

The Wavertonian

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Parish Council Update

This coming year we have a number of ongoing and additional projects in the village which puts greater demand on the Parish budget. Here are a few of them.

We need to renew, upgrade and extend the security system for the village Hall and surrounds, providing adequate coverage for the rear of the hall through to the new play area, with provision for extension as the next phases of it can be completed. We plan to set aside funds to support the overall ongoing fundraising for the extensions to the Play area.

We feel we should invest in several Defibrillators to be located at strategic points around the village, as well as the one already in the Burley Hall. One of our residents, Mrs Freda Downes, has made a donation towards this and we are extremely grateful to her. We are consulting Tattenhall First Responders on the types of devices and locations for installation.

Funds to support additional road safety measures also need to be set aside and you will see a new speed warning sign soon on Common lane which is the result of action last year now coming to fruition.

Finally, we plan to carry out a resident’s survey - you will see this explained elsewhere in the Wavertonian, and to upgrade and improve our website.

Waverton Queens Bowling Club

Summer season starts soon!

***New members experienced or beginners welcome
Bowls available to borrow and tuition given if required.
For more information Ring 335097***

Waverton Community Cinema will be showing



**29th April 2017
The Martian (Cert 12á)**

The Future for Waverton

The Parish Council has been debating whether our village needs a Neighbourhood Plan putting into force to protect as much as possible the area in which we live.

An important first step is finding out what the feelings of our Village are – no plan will be possible without engagement and support from the community and a solid base of evidence to support it. The Independent examiners of any proposed plan are unlikely to approve it without a good evidence base which supports its aims and objectives. Putting a Neighbourhood Plan together and getting to the stage where we have a ratified, agreed plan which everyone in the village is happy with, involves a lot of time and hard work and could take up to 2 years to complete.

But you may be asking what is a neighbourhood plan and why may we need one?

A Neighbourhood plan gives a community direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. If land becomes available, by virtue of having a neighbourhood plan we are able to influence what sort of new homes, shops or offices might be built, what those new buildings should look like, what infrastructure should be provided to support this and influence planning permission for the new buildings we would like to see go ahead.

A plan can be used to shape how development takes place but it cannot be used to say 'No'. The process of preparing a plan includes understanding what a sustainable and appropriate level of development is for our community and looking at what this additional growth may be. Communities without a Neighbourhood Plan can be vulnerable to development in their area and with consequently much less say in how those might proceed.

This is why you will soon receive a survey put together by the Parish Council. This will be structured so that we can find out the sort of things we need to know from you to decide if we can proceed towards a Neighbourhood plan.

When you receive it please take the time out to complete the survey, and encourage others to as well – the more the better. If other people in your household also want to complete one, they will be able to. Ways in which you can get it back to us will be outlined on the Survey.

Waverton Parish Council.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

Christleton to Waverton Fun Run
Thursday, 29th June 7 p.m.
starting at
Christleton Primary School

WAVERTON VILLAGE FETE
Saturday, 1st July
Queen's Field, Waverton

To celebrate the 5th anniversary admission this year will be
FREE.

The procession will be led by
City of Chester Brass Band
and
"Alice in Wonderland"
is the theme for the day

Why not dress up, join the procession, and make this years event
a memorable occasion?



Keeping the village tidy

A big thank you to John Little and his team of villagers who gave up their Saturday morning on March 4th for the 'keep Britain tidy spring clean' and collected about 16 bags of rubbish including a large amount of Nitrous oxide capsules from around the park and village hall, plus discarded miscellaneous items including a microwave!

The community spirit and pride in our village from this effort was evident. Well done.

It is sad that so much rubbish was just thrown down and the number of dog poo bags thrown in the verges and hanging on bushes was a sad reflection on some dog owners. Please take pride in our village and either use the bins provided or take your litter and poo bags home.

Also as we have received so many complaints about muddy and damaged verges can villagers please refrain from parking and driving on them as there are numerous gouges and bare patches around.

Neighbourhood policing News

Recently some members of the Parish council took part in a 'Ward Walk' with Rob who is the Police Constable and beat manager with responsibility for an area including Waverton and our local PCSO, Debbie who covers the same patch. This is part of the overall Police initiative to change the ways they police the rural communities, to seek more engagement with it and have greater visibility to it.

The event gave a chance to get to know each other better and discuss issues that either party were aware of and pool information about what we feel is important in Waverton. Reassuringly both Rob and Debbie know Waverton very well anyway.

The intention is that such planned ward walks will continue. Some of you may also have seen Rob and Debbie outside the village Hall recently holding an open surgery to any resident who wanted to ask any question or advice from them -again a very welcome action for them to improve the way in which Neighbourhood policing is carried out. Notice of future such events will be made via the Notice boards etc.

Further to this we recently attended a meeting in Mickle Trafford together with representatives from Neighbouring Parish councils, again very much to improve shared intelligence and see what shared initiatives there could be amongst the rural community to the South side of Chester.

Certainly, one of the things that is useful to all parties is that of gathering intelligence – this can help pinpoint trends in crime and anti- social behaviour which often is present in many of our communities and moves between them.

It was stressed that use of the 101 number – the Police non- emergency number should be used to report what you would consider real time suspicious activity, observations or occurrences. This provides logged data which helps them build up pictures of activity, allocate resources and prioritise.

Otherwise nuisance activity, observations of damage or concern can be made by e mail to our Clerk, as we look at any such reports at our council meetings where again we can feed such information into our Neighbourhood policing team, Rob and Debbie.

A new speed indicator sign has been installed on Common Lane on the approach towards the school which is great news for the Village. The straight down Common Lane, especially in the direction heading from old to new Waverton, had previously been identified as the area in the village most prone to speeding and having successfully provided the evidence of this to the council we now have a sign which we hope will be effective in reducing the number of speeding cars. Thanks to all the volunteers who have helped gather speed data in the village which has led to the installation of the sign. Also thanks to the council who have provided half the cost and to Stuart Parker our Ward Councillor who has also contributed from his Member Budget Fund. The remaining monies came from the Parish Council.

We are also aware of consistent speeding on Long Lane where the speed limit reduces from 60 mph to 40 mph on entering Waverton from the direction of Tattenhall and are looking to find a solution with the council. Remember that the best way to help prevent speeding through our village is for all of us to adhere to the speed limit which stops those cars following behind us from speeding.

