

HOME SAFETY / SECURITY

Over the past few years we have formed a close relationship with Warwickshire Police, and in particular, our PCSOs. These are your first point of contact for information and guidance for security measures, as they have full access to the police. They should not be approached to report crime as that should be done through the normal channels of telephoning the 101 or 999 numbers. The PCSOs will however, help you with advise on any aspect of security you feel will help to keep property safe. They have held sessions around the village marking laptops, bicycles and other valuable articles, and if you need to contact them for a visit, telephone 101 and leave a message asking them to give you a visit. It might cost you a cup of tea, but could be well worth it in the long term.

PARISH COUNCILLOR WANTED

Due to a resignation, Binley Woods Parish Council is now looking to co-opt a Parish Councillor to fill the position. It is your chance to put something back into the Village and to make things work for the benefit of the whole Community.

At present, we have nine Councillors who give a little time each month to 'run' and maintain Binley Woods, which includes decision making on many issues to keep the standards of the area at the high level it is at present. It is an opportunity to get to know contacts, and which departments are responsible for what activity, and then to push for a resolve to these people to get a conclusion. Finally, it is a great way to make 'Your Village' a better place for you, and every resident, to live and enjoy. Please contact any Councillor if you want further details or information.

Binley Woods Parish Council Information

The Parish Council meets in the **Morrison Room, Binley Woods Village Hall** at **8.00pm**. Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month, but this may vary.

Members of the public are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings. There is an item at the start of each meeting for members of the public to raise concerns and ask questions.

Meetings are advertised on the Parish Council noticeboards around the village. Previous Minutes are available at www.binleywoods.org or by written request to the Clerk.

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BINLEY WOODS PARISH COUNCIL

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It has been quite a while since the last Newsletter, and over that time there wasn't too much to report. How things can change in a short period, as over the past month we have been inundated with lots of issues which will cause concern to residents over the coming years. These include plans for TGI Island, The Garden Centre and Coventry Stadium, which have all now risen their heads for consultation. The next few months will see a waiting game for developers and the planning authority, and we hope they make the correct decisions for the area.

TGI Island

This is now at the second stage and all who saw the first draft plans will now get a chance to see exactly what 'Highways England' are finally proposing. There is a public meeting on the weekend of 15th/16th/17th March between two venues. Our meeting is in the Village Hall but the exhibition moves to 'The John White' centre in Binley. The times and dates will be published on our website and on notice boards, plus I hope that all households will be notified by Highways England. (although I don't hold out much hope). The proposal we think is still for a flyover along the A46, with the TGI Island underneath this. Please make every attempt to turn up and voice your opinion at one or both meetings. It's perhaps the last chance you will get before work starts.

Garden Centre – Rugby Road

Outline planning permission has been applied for, to redevelop the former Garden Centre / Nursery site to provide a 'Care Village', residential retirement development, including a care home, assisted living units, and a children's day care nursery. This would mean the loss of Green Belt land around the outskirts of the village . Something we were instructed, after the Parish Plan, to save. On the other side of this, we were also instructed that if any building was to take place, we should be pushing for properties which would assist our increasing elderly population, whilst also pushing for starter homes. It is a mixed bag, and an issue that will really need some thought.

Coventry Speedway

Probably the biggest issue is that outline planning has been requested for 139 houses on the Speedway site. This site has always been sports designated, and a change will have a drastic impact on the area. A site of this size will easily accommodate 139 dwellings, but we have to remember that outline planning could change with the next application should the site become residential. The first proposal by the developer some two years ago was for 250 houses. This could be resurrected at the final stage. Who knows?

The planning process for this and the Nursery site could take two years if it is successful. This would be around the time that Highways England has said they are looking to start TGI works. You now see why it is imperative that you all have your say on what will be complete chaos within the village. Coupled with this, the infrastructure to support the houses (especially combined with 62 proposed on the Sherwood Farm) and a Care Village is just not there. The roads are abominable, Traffic is almost at a standstill, and schools will not cope. On top of this, the health care and support would be pushed to the limit for Binley Woods residents. Please use your voice and let RBC Planning hear your concerns.

