

Cogenhoe & Whiston Chronicle July 2021

Date of next Council meeting –
Village Hall Committee meeting
Wednesday 21st July 2021 – Village Hall
Full Council Meeting
6th September 2021

Village Carnival for the Queen's Platinum
Jubilee June 2022 Committee
Next meeting
Wednesday 28th July 2021, 7.30pm
York Room, Village Hall



For information, the current road closure from Roe Farm out of Cogenhoe towards Grendon is an emergency closure by Anglian Water due to a burst water main, it should be repaired by Wednesday.

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

Pocket Park news....

-Thanks were expressed to Cllrs Biggs, Cunnington and to Sean Foster for their help in erecting the new gate on Short Lane, it is a great improvement. Thanks, were also expressed to a resident who had donated some unwanted sleepers to be used at the park.



If you know of any residents who would like to receive this publication straight to their inbox please ask them to contact the clerk at
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Cllr Cunnington reported that the speed data collection device had been located on York Avenue near the school for 2 weeks (one half term and one in term time). The data collected proved that the majority of cars were abiding by the 30mph speed limit in this area. He also passed on thanks expressed by residents to the Parish Council for their efforts in gathering this data to help address resident's concerns.



Residents are reminded that bicycles should not be ridden on public footpaths. Complaints have been received about cyclists riding on the footpath from The Piece to Church Street, for the safety of others please dismount along footpaths.

Cllr Grubb attended an Anglian Water Odour meeting on the 22nd of June 2021.

She reported;

On 22nd June there was a meeting of the reconvened odour group to discuss recent complaints about unacceptable smells and what is being done about it. The regional Head of Biosystems, the group manager, Environmental Agency officers, assorted Anglian Water staff and me. Over 30 complaints from Cogenhoe, including a few from Ecton, were received since the end of March. Many of these occurred last weekend. (19/20 June).

The problem -

- a) Cakes of waste are stored on the site in 24 bays nearest to Cogenhoe. They do smell, especially when moved, but should be covered up.
- b) The granulator tanks that turn the cakes into fertiliser need urgent repair after discovery of faults linked to gas suppressors. This could take until September to fix them.

How to mitigate problem –

- a) Temporary machinery to be removed by the end of this week.
- b) The cakes are to be covered with heavy duty polythene which will be weighted down. A retaining brick wall will be built.
- c) Liming machines are being installed to treat the cakes.
- d) Some of the stores are being sent to Milton Keynes for treatment.
- e) Lorries of sludge are being instructed not to drive through Cogenhoe.
- f) More perfume sprayers are being installed and will point towards Cogenhoe.

An Environmental Agency Officer is doing a site inspection today and will drive round all the areas that have generated complaint. Anglian Water assured us that things should improve from next week but there could still be some smelly days!

If you experience unpleasant odours, please complain either using the Anglian help desk (03457 145 145) or directly to the Environment Agency (0370 850 6506).

Please also notify the Clerk if you make a complaint so that we can keep a log of complaints.

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Commemorative clock – results from survey

In 2012 at the Picnic in the Park event there was some monies raised as a lasting legacy to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. At a subsequent Annual Parish Meeting it was agreed a clock would be purchased with these monies. It was hoped that this would form part of the development of the old garage but unfortunately the developer was not prepared to incorporate this into his plans. At this year's Parish Meeting it was then agreed to erect it on the Village Hall as an alternative.



Most popular location



Most popular design

An order will now be placed for the clock.

Dog poo!

We receive complaints on a regular basis about dog owner's not clearing up after their dogs both on the streets and on the playing field (someone even let their dog mess on the new cricket wicket and didn't clear it up!). Please be considerate to everyone and clear up after your dog!



Road Closure – Grendon, 29th July – 13th August

Bethmar are intending on installing a new fibre optic broadband service in the area on behalf of Gigaclear. To undertake this safely the road between the Village Hall and C of E Primary School (Main Road) from the 26th July to the 13th August 2021.

The closure and diversion can be viewed here

<https://one.network/?tm=122625200>

West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) Councillor Update for Hackleton & Grange Park Ward

June / July 2021

We're now a few months on from the local elections in May and the inauguration of the new West Northants Council (WNC), and it would be fair to say it's been all go!

