

# **BINLEY WOODS PARISH COUNCIL**

**NEWSLETTER No 39**

***March 2016***



## **Binley Woods Village Clean Up**

**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> - 10.00am to 1.00pm**

**Starting at the Pavilion**

Volunteers are required to help with a village tidy-up. Litter-pickers, hi-visibility vests and instructions will be provided; please bring your own gloves. Meet at the Pavilion in the Rec at 10.00am.

As a thank you from the Parish Council, we will be providing tea and biscuits at the Pavilion when we have finished our task.

**Come and join in the fun!**

For further information, please contact Chris on

### **Binley Woods Open Gardens – Sunday, 26th June 2014**

Binley Woods Open Gardens will take place this year on **Sunday, 26th June**. As always, it is a fund raiser for **Myton Hospice** - an organisation which is very close to the hearts of many of us in Binley Woods.

We already have many people who once again want to be a part of this wonderful day. So, if you would like to be involved - either by opening YOUR garden, selling tickets, or making cakes, or if you can volunteer to help with the setting up etc on the day, please contact Lynne or Tony Clifford on 02465 543481.

## **Binley Woods Parish Council's Response to the Rugby Borough Emerging Local Plan - The Preferred Option**

As you are aware, Rugby Borough Council (RBC) recently published their proposals to meet the housing needs of the borough over the next 20 years. Having reviewed the document and attended a public meeting with residents, the Parish Council submitted the following response to RBC...

*"Binley Woods Parish Council notes the proposed development of 100 new dwellings in the parish within the first five years of the plan. Given the lack of available land within the existing village envelope, the vast majority of these 100 houses would need to be built on Green Belt land adjacent to the village.*

*We are disappointed that RBC has ignored residents' wishes to preserve the Green Belt around the village, as evidenced by both the recent Binley Woods Parish Plan (published October 2013) and Village Design Statement (published August 2013, and endorsed by the RBC Planning Department). Whilst we understand the need for additional houses in the Borough, we believe that Binley Woods' close proximity to Coventry makes the retention of the Green Belt around the village critical in the prevention of urban sprawl. We would, therefore, ask that RBC reconsiders the proposal to develop dwellings on Green Belt land adjacent to the village envelope.*

*The owners of the speedway site in Brandon have previously presented initial plans to residents to redevelop the site as housing. The site is in Brandon parish, but adjoins the Binley Woods parish boundary. Should formal plans be submitted to RBC for the development of the speedway site, the Parish Council requests the proposal to develop 100 dwellings in Binley Woods be reassessed. We believe the development of several hundred houses on the speedway site would negate the need to develop any new dwellings in the parish.*

*There are two small parcels of land within the village envelope that are owned by RBC and have garages built upon them: one to the east of Sir Winston Churchill Place, accessed from Birchwood Road; and the other to the south of Sir Winston Churchill Place. These sites appear to be lightly used and are a meeting point for gangs of youths leading to antisocial behaviour. We hope RBC will consider the development of one or both of these sites as part of any proposed development.*

*Binley Woods Parish Council, whilst not endorsing the proposal to build 100 new dwellings in the parish, recognises RBC's position. We are therefore keen to work closely with RBC to influence the selection of the proposed site or sites to be developed under the Local Plan and the types of houses to be built.*

*In terms of site selection, we wish to ensure that due consideration is given to the impact on residents in the immediate vicinity of any new development.*

*We also need to ensure that proper consideration is given to the impact on all residents in respect of the following:*

- *additional traffic and pollution*
- *public transport*
- *education (pre-school, primary and secondary)*
- *health services (primary healthcare, acute healthcare, dentistry, etc)*
- *social care*
- *utilities (gas, electricity, water, sewerage, mobile telecommunications, fixed-line telecommunications, broadband provision, etc)*

*We are also keen to preserve the existing green space between the village envelope and the A46 to the west to prevent the village becoming a de facto extension of Coventry. See Policy 7.8 in the Binley Woods Village Design Statement for further information.*

*In terms of the type of housing, we expect RBC to apply all relevant policies set out in Section 7 of the Binley Woods Village Design Statement which, as previously stated, was endorsed by RBC and would be used as a 'material consideration' when determining planning applications. Specifically, we would draw your attention to Policy BW3 covering new and replacement housing, Policy BW4 covering new housing on land to the rear of existing properties and Policy BW5 covering gated road access.*

*We look forward to meeting with representatives of RBC in due course to continue discussions on this highly sensitive issue for Binley Woods' residents."*

## **Friday Flexibus with Tail-Lift for Easy Access**

The Friday shopper's bus provided for the elderly and/or infirm needs more passengers to maintain viability.

It picks up at various places in the village (currently Ferndale Road, Woodlands Road shops, the former library, Monks Road and Rugby Road) around 11am and goes to Morrisons and Tesco returning about 1pm,

So please consider joining us. It is essential to maintain the service - it really is a lifeline for many. You'd be very welcome!

For more information please contact Janet Outhwaite on 02476 542971.

## **Guitar Club**

If anybody is interested in forming an acoustic guitar group in Binley Woods please contact Ian Pinder on 02476 545742.

Ian writes: "*I see this as being on an informal basis encompassing different styles and ability where we can share and exchange techniques, songs / tunes, enhance each other's skills and enjoyment of the instrument and have the opportunity to play guitar together.*"

## Please Respect Your Village

The Parish Council does its best to keep the village a clean and safe environment for residents; however, **we need your help**:

1. Following the wet winter, the grass verges around the village are suffering and this is not helped by inconsiderate residents and visitors driving across the verges and/or parking vehicles on them. To deter this, we have been planting more trees in our roadside verges and will shortly be installing additional wooden bollards at key problem areas. Please respect our grass verges and keep your vehicles off them. Please ask your visitors to do likewise.
2. Inconsiderate parking in certain areas the village is a habitual problem. A particular hot-spot is the entrance to the woods on the corner of Ferndale Road and Craven Avenue. If you see a vehicle obstructing the pavement so that it is impossible to pass without stepping onto the highway, please take a photo of the vehicle showing the number plate and either e-mail it to the Parish Council (see panel below) or send it as a message to our Facebook page. We will not hesitate to forward details to the police.
3. We continue to receive reports of gangs of youths inhaling nitrous oxide at various locations in the village. Nitrous oxide is not illegal, but it can be dangerous to health and should be discouraged. However, dropping litter (eg canisters) on the ground is an offence. If you spot any gangs of youths creating a litter problem, please report them to the police on 101. If you suspect a more serious offence is taking place, for example buying and selling drugs, please dial 999 and report it to the police straight away.

### **Binley Woods Parish Council Information**

The Parish Council meets in the Morrison Room of the Binley Woods Village Hall at 7.30pm. Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month, but this may vary at Christmastime and during the summer holiday period.

Members of the public are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings. There is a standing agenda item at the start of each meeting where members of the public can raise concerns and ask questions.

Meetings are advertised on the Parish Council noticeboards around the village. Minutes of previous meetings are available on the Parish Council website ([www.binleywoods.org](http://www.binleywoods.org)) or by written request to the Clerk.

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