

BARNWELL PARISH COUNCIL

WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

21 MAY 2022

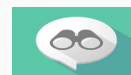
ANNUAL MEETING - SUMMARY

Thank you to all those who came last week - it was very encouraging to see a higher than usual number of residents had been able to come along. Here are some brief highlights from the meeting:

- David Brown thanked all those in the village who support the Council in their work during the year - painting the bridges, cutting the green, distributing leaflets, supporting events, community support through Barnwell Care & Share, etc.
- We continue to look for a solution to the speed signs which remain out of action
- The village entry gates are now expected to be installed in the later part of this year
- After a lot of badgering, the Environment Agency have removed a section of silt from under the bridge
- We now have an Environmental Policy with specific action steps - the focus is on realistic practical steps - utilising the phone box as a book exchange, planting the meadow flowers, plans for the community orchard, etc.
- The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing smoothly and is due to come back to the village for a referendum later this year
- Numerous small jobs take place during the year to keep areas of the village that are managed by the Council appropriately maintained - lights mended, trees trimmed, grit bins filled, playground weekly safety checks, etc.
- A new bench has been installed in the recreation field and the adult fitness equipment is currently being installed
- A small grant is provided by the Council to help maintain the church clock. The meeting took time to express their condolences at the very sad passing of Bob Whitehurst and gave recognition to his significant contributions to maintaining and running the clock.
- The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme area has been extended to cover the whole village - the Council has approved funding for signage around the village
- There are a number of events during the rest of the year that the Council will be working on - a number listed above to be drawn to completion, plus continued effort for a cycle path to Oundle, and providing support to other initiatives being led by residents - housing for the elderly, local transport to Oundle
- David Brown and Chris Soanes were unanimously re-elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively and each Councillor's specific areas of responsibility reconfirmed
- A number of good ideas and suggestions were raised by the residents who attended, some which the Council can action, whilst others need additional volunteers or are outside the remit of the Council. The Council were grateful for the thanks provided from the floor for their work during the year

UPCOMING EVENTS 2022

24 May - Tree Planting to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee - His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester will be attending the tree planting at 11.30am on 24th May. The planting site is on the east bank of the brook opposite the end of Horseradish Lane. Everyone in the village is invited to attend the short ceremony.



Some residents have recently been concerned by persons from a white van approaching dogs in their garden. We hope the new Neighbourhood Watch signs that will be put around the village and the heightened awareness of residents will reduce the risk and put off potential undesirables from the village

The Parish Council meets bi-monthly, usually on the third Tuesday of the month, at the Village Hall at 7pm. The public are welcome to attend. Minutes of the meetings can be found on the parish council website: www.barnwellparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Councillors:

David Brown (Chair). Jeanne DeBock. Catriona Forrest, Heather Hanlon, Tim Herring, Chris Soans, Graham Wise

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