

BINLEY WOODS PARISH COUNCIL

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RECREATION GROUND IMPROVEMENTS PUBLIC CONSULTATION

**BINLEY WOODS PARISH COUNCIL AND
SUTCLIFFE PLAY WILL BE PRESENTING THEIR
PLANS FOR THE RECREATION GROUND**

on

SATURDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY 2015

Drop in between 12.00noon and 2.00PM

at

THE MORRISON ROOM,

BINLEY WOODS VILLAGE HALL

BINLEY WOODS BOOK EXCHANGE

1st Monday of each month

The Roseycombe - 6.30pm until 10pm

Wide range of books

Exchange a book for one from the collection

New Play Equipment for the Recreation Ground

Last summer we asked residents and pupils at the primary school how we could improve the recreation ground and used your feedback to select a supplier to provide new playground equipment and make other improvements. We received proposals from nine potential suppliers and, following detailed evaluation, have selected Sutcliffe Play as our partner.

Provided we can obtain grant funding, we propose to:

- Give the existing play equipment a make-over
- Install a new basket swing next to the existing play equipment and fence off the area for younger children
- Install a new activity trail, spinner, play frame and zip wire aimed at older children
- Install new benches and picnic tables
- Create a fenced area in front of the pavilion with a play surface

Sutcliffe Play will be presenting their plans to residents at the Village Hall on Saturday, 21st February (see front page) and we hope to see you there. There will also be a separate presentation to pupils at Binley Woods Primary School during their assembly on Thursday, 12th February.

Dog Bag Dispensers

The Dogs Trust has been supporting us in our quest to tackle the problem of dog fouling in the village. They are providing us with two bright yellow dog bins and bag dispensers, which have been designed especially for us, so that all dog walkers have access to a free bag and have no excuse for not cleaning up after their pet! We hope to have them installed soon.

Book Exchange

Since November, the Book Exchange has been held on the first Monday of each month in the Roseycombe. Attendance at the first three meetings has been low and this is disappointing for the organisers who have invested a lot of time and effort to get the venture off the ground. Maybe the dark evenings have put people off; maybe there has been something more interesting on the telly; maybe residents are just not interested!

We will review the situation in March, and if the book exchange is not proving popular we will wind it up and donate the books to charity.

Broadband Update

All four BT cabinets in the village have now been upgraded to superfast broadband, with download speeds of up to 80mbps. Want to upgrade? Start by contacting your existing internet service provider to check the deals they offer or visit www.moneysavingexpert.com/phones/cheap-broadband.

PCSO Charlie Cawte

In December, we welcomed Charlie Cawte as our new PCSO for the village. Charlene Cawte ('Charlie') has been a PCSO since 2006 and has been working on the Rugby Town SNT. This will be her first time working within a rural setting but the skills she has learned and developed working in an urban area will assist her to become an effective part of the community.

"I am really looking forward to taking up my new post and getting to know the people of Binley Woods. Warwickshire police is undergoing many changes as part of our alliance with West Mercia police and I relish the challenges ahead", said the 33 year old mother of two.

Charlie has a friendly outgoing personality and will find it easy to settle in to the diverse nature of Rugby Rural Central SNT. One of her many strengths is the ability to communicate with people from all walks of life.

Charlie can be contacted on 01788 853851 or by e-mail to charlene.cawte@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk.

Fairways Garden Centre

Following objections from Brandon & Bretford Parish Council, revised plans for the new garden centre on the former Oakdale Nurseries site have been submitted by the owners, Fairways Garden Centre. The proposed building is smaller and lower than the previous proposal and there is an enlarged nature conservation area. Let's hope the plans now meet with the approval of the residents of Brandon!

Community Defibrillator

Binley Woods Parish Council is in the process of purchasing a community defibrillator for the village, which will be sited at the Village Hall.

We have been working with the local 'First Responders' team to purchase a Cardiac Science G5 semi-automatic defibrillator which will be housed in a heated storage box with a digital lock. Residents needing to use the defibrillator will be given the access code when they contact the emergency ambulance service by dialling 999.

First Responders will be providing training for residents in the use of the defibrillator at a couple of drop-in sessions at the Village Hall. We will publicise the dates for the training sessions in due course.



Parish Council Elections

Elections are due to be held for Binley Woods Parish Council on 7th May 2015, the same date as the general election. There has not been a public vote to elect parish councillors in Binley Woods for 32 years - the last vote was held way back in 1983. Since that time, there have been 10 candidates or less at each election and your parish councillors have been "elected unopposed".

The Parish Council currently has a full complement of 10 councillors and it is anticipated all members will stand for re-election. However, we encourage other residents who are interested in shaping the future of the village to put their names forward. If you are interested and would like further information or a nomination form, please contact the Clerk of the Council, John Cook (see panel below).

Precept 2015/16

Binley Woods Parish Council has frozen the precept - the proportion of your council tax we receive to maintain services and facilities in the village. The precept for 2015/16 will remain at £39,000 and we have stayed at that level now for five years. The population of Binley Woods is 2,665 and our precept is less than similar sized villages in the area: Wolston £87,600 (pop 2,564), Long Lawford £65,700 (pop 3,007) and Ryton £58,500 (pop 1,812).

The Parish Council recognises the need to keep the precept low in these financially challenging times and we would only foresee a significant increase in future years in exceptional circumstances, for example funding the development of a major new facility in the village.

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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