

Policing

Over the past few years we have formed a close relationship with Warwickshire Police, which seems to have broken down with the movement and retirement of local officers. We are trying to re-ignite the partnership, but until permanent replacements are installed, this is proving difficult. We would ask all residents to help by reporting anything which looks suspicious to the police. Over the past few months this has helped with 3 arrests and people being ejected from the area. The reporting structure hasn't changed and is as follows. Please phone 999 if the offence is taking place to enable police to attend immediately. If the offence has happened and offender gone, please phone 101 and report the incident. Please, on both occasions, get an incident number. There may be an attempt to fob you off, but stand your ground and request being put through to the incident desk. This way, the case can be tracked.

PARISH COUNCILLORS

In May next year, all Binley Woods Parish Councillors will be required to stand for election as our 4 year term come to an end. As it stands at the moment, all councillors (with one exception who is leaving the village) are willing to remain in their positions and unless there are others who wish to sit as a councillor, no official election will take place. For the impending vacancy, please advise your interest to Rugby Borough Council, or our Clerk, John Cook, at the contacts below. The involvement is whatever time you can give. You can also volunteer to get involved in certain areas within the village as we have sub-committees and action lists for each subject we are responsible for. Please contact John or myself for more details. Thank you.

Binley Woods Parish Council Information

The Parish Council meets in the **Morrison Room, Binley Woods Village Hall** at **7.30pm**. 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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Over the past months there have been a few changes throughout Binley Woods, some good, some bad. There could well be even more over the next few years as the Local Plan looks like getting the 'go-ahead' this December. That will mean the discussions on plans for Sherwood Farm (opposite Ferndale Rd) will be taking place and we are trying to arrange a meeting with developers. Hopefully, the developers will listen to resident's wishes and include some of their wishes in the site. You can be assured, we will be pushing for what residents want and not what developers want.

TGI Island

The draft plans for TGI Island were displayed some time ago and since then, we have been badgering Highways England to come up with additions which hopefully, will benefit the Village in the long term. We know that we will experience major disruption because we have been through this with the Toll Bar Underpass. We are being advised that it shouldn't be as bad as Toll Bar because there is not the need to excavate and remove the soil. We will wait and see. One big problem we can see is the noise both with the ongoing work, and after with road noise from traffic. Highways England has stated that the increase will only be 3 decibels as they intend to use 'low noise tarmac'. We challenged this figure and also that the noise rises as the road ages and gets impregnated with dirt and grease, to which the reply was 'The noise will gradually rise and you will get used to it. Can you imagine what would happen if this was said about newts or bats or badgers. Because we are humans, we have to accept it. I don't think so.

The final plans will soon be available and we would ask that you all contact Highways England with concerns about noise. We would like to see noise reduction board along the raised section introduced now, not at a later date after we have campaigned. You should all email A46CoventryJcns@highwaysengland.co.uk, for the attention of Qassim Khan. We think the raised section along with speeding traffic noise will produce noise which will be heard all the way to Brandon. Please e-mail in support of our concerns, and copy the Parish Council in. Thank you.

Coventry Speedway

Once again, there have been 'outline plans' submitted to Rugby Borough Council to change the Speedway Site to residential land. At present, the developers are requesting 137 dwellings on an area the same size as the Stadium itself, although this would not be in the same position as the Stadium. The Speedway people have found a lot of discrepancies in the application and supporting documentation, and are standing firm that it should stay as a sports facility. Binley Woods PCs stance hasn't changed from the last application, and we have objected on the grounds that the infrastructure is not in place for such a large development. Especially if Sherwood Farm gets the go ahead, which looks likely. Schooling, health care, transport, over population and more are our concerns, with transport to secondary schools and a doctors being high priority. I know that Binley Woods and Brandon residents are fed up with the mess and disruption from 'travellers', but all the ongoing concerns need to be addressed when developments such as this are agreed. At the moment, it's 'watch this space'.

Handyman

We have final managed to get a handyman, who is taking on a few jobs as his time allows. We have already had Council land cleared and some new litter bins installed. There are quite a few jobs which need attention, and we are working through these. We are fortunate enough to have residents who do take control and clear their own areas. For this, we thank you. Living on the outskirts of the Borough makes it awkward for us to get things done, but it's really good that residents take pride in their environment.

Community Alerts

We are now approaching our third year of issuing Community Alerts and have in excess of 200 households on the distribution list. It has been a great success, and a number of incidents have been resolved because of this. 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 please email stever2000@sky.com who will include you on the distribution list. 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 quite a few years old and becoming well out of date. It was created to help residents find local businesses and people to complete work throughout many trades. It has been very well used and of benefit to all residents and trades people. If you are again interested in having your name and contact details in the updated directory, please e-mail 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.

Grit Bins

January this year we took delivery of two grit bins, which have sat outside my garage ever since. We have been waiting the delivery of 16 bags of grit, which for obvious reasons, was out of stock throughout the winter. It was treated with great humour when we telephoned in the heat of July to remind the supplier we hadn't received the bags, even though we had paid. Last week we had a breakthrough as the company are getting a supply and should be delivering some this week. We will be siting the bins at the junction of Craven Ave and Ferndale road, with the second at the Village Hall. These are two problem areas where roads and pavements are extremely bad.

CPR TRAINING

It is now approaching four years since we had our first defibrillator installed at the Village Hall and three years since we had the second unit outside the chemist's on Woodlands Rd.

Fortunately, neither of them have been used. Some of you may recall that following the installation a number of CPR training events were arranged at the village hall. The training sessions were held on a Saturday (am & pm) and lasted about two hours. We are now considering further sessions for those that may be interested. This is open to all villagers, including those that attended the original sessions who feel that a refresher course would be beneficial. The sessions are informal and run by the Coventry First Responders. The knowledge can be invaluable and I quote an email I received from a participant soon after a training session.

"The recent call for people to do the defibrillator training reminded me to contact you to let you know that whilst on holiday in France this year, I had to put some of the first aid training from the session I did in May into practice! A young woman collapsed and became unconscious and with support from another person I checked her breathing and put her in the recovery position. It was due to the training that I had received that I felt confident to get involved so please could you pass my thanks on to the First Responder team who led the training."

To give an idea how many would be interested, email stever2000@sky.com

Recreation Ground

Over the past few years we have been installing benches and planting trees in the Recreation Ground. A number of these have been donated in memory of 'lost ones', which is really nice for the relatives. The Village does not have a garden of remembrance, so to sit and ponder on these benches, gives people a little solace. We do have a supplier who makes and installs the benches, and they are very well used. If anybody is interested in providing this sort of facilities, please contact us and we will try to accommodate the request.

Pot Holes

What a difference the Rugby Road is after the resurfacing has been carried out. It is now hard to remember just how bad and how deep the potholes were, and where their location was. We just need the same approach within the village now. Should you be plagued with a pothole, the response is to 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>