



NORTHILL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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and Bells Brook

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Northill Parish Council — Uncontested Election

Eleven candidates stood for twelve positions of parish councillor and were therefore elected uncontested for the four year term of office. The list of councillors and their contact details can be found on the back page of the newsletter. The Council are now looking to co-opt a twelfth councillor.

A big thank you to the two councillors, Keith Bennett and Wendi Momen, who did not stand for re-election. They have given so much time and energy to the parish over the last four years and will be greatly missed from the council.

At the Annual Meeting held on the 13th May Cllr Rob Smith was appointed Chairman of the Council and Cllr Helen Papworth Vice-Chairman.

CBC Elections

Unitary Cllr Frank Firth was re-elected as the CBC ward councillor for the four year term of office. The Parish Council look forward to working with him over the next four years and thank him for all his support and work he does for the parish. His contact details are also on the back page.

Congratulations to **Cllr David Milton** who received a High Sheriff's Award for his 40 years of service to Northill Parish. Well done David.

The next Parish Council meeting is to be held on Thurs 25th July 7.30pm, Methodist Church Hall, Upper Caldecote.

Recent Planning Matters

Upper Caldecote A revised second application, this time for 8 bungalows, at 140 Biggleswade Road (CB19/00045/FULL) was considered by CBC's Development Management Committee (DMC) on the 24th April. The application was refused permission, partly because of its position outside the settlement envelope, but also because committee members felt that the site was overcrowded and not in keeping with CBC's Design Guide – all the "bungalows" were two storey, with the garages being identified as being too small to fit a car!

An application for 35 dwellings, also including a proposal for 10 half sized allotments, at The Pound, Vinegar Hill (CB/19/01024/OUT) has been submitted to CBC. This site is allocated for housing by CBC in their draft Local Plan. After a Public Meeting on the 25th April followed by a full council meeting, NPC objected to the proposal, concerned about the vehicular and pedestrian access due to the volume and speed of traffic along the road from Vinegar Hill, and also the ability of the foul sewer and surface water drainage to cope. The application is not compliant with policies NP1, which deals with small scale development within the settlement envelope and NP5 (backland development) of the draft Northill Neighbourhood Plan. This application is yet to be determined by CBC.

Northill The application for 21 dwellings at land between 21 and 39 Thorncote Road, Northill (CB/18/04013/OUT) was approved at a DMC meeting. However, on CBC's website it has not been determined.

Lower Caldecote The application submitted to CBC for 4 detached dwellings at Win-soc Garage, Great North Road, Lower Caldecote (CB/19/00253/FULL). was considered by the Planning Committee at the meeting held on the 5th March. It was approved with comments made regarding the decontamination of the site. This application has subsequently been refused permission by CBC.

Tree Works in the Parish Work to a Yew tree at Northill Green has been carried out.

A contractor has been appointed to undertake our parish wide Five Year Tree survey, which is now due.

From September the time of the monthly Planning Committee meeting will be 7.30pm



Northill Parish Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Independent Examiner is in the process of undertaking his inspection of the Northill Parish Neighbourhood Plan and has already raised several queries, which have been responded to by the Parish Council after consultation with the Plan's Steering Group. The Examiner has also paid a visit to the Parish.

All queries/comments raised by the Examiner and the responses are shown on the Parish Council website: www.bedsparishes.gov.uk/northill-parish-council.

The Parish Council will continue to liaise with the Examiner as required and will keep parishioners updated of developments. Further queries are expected and there may be some changes required to the Draft Plan.

Once these changes have been made the Plan will be presented for referendum by all electors in the Parish.

When we get to that stage, the referendum will be publicised by ourselves and also by CBC, who are responsible for all the costs involved.

Any Questions? Go to www.northillneighbourhoodplan or email contact@northillneighbourhoodplan.org

Also, for information: Central Bedfordshire Council's draft Local Plan commenced it's public inquiry at Chicksands on 21-24 May, and continues on 11-14 June, 18-21 June, 16-19 July and 23-26 July.

LINK a RIDE

Link-A-Ride Community Transport offer a bespoke door-2-door service for those who find it difficult to access public transport, through disability, illness, those who are elderly and frail, and those who may live in rural locations.

They have regular day trips which are a great way to get out and meet new friends.

If you would like to know more about their services and how to join please contact them on 01525 840511

Village Signs

The work to restore the plaques on the village signs was completed in time for May Day. They look fantastic and special thanks must go to Cllr Becky Brinkley and Cllr Catherine Edwards who have spent many hours painting the plaques to restore them to their former glory. Thanks must also be given to Neil and Leo Chapman who not only managed to create the Festival of Britain plaque without a template but have restored the damaged village signs, where necessary before fixing the plaques.



