

Parish Council News

The Parish Council meeting took place at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 14 September. At the start six Parish Councillors and one member of the public were present. Resolutions are contained in the unconfirmed Parish Council minutes which are on our website.

There is still one Parish Councillor vacancy. Please see the advertisement elsewhere in this edition if you think that you could be interested in serving on the Parish Council.

Full Fibre Broadband

This is a further reminder that the build phase is now likely to be underway and there will be some disruption for traffic and pedestrians whilst fibre cables are being installed throughout the village. I shall keep readers updated as I receive more information.

Snow Warden Scheme

We expect that Leicestershire County Council will be launching the snow warden scheme again this winter season and will be inviting Parish Councils to get involved to help the community during the coming winter.

The snow warden scheme is primarily intended to provide local treatment of key footways during periods of prolonged snow and ice.

The pressure that severe winter conditions places on LCC resources means that it is unable to treat footways itself. The objective of the snow warden scheme is to support the use of local resources to clear footways in the local community during prolonged severe weather. This locally delivered activity will enable greater community resilience when, unfortunately, in reality, the County Council's current budgetary position means it cannot resource this service.

How the snow warden scheme works

If the parish council decides that it would like to participate, this involves the following:

1. The Parish Council identifies a snow warden, either an individual who undertakes grounds maintenance tasks or a volunteer.
2. LCC agrees with the parish council a schedule of footways that will be treated (marked maps will be supplied).
3. LCC provides the necessary equipment including protective clothing, a shovel, brush and wheelbarrow for the snow warden.
4. The snow warden undertakes training provided by LCC before they are able to carry out any duties. This will cover safe working practices, manual handling, salt use etc.
5. The identified snow warden will be indemnified against any third party claims providing they operate within the terms of the agreement and adhere to the safety guidelines outlined in the training.
6. Written agreement will be drawn up between both parties (Parish Council and County Council) to cover this service.

7. During extreme conditions of snow and ice LCC will notify participating parish councils by telephone, to agree commencement of the footway treatment. If, however the Parish Council does not receive a communication, LCC encourages the Parish Council to report any areas of concern to enable all parties to work collaboratively to clear the area.
8. LCC will make a contribution payment towards the cost of the hours worked. This is invoiced by the parish council after each period of severe weather, detailing the dates and hours worked. For 2020/21 winter, the level of contribution was £6.89 per hour worked. This payment was a contribution to the parish, not the individual. Remuneration to snow wardens by the parish council is at the discretion of the Parish Council.

If you think that you might be interested in helping out, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Summer Sports

I am happy to report that the second week of activities was a great success and an average of 22 participants attended per day over the two weeks. The organiser, Finding Fitness Ltd., will again be providing feedback to see whether any improvements are needed. Look out for publicity for the 2022 scheme if the Parish Council again decides to allocate funds.

Next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Methodist Schoolroom on **Thursday 14 October 2021**. Covid measures will be in place

To see the matters which will be debated, please look at the agenda on the website which is published a few days before the meeting.

Planning Applications

A decision has been issued in respect of the following planning applications:-

Planning application: **21/00762/FUL**

Decision issued date: 17 August 2021

Proposal: Demolition of existing single storey garage and erection of a two storey front extension - RECONSULTATION

14 Firs Road

Houghton on the Hill

Decision: Application Permitted

Planning application: **21/00977/FUL**

Decision issued date: 23 August 2021

Proposal: Change of use from vehicle sales to a convenience store, alterations to roof, removal of canopy to the front, erection of bin store to the rear - RECONSULTATION

Sunnybrae Garage

67 Uppingham Road

Houghton on the Hill

Decision: Application Permitted

Planning application: **21/01346/TPO**
Decision issued date: 23 August 2021
Proposal: Works to trees (HDC TPO 67) (T1 to T4)
16 Main Street
Houghton on the Hill
Decision: Application Permitted

Planning application: **21/01372/TCA**
Decision issued date: 23 August 2021
Proposal: Works to trees (T5 and T6)
16 Main Street
Houghton on the Hill
Decision: Application Permitted

Planning application: **21/01127/FUL**
Decision issued date: 7 September 2021
Proposal: Erection of 4 dwellings with associated access
Land at Ash Tree Close
Houghton on the Hill
Decision: Withdrawn

Contact with Leicestershire County Council

The general public that use any of the email addresses below are being asked to use the online form <https://leicestershirecc-self.achieveservice.com/en/service/Customer-Services-Contact-Us-Form> in future.

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- CSCBlueBadge@leics.gov.uk
- PassengerTransport@leics.gov.uk
- CustomerServices@leics.gov.uk
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