

# *Cogenhoe & Whiston Chronicle April 2021*

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**Date of next Council meeting** – Annual Council Meeting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
venue TBC  
Village Hall Committee meeting  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021  
Venue to be confirmed

<https://www.cogenhoeandwhiston-pc.gov.uk/>

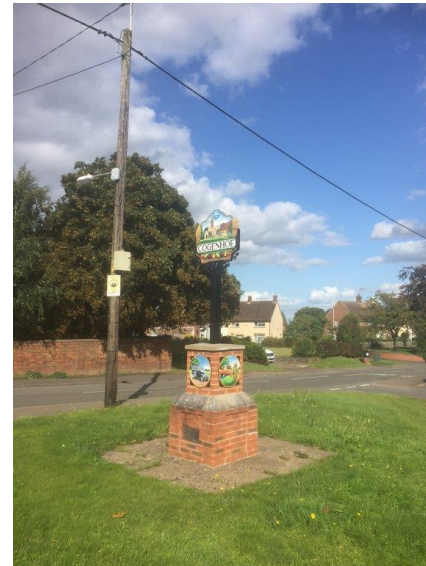
## **From the Chairman.....**

At the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> April, being the final meeting of the current council, the Chairman thanked the current councillors for their hard work and efforts during the current term.



The Village Hopper will recommence its full timetable from the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021

If you have not registered for a postal vote, the Village hall will be the polling station on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 7:00am to 10:00pm.  
Measures are being put in place to ensure this is covid secure



Full minutes of the Parish Council Meetings and the Village Hall Committee meetings can be viewed on the website under the date of the meeting  
[Council Meetings | Cogenhoe & Whiston Parish Council \(cogenhoeandwhiston-pc.gov.uk\)](https://www.cogenhoeandwhiston-pc.gov.uk/)

**Residents are invited to the  
Virtual Annual Parish Meeting  
On  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
At 7.30pm**

**This is your opportunity to hear about what has  
ben going on in the village during the last year  
and raise any concerns or issues you may have.**

**Everyone welcome**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85621100069?pwd=WU1oR2p4TUNvNktza1haK0tmNmtNQj09>

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**The agenda can be found [here](#)**

## Report from County & District councillors

DCllr Carole Clarke advised that sadly this would be her last meeting as a district councillor and expressed her sadness that SNC would no longer exist. She was thanked most sincerely for her help and support during her time as a district councillor.

CCllr Michael Clarke also confirmed that this would be his last meeting as a County Councillor for the Brafield & Yardley Division. He had enjoyed his 12 years serving Cogenhoe & Whiston during which time he had always felt welcomed. He reflected on the last 12 years during which he had been supportive with highways matters, used his empowerment fund to support the parishes and had help fight off a planning application for 17,000 dwellings which would have had a detrimental effect on the villages. He was pleased to advise that NCC would leave a legacy of £95m in reserves to be split between the 2 new unitary authorities and hoped that the transition would run smoothly. He wished all parish councillors who were standing for re-election good luck. He was also thanked most sincerely by the Chairman for his support of the council during the last 12 years.

## Pocket Park update

Some repairs have been carried out in the pocket park to the steps & benches, Cllr's Biggs, Cunnington and the volunteers who had helped out with these repairs were thanked most sincerely at the recent Parish Council meeting for their efforts which are much appreciated.



Cogenhoe & Whiston are now part of the new West Northamptonshire Council with the District Council of South Northants ceasing to exist on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. You have probably not noticed a great deal of difference but there is a new website and contact phone number for the new council. The new council covers the local areas of Daventry, Northampton Borough and South Northamptonshire. It is currently being run by a shadow council until the elections take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. All council services can be accessed via the website.

0300 126 7000

Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

email at [contactus@westnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:contactus@westnorthants.gov.uk)



[West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](http://westnorthants.gov.uk)

The Parish Council has ordered 2 new picnic benches for the new play area and a replacement dog waste bin for the field gate (York Avenue).



## Village Hall & Playing Fields update

-Expenditure for phase 1 of the village hall re-development has been approved (max cost £30,000), the preferred contractor had been selected against the tender criteria agreed by the village hall committee and the tender has now been formally awarded. Phase 1 will allow the pre-school to operate whilst other activities/ events can take place in the York room at the same time giving scope for extending the letting etc. of the hall. The works are expected to be finished w/c 3/5/21.

-There have been lots of enquiries by new users of the Village hall and playing fields and it is essential that any organised groups book with the Clerk to ensure there is no double booking. Please email [clerk](mailto:clerk) or phone 0771 6451294.

-At the Village Hall committee meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> April the idea of a community café was also explored, this requires some more investigation and funding but in principle it was agreed was a great idea.

-It was also reported that the new cricket wicket is now fully installed, as are the new goal posts. The soil bunds have been reshaped and are being well used. The wicket provides a great facility for the village but also a flat all-weather surface for younger children to learn to ride their bikes & scooters. There is a residual budget of £4500 from the Awards for All Community Fund for the play area and ideas are welcome for how to spend this.

Please email the [Clerk](mailto:clerk)

-Extract from a letter recently received

*'A big thank you for the hours and hours of work spent on bring the cricket club back to its spiritual home. I wish the parish Council and the Cricket Club success in the future, you have all done a magnificent job'.*

The first cricket match is this Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm why not pop along and see the great new facility being used.

