

BINLEY WOODS PARISH COUNCIL

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Welcome to

BINLEY WOODS BOOK EXCHANGE

1st Monday of each month, starting

Monday, 3rd November 2014

The Roseycombe Pub – 6pm until 10pm

We have a range of books for you to read

Bring a book you are happy to part with and exchange it for one
from the collection

No membership, no fees, no tickets!

Come along, exchange a book,

Binley Woods Playgroup

The Pavilion, Craven Avenue

Open Monday to Friday (term time) – 9.15am to 11.10am

For Children aged 2 and over – £6.00 per child per day

2 DBS checked members of staff – qualified first aider

Contact Diane on 07427 697204 or Pen on 07796 492351

Improvements to Public Open Spaces

Over the summer, we undertook a residents' survey to find out how you wished to see the Recreation Ground improved. We received 119 responses, 55 of which were from pupils at Binley Woods Primary School and their families.

In terms of improvements to the Recreation Ground:

- More play equipment came top with 72 votes
- Less dog mess came second with 52 votes
- A fenced play area came third with 42 votes
- Exercise equipment came fourth with 29 votes

We asked which additional play equipment should be installed, and there were three clear winners:

- Activity trail (65 votes)
- Aerial runway (62 votes)
- Basket swing (61 votes)

A better play frame came fourth with 39 votes.

We hope to install an activity trail, aerial runway, basket swing and a second, more challenging climbing frame in the Recreation Ground. The swings and the climbing frame will remain, although we will improve the play surface and refurbish them. We will also seek to fence off the play equipment aimed at the younger children to keep the area free from dogs.

We held two very useful meetings with the School Council and sought pupils' ideas for the modules to be included in the activity trail and the new climbing frame. It was clear that the younger children preferred to use the play equipment in the Village Green as they were put off by older children and uncontrolled dogs in the Recreation Ground. We may, therefore, also consider upgrading the play equipment in the Village Green at a later date.

We have decided not to progress the installation of exercise equipment at the present time. This is based not just on the survey findings, but also feedback from neighbouring parishes which indicates that their exercise equipment, installed at great expense, is not being used.

We asked which other facilities you would like to see in the Recreation Ground. Top of the list was more benches and we will include extra benches and some picnic tables within the list of improvements.

We will use the results of the Recreation Ground survey to approach suppliers of playground equipment and obtain quotes. We will present the proposals from the preferred supplier to residents of Binley Woods and the pupils at the school ahead of making any decisions on the way forward.

Dog Mess

Dog mess remains an issue in the Recreation Ground and other public spaces like the Village Hall car park and the roadside grass verges. Despite repeated pleas and a recent poster campaign, some owners still refuse to pick up after their pets.

If you see anyone not picking up, please report them to the Rugby Dog Warden by contacting the Environmental Health Team on 01788 533857 or by email to ept@rugby.gov.uk. There is also a 'Dog Fouling App' that you can download from the Council website: www.rugby.gov.uk.

The Parish Council is reluctant to ban dogs from the Recreation Ground or to introduce a rule that dogs must be kept on leads, although we do expect dogs to be kept under control at all times. The situation will be kept under review and we may need to introduce additional measures if dog mess remains an issue. Fencing off the play equipment will help keep that area free of dogs and dog faeces.

Speeding / Parking

Inconsiderate drivers continue to speed along our streets and park where they obstruct pavements and road junctions.

Following recent complaints on our Facebook page, the issue of speeding in Binley Woods was raised with Warwickshire Police at the September Earl Craven Forum and they have agreed to carry out additional speed checks in the village. Let's hope they catch the offenders!

Photos of cars parked across the pavement have previously been published on the Binley Woods Facebook page with the number-plates obscured. If you spot a badly parked vehicle please take a photo and send it as a message to our Facebook page – we will now publish it showing the registration number, although we will not reveal who sent us the photo. We may also forward the photo to the police to follow up.

Mobile Library Changes

There are some changes to the mobile library service in Binley Woods:

1. The mobile library is now based in Kenilworth, so anyone who orders books on-line will need to select 'Kenilworth Mobile Library' as the Library to which books are to be delivered ready for collection.
2. The opening times have changed due to the time it takes the Mobile Library to negotiate the road works at Toll Bar Island. The new times are as follows:
 - Village Hall – Wednesday, 13:00–14:25
 - Woodlands Road shops – Wednesday, 14:30–16:00

Broadband Update

High speed broadband with a minimum speed of 24Mbps is being rolled out across Warwickshire. Binley Woods is due to be upgraded "from October 2014" and you have probably spotted the new enlarged BT cabinets around the village in readiness for the new fibre-optic cables. Residents are advised to keep an eye on the website: www.cswbroadband.org.uk for details of the date when each BT cabinet will be upgraded.

New Garden Centre

An application has been submitted to convert the former Oakdale Nursery opposite the speedway stadium into a garden centre, complete with café and nature trail. The applicants, Fairways Garden Centre Ltd, already operate successful garden centres in Ashbourne and Macclesfield. Details of their proposals can be found on the Rugby Borough Council planning website: www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk.

Binley Woods Parish Council is aware from comments posted on the village Facebook page that our residents wholeheartedly welcome the proposed development. We have therefore sent a letter in support of the application to the Borough Council.

*** STOP PRESS *** Brandon Stadium Redevelopment

We have just heard that proposals are being drawn up to redevelop Brandon stadium for housing. Residents can find out more at an exhibition in Binley Woods Village Hall on Saturday, 18th October between 10.15am and 1.00pm. Please keep an eye out for further details.

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) or by written request to the Clerk.

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