



NORTHILL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Representing Northill, Upper and Lower Caldecote,
Ickwell, Thorncote, Hatch, Budna and Bells Brook

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At the Annual Meeting of the Council on May 24th, Cllr Helen Papworth was re-elected Chair and Cllr Rob Smith Vice Chair of the Council. Cllr Keith Bennett has since been elected as Chair of the Planning Committee, and Cllr David Milton Chair of the Finance and General Purposes (F&GP) Committee.

ANNUAL GRANTS AWARDED

Northill Parish Council recently considered grant applications from local organisations and awarded a total of £5,800 for various projects. Full details can be found on the website. A small balance remains in the budget for any organisations that wish to submit an application. A grant application form can be found on the website or please contact the Clerk.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Thursday 13th Sept at the Methodist Church Hall, Upper Caldecote at 7.30pm.

CUSTOMER SERVICES

Central Bedfordshire Council's Customer Services are now located at Biggleswade and Sandy Libraries. Opening times are:

Biggleswade: Tuesday to Thursday — 9.00am to 5.00pm,
Friday — 9.00am to 4.00pm

Sandy: Wednesday — 9.00am to 5.00pm

Congratulations to Northill Parish Councillor Wendi Momen who was shortlisted in the final three for the Police and Crime Commissioner's Women of the Year Award.

RECENT PLANNING MATTERS

Lower Caldecote. Two applications at land adjacent to The Grange, Grange Lane, Lower Caldecote have been submitted to CBC. One (CB/18/01946/OUT) is for 8 dwellings with all matters reserved except access. The second one (CB/18/02228/FULL) is for the change of use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes. NPC objected to both proposals. The applications have not yet been determined by CBC.

Upper Caldecote. Land West of The Pastures, Upper Caldecote (CB/18/01526/RM) a reserved matters application for the erection of 40 dwellings including appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline approval of CB/16/03283/OUT. The detailed application was considered by the Planning Committee and approved with several comments being made on the mix of dwellings; car parking; the capacity of the foul sewer and drainage of surface water; and increase of traffic. The application has not yet been determined by CBC.

Northill. Land between 21 and 39 Thorncote Road, Northill (CB/18/02715/OUT) an outline application for up to 10 dwellings to include 2 bungalows, with all matters reserved except access. The outline application was considered by the Planning Committee and approved, because the site has already been allocated for development in CBC's draft Local Plan. When a full application is received, a Public Meeting will be held to gauge residents opinions on the proposal.

Northill Parish Council have submitted three planning applications to carry out work to trees in conservation areas. These are to a Lime tree on Ickwell Green; to two Oak trees at Northill Cemetery; and to the Poplar trees at Northill Green. There is a possibility that the Lime tree on Ickwell Green may need to be felled but this will not be done unless recommended by the tree specialist at CBC.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING UPDATE

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has made minor adjustments to the draft Neighbourhood Plan, responding to comments received at consultations earlier this year. The final document is currently being prepared, ready for NPC to consider at it's next meeting on Thurs Sept 13th. If approved, it will then be submitted to CBC for a further 6 week consultation and then examination by a government inspector. Meantime, some important supporting documents (Consultation Statement, Conditions Statement and the Site Assessment Report) are being finalised.

A1 and Black Cat Roundabout Update

In May, Cllrs Smith, Turner, Bennett and Papworth attended a meeting organised by Alistair Burt MP with neighbouring parish councils and representatives from the Depts of Transport (DfT) and Housing, Communities and Local Government (MCHLG). In 2016, the view was that there was no business case to answer for an upgrade to the A1. However, follow on studies taking into account the impact of the Ox-Cambs corridor, associated ambitious housing plans, A14 and the Black Cat issues indicate that the argument for re-aligning the A1 becomes more compelling.

MCHLG said that homes must be built where there is demand, and that they are commencing “deals” with local authorities enabling the infrastructure required to be built first. eg Oxfordshire has received central funding (£215m quoted) towards infrastructure in exchange for building houses over the local need. The meeting was concerned that A1 improvements might be dependant on housing. More joined up thinking was required between the two depts.

NORTHILL PAROCHIAL CHARITIES ELIZABETH HUTCHINSON CHARITY

In November 2018, the Trustees will consider applications for assistance for the purchase of books, tools, clothing etc from students who have completed their statutory education and are under the age of 25. Applicants must reside in the Parish of Northill, and study at University, Training College or College of Further Education, either full time or part time. Application forms can be obtained from the Clerk to the Charity Trustees at the address below or requested by email from charitiesclerk@northillparish.co.uk.

Completed forms must be returned by post not later than noon
on 22nd October 2018.

J J PAYNE, Clerk to the Charity Trustees,
40 Shakespeare Drive, Upper Caldecote, Biggleswade, SG18 9DD

COULD YOU BE A FOREVER FAMILY FOR A CHILD?

Children in Bedfordshire are in need of people or families who can provide, love, time, commitment and the security of feeling safe and loved. Children in your community need families who will:

- Consider foster to adopt
- Consider an older child
- Consider adopting siblings
- Support a child with additional needs
- Celebrate and support a child's heritage.