We think you must all agree that all three village signs are a great improvement on the bent, faded signs that were there previously. Thank you to Cllr Barry Livesey of Clifton Parish Council for suggesting the project and for supplying some of the plaques.

A Polite Reminder to Residents

NPC recently became aware of work carried out on one of our Greens that affected our property. Please talk to us if you have such a project in mind- **No work should be carried out on parish council's land without prior knowledge and consent**, and a lot of time and cost can be avoided if all parties agree what is permissible beforehand.

Additionally, some residents whose property abuts or is adjacent to council owned land sometimes think it is acceptable to dispose of rubbish on the Greens. The council has to pay a contractor from tax payers' funds to remove this waste. An issue regarding the historic spreading of grass cuttings on the south east corner of Ickwell Green was raised recently by our contractor, and is being resolved at the moment.

How to use CBC's 'Report It' System

At the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 28th March a presentation was given by Cllr Rob Smith on CBC's 'Report It' system. To find the system google 'Central Bedfordshire Council Highways Report it'

This will take you to a page where you can report a variety of issues including potholes; faulty street lights; dead animals; damage to pavements; faulty traffic lights; draining or flooding problems; overgrown trees or hedges; obstructions in the road; road signs or other street furniture; and damage to bus stops and bus shelters.

Here's a guide on how to report issues:

- Click on the button '**report and track road and highways problems**' which takes you to a page where you can either '**tell us about something**' or '**check a query**'. Click on the appropriate one.
- Then click on the map at the location where the problem is. This then takes you to a page where you can choose the problem eg potholes. If the issue is a pothole there are various photographs to enable you to pick the one that most fits the issue that you are reporting.
- Then either enter a post code of where the issue is or zoom in on the map to locate the spot which you then indicate on the map by putting a '**marker**' where it is. You can also upload a photograph of the problem if appropriate.
- Once you have completed the process you will be given a reference number, make a note of this in order that you can track the issue.
- If you want to '**track a problem you've already made**' click on that button which will take you to a page where you can enter the reference number and submit. This will then take you to a page with an update on the issue that you reported.

Unitary Cllr Firth has access to all problems reported in the parish and regularly monitors reports to see if the issue has been resolved.

Great British Spring Clean 2019

Thank you to everyone who supported the Great British Spring clean this year. 23 volunteers picked 31 sacks of litter and 13 tyres!!

After sorting, most litter was plastic followed by metal cans and litter from fast food and snacks thrown from vehicles.

Sunny weather helped make the picking easier and it was a pleasure to meet new people. Especially thanks to Northill and Ickwell WI and to Frank Firth and colleagues at Central Bedfordshire Council.

Litter heroes reunite in Spring 2020!

Wyn and Margaret Morgan (Northill Parish P3 group)





Give & Take Time

Do you have any spare time to help local people?
Do you need some help yourself to get things done?
Or maybe there are things you just hate doing but are happy to do others.

Why not find out about Give and Take Time?

It's a parish group that's run by the community for the community. Time can be earned in many different ways, no special skills are needed. We offer the same standard of help that you may expect from a neighbour. For more details speak to Stephanie Bennett on 01767 223398

Give and Take Time is the operating name of Timebank Northill Parish. Company limited by Guarantee. Registered in England No. 8940151. Registered Address 72 Hitchin Road, Upper Caldecote, Biggleswade, Beds SG18 9BU

Northill Parish Council Grant Allocations

The annual allocation of grant money to local organisations and voluntary groups will be taking place at the Finance and General Purposes meeting scheduled for July 11th. Apply to the Parish Clerk for an application form and terms/conditions. Applications will close on 30th June 2019.

Northill Parochial Charities

Elizabeth Hutchinson Charity 2019

In November 2019 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 aged 18 – 25 on 31 Aug. 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 for 2019 must 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 21 Oct 2019.

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

Luton Airport Expansion Project

Following the initial consultation on long-term sustainable growth of London Luton Airport in the summer 2018, London Luton Airport Limited (LLAL) have now confirmed the preferred option for development.

Using the existing single runway, they are targeting expansion of the airport to 32 million passengers per annum (mppa) from it's present cap of 18mppa.

Over the coming months they will be working on the preferred option to develop proposals that will form the basis of a Development Consent Order application to the government.

They will then hold a statutory consultation on the proposals, which will include key strategies to minimise and mitigate impacts on the environment. This consultation is currently planned to take place in Autumn 2019.

Parish Clerk: Lesley Rowe
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This newsletter will be published on the Parish Council website
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with links to the community website www.northhill-parish.info

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NHS Urgent Care Service 111
UK Power Network—Power Cuts 105