## STATEMENT OF PERSONS NOMINATED

### Election of Parish Councillors

The following is a statement of the persons nominated for election as a Parish Councillor for

#### Cogenhoe - Cogenhoe ward

Name of Candidate	Home Address	Description (if any)	Name of Proposer (*), Secondar (**)	Reason why no longer nominated*
ANDREWS Martin James	(address in West Northamptonshire Council)		Moyes Natalie * Andrews Siân **	
BAILEY Jonathan Charles	31 Church Street, Cogenhoe, Northamptonshire, NN7 1LS		Bailey Teresa * Packer Elizabeth **	
BIGGS James Alan	Stonelea Cottage, 24 Whiston Rd, Cogenhoe, NN7 1NL		Biggs Lisa * Brown Roger Reginald **	
BROWN Roger Reginald	21 Church St, Cogenhoe, Northampton, NN7 1LS		Brown Lois Angela * Biggs James Alan **	
CUNNINGTON Jeremy Sebastian	54 Church Street, Cogenhoe, Northants, NN7 1LS		Cunnington Tracey * Biggs James Alan **	
DARBY Tessa Mary	7 Mill Lane, Cogenhoe, NN7 1NA		Cunnington J.S. * Wheeler J. **	
GRUBB Jean	114 Station Road, Cogenhoe, Northampton, NN7 1LU		Packer Elizabeth * Grubb John Anthony **	
PACKER Elizabeth Ann	Terri, 6 Orchard Way, Cogenhoe, Northampton, NN7 1LZ	To improve parishioner's quality of life	Gray June * Boss Barbara Ruth **	
SCOTT Malcolm Edward	12 Whalley Grove, Cogenhoe, Northampton, NN7 1NY		Goddard P * Galacher Z **	
STANTON Albert John	109 Station Road, Cogenhoe, Northants, NN7 1NG		Hollowell Steven * Chadwick Gordon **	

The persons above are validly nominated.

Dated 9 April 2021

Anna Earnshaw  
Returning Officer

## NOTICE OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION

West Northamptonshire Council

### Election of Parish Councillors for

#### Cogenhoe - Whiston ward

on

**Thursday 6 May 2021**

I, Anna Earnshaw, being the Returning Officer at the above election, report that no candidates were nominated for Cogenhoe - Whiston ward.





A new election will be held within 35 days of Thursday 6 May 2021.

Dated Friday 9 April 2021

Anna Earnshaw  
Returning Officer

Please see the next  
2 pages to find out  
more about the  
nominated persons  
Standing for  
election on the 6<sup>th</sup>  
May.

<p><b>Martin Andrews</b></p>		<p>You will have probably seen me around the village carrying one of my two daughters and walking our dog. We've lived in the Cogenhoe for nearly 6 years and thoroughly enjoy the open spaces Cogenhoe has to offer. By my involvement with the PC I hope to help Cogenhoe thrive for all parishioners.</p>	<p><b>Roger Brown</b></p>		<p>I have lived in Cogenhoe for 20 years and been a Councillor for 18. My past involvements were Speed Signs, Pocket Park and gravel extraction. I am the current liaison for gravel and Cogenhoe Mill. I would love to continue helping to make Cogenhoe a great place to live in. Interests : Countryside, tennis, squash, aeromodelling."</p>
<p><b>Jonathan (Jon) Bailey</b></p>		<p>I have been a chairman of the Parish Council for over 7 years and of the Village Hall Committee for over 5 years. If I were to be re-elected then one of my primary aims would be to increase the use of the village hall as a community centre to bring more people together during the day with social and educational events.</p>	<p><b>Jeremy Cunnington</b></p>		<p>I've lived in the village for my whole life and originally joined the parish council in 2015. We have 2 children in the primary school and I've worked with school to understand how the Parish Council can help. I'm one of several people who look after the Pocket Park and have also been working with a group of residents on traffic speeding concerns.</p>
<p><b>James Biggs</b></p>		<p>I have lived in Cogenhoe for 16 years and been a councillor for 12 of them. My aim as your Parish councillor is to maintain the village feel and way of life but be open to new ideas and developments. Also, many of you will know me from working in the Pocket Park keeping it open and easy to use!</p>	<p><b>Tessa Darby</b></p>		<p>I am a great believer in you get out of life what you put into life. Which is why I have put myself up for re-election on the Parish Council. My husband and I work full time and have two teenage children and we all enjoy living in Cogenhoe.</p>

<p><b>Jean Grubb</b></p>		<p>I have lived in Cogenhoe since 1988. My qualifications are for nursing and teaching, consequently my main concerns are health and education issues. I am an active member of St. Peter's Church. As a member of the village hall committee I am keen to improve facilities for all ages.</p>	<p><b>Elizabeth Packer</b></p>		<p>Since moving to Cogenhoe in 1963 I have been involved in many village organisations, including St.Peter's church, the Village Hall and Parish Council, and was awarded a British Empire Medal for service to the community in the Queen's Honours in 2019. If re-elected, I will continue to work to improve the life of our parishioners.</p>
<p><b>Malcolm Scott</b></p>		<p>I joined the council because I wanted to contribute something to the village especially in the planning area. I also wanted a say in the day to day running of the village. I have enjoyed and put a lot of effort into the village and I feel that I would like to do another term before I retire.</p>	<p><b>Albert Stanton</b></p>		<p>I have lived in Cogenhoe for 50 years and have been a Parish Councillor since 2007. Married to Jill with a son, daughter and four grandchildren. I retired from Mercedes Formula One Engine Company in 2005. I am a trustee of the Lowdown, a charity which helps young people. Having always lived in a rural area I am keen to maintain the quality of village life and conserve the surrounding countryside for the enjoyment of the residents of Cogenhoe. My priority is making sure that the precept is spent wisely for the benefit of the local community.</p>