Stay Safe

As always, the most important message is 'please continue to stay safe and take care'. Covid remains a great concern and the NHS are now rolling out their third jab programme. Please take advantage of this as soon as possible and remain safe this winter.

Kind regards from all the Parish Council

Chairman - Andrew