To find out more about supporting children in your community, visit www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/adoption or get in touch by:

Email: adoption@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 8090

Follow on Facebook: facebook.com/adoptioncb

SHUTTLEWORTH AIRSHOWS

Some concerns have recently been raised by a parishioner with regard to the flying at Shuttleworth:-

1. Excessive noise, not just on flying days but practising
2. Flying below or 500ft
3. Closure of local roads on air show days
4. The cost of road closures and the policing of the roads.

Some of your councillors met with two of the Shuttleworth trustees to discuss these concerns.

Excessive Noise – Practising

Some pilots have been practising their acrobatic displays and these can be quite noisy. Shuttleworth have no direct control over private pilots, but all pilots visiting Shuttleworth are briefed on the location of the populated areas that surround Shuttleworth and the need to avoid these areas.

Excessive Noise – Flying Days

Shuttleworth have been fortunate in securing some high profile, but unfortunately noisy, visitors in recent months. Most notably the Red Arrows and Typhoon.

Unlike most of the aircraft in its own collection, these visitors are both loud and very fast. In order to align with the runway to offer the crowd the best possible display, they are unable to avoid flying over populated areas. In future Shuttleworth will give Council notice of the planned timing of these displays such that we can spread the word to those people that are most likely to be impacted. For example riders of horses with a nervous disposition

Flying below 500 feet

The trustees assured us that they are very careful to comply with all current CAA legislation.

We were shown the map of Shuttleworth and surrounding area that is used to brief all visiting pilots (see opposite).

Pilots are also briefed on populated areas to avoid.

There are a couple of exceptions.

1. On take off and landing the 500 foot rule does not apply, rather preference is given to adopting the safest line when approaching the runway.
2. More modern (and significantly faster) jet aircraft simply do not have the manoeuvrability to avoid the populated areas. Here, the CAA stipulation is that at all times the aircraft should be able to glide to a safe area clear of population.

The trustees assured us that if anyone spotting, what they believe to be excessively low flying, can they please provide photographic evidence. This should include a reference point on the ground in order that the height can be calculated.



Ivel Sprinter
Sprinter



Ivel Sprinter operates a Hail-and-Ride policy. It will **stop anywhere** on the route if you signal clearly, subject to room on the bus, and road safety considerations. Drivers will assist passengers who have shopping bags. Bus passes are accepted

Regular bus services to: Langford, Sandy, Tempsford, Potton, Blunham, Gt Barford, Bedford, Cambridge, Biggleswade, Chawston, St Neots, Cambridge, Eynesbury, Little Barford, Everton and Sutton.

For timetables, please visit : www.ivalsprinter.org.uk

Bus hire also available for hire by clubs, schools and other non profit groups. Contact Graham 01767 260485.

NORTHILL PARISH VILLAGE SIGNS

A project has been undertaken to restore our rather tired looking village signs. Thanks to Barry Livesey of Clifton Parish Council, NPC has been able to acquire some spare plaques with the Bedfordshire Coat of Arms and (for Ickwell) a Best Kept Village Sign. Thanks to advice from Andrew Binning, it is hoped that we can re-create the third plaque, the Festival of Britain sign and then organise a painting session to restore the signs to the original pattern.



If you would like to help with the painting aspects of this project, please get in touch with Cllr Papworth, Cllr Brinkley or the Parish Clerk. No previous experience necessary!

NORTHILL AND OLD WARDEN BRANCH, ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Northill and Old Warden branch of the Royal British Legion is looking to re-establish itself as a separate branch from Sandy, to whom it is currently affiliated. If you would like to join (membership £17 pa) please contact Cllr Helen Papworth.

SPACE ETIQUETTE FOR DOGS

To: People with "Friendly Dogs", Off-Leash Dogs, & Retractable Leash Dogs



NEWSFLASH: Running up to another dog and ignoring requests to go away is not "friendly", it is rude.

Just like people, **DOGS NEED PERSONAL SPACE**. If a stranger came up and put his hand on your body, you'd be allowed to step back, yell, and push him away. Dogs have the same right to enforce their boundaries. Some dogs are called "reactive" because they are more sensitive than others. Reactive dogs are good dogs, they just need more distance and compassionate training. You can help them by honoring their need for personal space.

- 1. NEVER LET YOUR OFF-LEASH DOG GO UP TO AN ON-LEASH DOG.**
- 2. LOCK RETRACTABLE LEASHES WHEN YOU SEE OTHER DOGS.**
- 3. ASK BEFORE APPROACHING OR PETTING ANY DOG.**
- 4. HAVE COMPASSION FOR PEOPLE WITH SHY OR REACTIVE DOGS.**

Please do not chase us. Let us pass without interaction, and keep your judgements to yourself.

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This newsletter will be published on the Parish Council website
www.bedsparishes.gov.uk/northill-parish-council
with links to the community website www.northill-parish.info

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OTHER USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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0300 300 8564
Police (general non-emergency enquiries) 101
NHS Urgent Care Service 111
UK Power Network—Power Cuts 105