Trysull and Seisdon Parish Council

Heat Wave

Hoping you all remain well and are enjoying the summer sunshine! A very appropriate time to thank all our volunteers who continue watering the flower troughs and the young cherry trees, which I know you will all agree, look quite splendid. The flowers in the planters were freshly planted in the spring to co-ordinate with the red, white and blue theme of the Jubilee and are now in full bloom indeed.

Jubilee Coins

The last of the Jubilee celebrations has now been fulfilled with the presentation of the Special Royal Mint Edition £5 Jubilee Coins in Presentation Packs to all of the pupils attending All Saints' CE (VC) Primary School. We hope these gifts from the Parish Council serve not just as a reminder of the Jubilee but will also provide, in later years, a symbol of a pupils' happy and memorable association with our village school. A big thank you to the Head, Louise and her colleagues for allowing us to visit and meet school pupils during the presentation. (Photo – centre page).

New Village Signs

We have received many kind messages of acknowledgement for the new Village Signs and we would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to comment in this manner. An example of old and new are shown in the centre pages lest we forget the rather miserable appearance of what did advertise the entrances to our villages for far too many years! (Photos – centre page).

I would like to thank all Councillors involved in this project which has taken a considerable amount of time and effort in its planning and delivery. A thank you too to Highways and their necessary co-operation and to our County and District Councillor Victoria Wilson who sanctioned the installation by Highways' Engineers and to meet these installation costs from the County purse.

More Visual Improvements Planned

I genuinely believe we are now benefiting from the progressive and cumulative results our visual improvements programme. Residents and visitors alike will now appreciate and note the presence of 'care and attention' in our villages. Our improvements are also being noted by neighbouring parishes who have recently asked for our assistance with procuring Planters and Christmas tree lights to name but a few projects of interest to them too.

Of course, there is much more to do and plan for. New Parish Council notice boards are also on the agenda. These larger visual displays will be a means of improved communication and we believe will make a splendid complement to our other street furniture.

Best Kept Village, Sensory Garden and School Verge projects are now being discussed and we will be reaching out to anyone who would be interested in assisting with these projects to come forward. To express your interest in becoming involved then please contact any Parish Councillor. Our e-mail addresses may be found on our Council web-site: https://www.trysullandseisdonparishcouncil.org

Hedges and Hidden Traffic Signs

Does anyone have a speed limit or other traffic sign hidden in their hedge? Please remember these are placed there by the Highways Authority for the safety of all; drivers, cyclists, horse riders and pedestrians. So, if you believe you may have a sign hidden in your road side hedge, we would ask, most respectfully, that you the check that it remains clearly visible and do your bit to keep the village as safe as possible. This would indeed be very much appreciated.

Calendar Competition 2023

Following the success of last years project the Parish Council have launched the 2023 Calendar Competition. The pupils of All Saints' will again be special guest entrants in the competition which will have the familiar four seasons format. All are very welcome to enter and we look forward to receiving your Art and/or Photos on Village themes that may well become a feature in next years Parish Calendar. The closing date for entries is 31st October this year.

Rules and other entry details may also be found on our council web-site.

Defibrillator Theft

It is most saddening to have to report that the newly installed defibrillator at the Village Hall has been stolen and the cabinet vandalised beyond repair. We have consequently had to remove this potential lifesaving device from the National Network. The Police are incredulous that such a 'mindless' crime would be committed. The installation of a second unit at the Bell and replacement unit at the Village Hall will be temporarily suspended pending a security review. The addition of improved security lighting and CCTV at the Village Hall have already been discussed with and put in motion by the Village Hall Committee and we thank them, most sincerely, for their co-operation.

Planning

I did not, particularly, wish to end on a such a negative news item and neither is it often we comment further on planning decisions outside of the normal consultation protocol. However, we have now received some excellent news with confirmation that planning for 49 dwellings on Seisdon Landfill has again been refused for the second time. The Parish Council correctly identified that this would be little more than a permanent caravan site and would be an entirely inappropriate and harmful development in our green belt. We are delighted to see that the Planning Authority agreed with our robust and detailed objections and Seisdon has once again been saved from what, we believe, would have been a hideous blot on its landscape.

For now, enjoy the summer with the best wishes of all your Parish Councillors.

Parish Chair - Andrew