

NEWSLETTER

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Parish Council Meetings -

Everyone Welcome.

(Due to Covid regulations we currently meet on Zoom. Meeting links available from our website)

Wednesday 31st March 2021, 7pm Start

Wednesday 28th April 2021, 7pm Start

Wednesday 26th May 2021, 7pm Start

Wednesday 30th June 2021, 7pm Start

Who are we

Councillor Tony Harrison—Chair

Councillor Derek Crane—Vice Chair

Councillor Berni Burns

Councillor Lee Harris

Councillor John Smith

Borough Councillor Bill Crooks

County Councillor Ivan Oulds

Parish Clerk—Nicola Land (Tel : 07855 565936)

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A note from the Chairman

Hello and welcome to the first newsletter from Nailstone Parish Council.

There have been lots of changes for everyone in the last 18 months, not least Nailstone parish council. We have had changes of councillors, a new clerk and had secured monthly meetings at the village school.... then the pandemic hit.

We have adjusted to holding our monthly meetings on zoom, and each month we welcome members of the public to join us. We have changed the format of the meetings to allow for more participation of the village where you can raise your concerns, make suggestions for areas of improvement within the village, or just sit back and watch what we do.

We have strived to implement policies to make the council decisions transparent, and to ensure we as a council are doing our best to represent the community as a whole. We have drawn up a wish list for the future and regularly apply for grant funding to enable us to fulfil village projects whilst keeping the spend down.

Each meeting we have an agenda of items to discuss and make decisions on including planning applications, footpaths update, gardening group, and of course a finance update. What we have spent and what we have left. (Our financial year runs from 1st April to 31st March each year.)

The Parish Clerk keeps us in check and our accounts are audited every financial year to ensure legal compliance. Each year we request an amount (precept) from Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, which comes from your domestic council tax. This amount and any extra we can secure from successful grant funds allow us to carry out the village maintenance, make repairs to equipment and assets, and run the council to the benefit of the parish.

The parish council is made up of 5 councillors who are all volunteers, and we employ a clerk who is also our financial officer.

Come and join our meetings once a month you never know you may enjoy yourself.

Yours

Tony

Litter Wombles

Many people have used their lockdown exercise to help keep the village tidy and pick up litter.

Look at the dedicated page on our website for information about where to get bags and litter pickers from, but also how to use the app to get the rubbish collected by Hinckley and Bosworth Council.



Success and thankyou.....

Nailstone Parish Council successfully obtained a grant from Leicestershire County Council for £2000. In conjunction with Carlton Parish Council we have replaced three stiles in the village with kissing gates. This makes access to our lovely local walks much easier for everyone whether they be two legged or four legged. Currently we are looking into further funding opportunities, so that we can replace even more of the 'not so access friendly' wooden styles.

Our thanks to Leicestershire County Council, our Parish Clerk, Carlton Parish Council and obviously the land owners who gave permission for these gates to be fitted.

Please keep to the footpaths and clean up after your dog, then everyone can enjoy the countryside.



Church Meadow

The Parish Council manage and maintain Church Meadow. We have recently undertaken a tree survey and had substantial works carried out. (As we are in a conservation area, the trees are protected and we have to await permission from HBBC before undertaking the works).

The grass is cut by the appointed contractor, and the equipment is checked regularly by councillors as required by the insurance company to ensure compliance. The weeding and planting is carried out by volunteers. A wreath was laid on behalf of the parish in the memorial area. We cant wait to be able to see community events and family gatherings again in this area, once the pandemic is over.



Gardening Group

Join us and volunteer for a spot of weeding, maintaining and planting.

No skills required.

No experience required

Guaranteed company and chatter and help us to provide a beautiful place for all to enjoy.

10am Church Meadow

Saturday 3rd April 2021

Saturday 1st May 2021

Saturday 6th June 2021

Planning Applications

The Parish Council are consultees on planning applications for our parish. We are often asked why we allow applications to be permitted. That decision is not ours. Hinckley and Bosworth Planning officers collate the responses received from various consultees and then permit or decline an application.

Careful consideration has to be given to applications and we can only support or object using material planning consideration and in line with local planning policies, based on The National Planning Policy Framework.

Further details are available on our website.....

Some recent applications that we have been consulted on are

20/01290 Crown Farm – Change of use

Council were concerned that the application included the formation of two dwellings which isn't a change of use application. We also asked for conditions to ensure that the bridleway and public footpaths were retained.

20/01337 Belchers Cottage, Ibstock Road

Council object to this application due to being unsustainable. It is the erection of a dwelling in the open countryside, outside village boundary.

Aldi Development Former Nailstone Colliery

Representatives from Aldi were invited, and attended the January Parish Council meeting. They discussed the development, and answered councillors questions and addressed planning queries. It was suggested that the council could dedicate a page on the website, to include the site plans, HGV routes and regular updates and timings for the development of the site.

Due to the amount of speculation surrounding this site, the council are setting up a question form on their website and Aldi are happy to receive any parishioners questions and will provide answers to share.

We thank Aldi for this opportunity and have agreed to regular parish liaison meetings. We look forward to working closely with them and welcome them as neighbours.

2021-2022 Budget	Total	£20,565
Grounds, Maintenance and Planting		£9000
Eon		£700
Website Fees		£635
Staff Salary		£3570
Insurance and Audit Fees		£820
Room hire		£250
Training and Subscriptions		£450
Donations/Grants		£335
Election Costs		£1000
Xmas Lighting		£400
Reserves and project contingency		£3405

A huge **THANK YOU** to Tom Theobald from Cadeby Tree Trust for the donation of this years spectacular Christmas tree.

Defibrillators

There are two defibrillators in the village for community use. A training session on how to use correctly will be arranged when covid restrictions allow.

Full instructions for use are available on our website.