Handyman

Once again, we are looking for a local person to do some work for the Parish Council. It would not be strenuous work and although there is plenty to do to get outstanding jobs done, it would be a few hours per week once these have been completed. We would prefer a local person, but will go outside the village if we cannot get one. If you are interested, please contact any of our Councillors who will gladly pass your details to our Clerk.

Community Alerts

We are now approaching our second year of issuing Community Alerts and now have in excess of 200 households on the distribution list. If you are new to the village, these alerts are intended to advise residents on various matters that may have an effect on the Binley Woods community. Topics include Police Reports and warnings, Warwickshire Trading Standards scam alerts, Parish Council notices or anything that could impact upon the village. If you wish to receive these alerts then email stever2000@sky.com. Also, since commencing the scheme a number of you may have changed email address and no longer receive these alerts. If you wish to recommence your alerts then please email to the same address.

Village Directory

The Village Directory is now two years old and becoming out of date. This was created to help residents find local trades people to complete work in many areas. It proved to be very well used and of benefit to both residents and trades people. If you are again interested in having your name and contact details in the updated directory, please e-mail binwoodspc@aol.com or psalisbury_bwpc@btinternet.com and we will attempt to update this valuable document. Also, if you were in the previous issue and are now no longer trading, please let us know so we can remove the details. It will take some time to compose, but many people have found the information invaluable.

Open Gardens

Binley Woods Open Gardens will be taking place on Sunday, the 24th of June 2018. As always, it will be in aid of Myton Hospice and as usual, we are always keen for new gardens to take part and join us on this fabulous fun day. Your garden doesn't have to be a showpiece to qualify, so if you think you would like to join us this year, please get in touch with Lynne or Tony on (024) 7654 3481.

Litter Pick

Once again we are looking to organise a litter pick once the weather starts to pick up. Going around the village it is noticeable how much litter gets strewn around and ends up in verges and hedges. We usually meet on a Saturday morning and have a set route for each volunteer to do. It's not too strenuous and will take around 2 hours of your time. This includes a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit. Please keep your eyes peeled for when this will take place and if you can spare a couple of hours, it would be most appreciated. Thanks.

Dog Foul

On the subject of litter, it is disgraceful the amount of dog foul around the village, which is not picked up. We have tried to catch whoever it is and when we do, we will take them through procedure and make sure they receive a large fine. We know that the greater majority of dog owners act responsibly, but there are just a few who spoil things for everybody. If you do see somebody not picking up, please let one of our Councillors know, or even telephone Rugby Borough Council with the complaint.

Pot Holes

Pot holes are sprouting up all over the village and in most instances, are creating a very dangerous hazard. Rugby Road has been a nightmare along the whole length of it, whilst side roads are not far behind. Drivers have to swerve to miss them, especially when they are full of water and you don't see them until you are on top of them. I hate to think what it's like being on a bicycle around the area. I have reported and complained about the state of the roads and it's ironic that a team came out three separate times to fill three potholes that weren't 100 yards apart. This is an issue Councils should be looking at to save money. What happened to the common sense approach? Should you see a pothole, please report it with either a phone call to Warwickshire C.C. Highways, or log onto the following website and enter your complaint. <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reporhighwayproblem>
The more people complain, the faster the work should get done, and this also includes dangerous pavements.

Grit Bins

We know it is probably too late for this winter but we were approached to provide two grit bins for the village. We are now waiting for grit before we put them in place. One will be positioned at the front of the Village Hall and be primarily for use on the pavement adjacent the bus stop. The camber of the pavement is such that it gets very slippery. The other will be sited at the corner of Craven Ave and Ferndale Road. This area is well known for being very dangerous as the trees shelter the road from the sun and it becomes very icy. Watch this space.....