TRYSULL AND SEISDON PARISH COUNCIL.

Our April Parish Council meeting was again held remotely on Wednesday 14th via Zoom because of face-to-face COVID restrictions.

Items of note during these past weeks are the resignation of Cllr Tony Mayer. We would like to thank Tony for his immense contribution over the past two years in making our villages a nicer place to live. We are very reluctant to see him go but send Tony, Trish and their family our very best wishes for the future.

Moving on to other Parish business, we asked PCSO Paula Wilkes from Staffordshire Police to attend our meeting to report on crime and community safety incidents, particularly given there has been a spate of minor criminal damage and anti-social behaviour offences at Trysull playing fields. This has taken place around the children's play area and also near the cricket pavilion. Two more incidents have been recorded at Trysull Green and Seisdon playing fields. Staffordshire Police have now providing targeted patrols at evenings and weekends which will, no doubt, bring these matters swiftly under control. We are assured that Police attention will continue and the Parish Council will also continue to monitor and assist the police wherever possible.

For those of you who are internet savvy, it is worth knowing that any member of the public can report a crime or incident via Facebook messenger to Staffordshire Police or indeed any UK Police Service. This does not, of course, replace the 999 system of reporting a crime in progress or an impending violent situation, but is quicker than the101 call for general reporting. Paula informed us that incidents reported via the 'messenger' reach the officers instantly via their communications systems.

Other business discussed at our meeting was our intended targeted approach to reduce dog fouling in public roads, parks and on play areas. This has been an ongoing issue for some time and we are placing two additional new bins in Trysull and Seisdon for the further convenience of all dog walkers. Members of the Parish have made us aware that dog fouling continues to be an unacceptable problem. In order to tackle this matter further, the Parish Council intends to engage with the new initiative recently introduced by South Staffordshire District Council where targeted areas are covered by a Public Space Protection Order. This will then allow for potential enforcement by way of Fixed Penalty Notices being issued to any irresponsible individual being caught allowing dog fouling. We will shortly be placing notices around our villages advising on the scheme and warning of the consequences of committing this Environmental Crime.

All Environmental Crime may be reported directly to District via the Parish Council web-site link.

Thank you once again for all our wonderful community volunteers for litter picking and generally cleaning up our villages which are looking better than ever and we hope see more activity in the forthcoming months as lockdown continues to ease.

The 'Day of Reflection' service in commemoration of those who lost their lives to Covid and the tree planting ceremony that followed was a great success. A special thanks to our dedicated councillors who organized the Rowan Tree together with the numerous distributions of 'daffodil' tributes around both villages. Thank you Revd. Richard too and indeed all those who took part to help make this a truly special day of remembrance.

On a lighter note, we are looking forward to warmer days ahead and the prospect of lighter evenings, maybe even a return to a 'new normal' whatever shape that might take. We look ahead to a time when we can safely socialise a little more over the next few months. In the meantime please take care and stay safe!

With kind regards to you all.

Trysull and Seisdon Parish Council