Although many recently elected Councillors have been Councillors before, this is a brand new unitary council with a new set up, many new people, new ways of working and new priorities, and so induction sessions between Councillors and WNC teams and individuals have been a priority and a bit like professional 'speed dating' over the last few months, to ensure we build good working relationships quickly.

Steve, Andrew and I are determined that you as our constituents within the Hackleton and Grange Park Ward (H&GP - which incorporates 15 villages within the area), are kept well informed about what's going on in local government and across the area generally, and also, have every opportunity possible to have your say and be involved in shaping the priorities and future of your village, across our Ward and also across West Northants more generally.

There's a lot to update from the first few months but here are a few key items:

- Your Council - all key appointments are now made within the new West Northants Council (WNC) and the required positions from within the elected Councillors have now been appointed, so you have a full team at your service which is very much up and running. Steve, Andrew and I have also been appointed to selected groups and committees that govern key areas of practice and conduct and won't be shy in representing your voice and also holding people and organisations to account where needed. To find out who's who visit www.westnorthants.gov.uk.
- WNC Corporate Plan – this really is worth a read as the new Corporate Plan sets out the vision for West Northants over the next four years, including key priorities and ambitions so that all residents, businesses and partners are clear on the commitments the organisation is making to them and to the area. It covers six core themes and will be a 'living document', to be reviewed and adapted as new opportunities and challenges emerge for our Council in the years ahead. You can read /download it at www.westnorthants.gov.uk/your-council/corporate-plan.

- Consultation and Engagement - it's so important to us that residents, businesses and all stakeholders can have their say on how we develop and deliver our services and, can inform and influence our decision-making. WNC's Consultation and Engagement team works with staff across the Council on various consultation and engagement activities and each month we will receive an update and notification on work taking place and when a new consultation opens (Council's Consultation Hub). We'll keep you informed of any significant consultations that may be of interest to you to participate in and ensure your voice is heard, however you can also find out more at www.westnorthants.gov.uk/councillors-and-democracy/current-consultations
- **Litter** – we're delighted to be engaging with Womble groups across the Ward. Everyone involved is doing an extraordinary job with volunteers, and the goodwill and community spirit is to be applauded. We need to look further at how to address and support this issue better within the WNC environmental strategy.
- **Fly Tipping** - inexcusable, illegal and a criminal offence. Pallets, tyres, recyclables, cans, bottles (some with dubious content!), household electronics, household furniture, garden waste, building waste, vehicle parts, hazardous waste inc chemicals, asbestos etc... It's not only an eyesore but a public health risk. It also costs local taxpayers almost £50 million a year to clear up, which could be better spent on other vital services in our communities. We as your Councillors, will continue to support initiatives to tackle this, but would also welcome your thoughts about possible solutions as we work together to try and deter and penalise people from spoiling our local environment and wasting your money with the clean up of fly tipping.
- Highways – we're aware of numerous issues raised across the Ward by residents about the quality of some parts of our roads, pavements, footpaths and byways. Road infrastructure and improvements is a key priority for WNC and as a first step, we encourage you to report these on fixmystreet.com which can be reached directly at that URL or via the WNC website. We review and monitor fixmystreet.co.uk for matters within our Ward, to keep abreast of local highways concerns and will step in to support where needed.

- **Crime** – we all want to feel safe in our own homes and local areas and tackling crime is fundamental to that. Our Northants Police force is working hard to recruit more officers and develop initiatives to tackle traditional but also more modern crimes to ensure that criminals are not just brought to justice, but also that we try and prevent crime in the first place!
 - **Neighbourhood Policing** - in line with the new electoral Ward areas introduced with the formation of WNC, there is a renewed focus on neighbourhood policing with those areas. We've reached our new Neighbourhood Policing Officer for our H&GP Ward and will meeting with him in the coming weeks to identify priorities to address and then work collaboratively with our Officer and other organisations and community groups to ensure our area is tackling crime together.
 - **"It's probably nothing, but..."** - Northants Police have launched a new campaign to encourage the public to have their eyes and ears open to take action if they suspect somebody may be being exploited with modern slavery. Sadly it is happening all around us, but often goes unnoticed, with ordinary people being exploited by others for personal or commercial gain. Please visit www.northantspolice/modernslavery to find out more or report something you may suspect.
 - **Have your say: police survey** - to help the police tackle crime and disorder in your neighbourhood, we want to know what matters most to you in the area where you live and work. You can help shape local priorities by answering a few questions about your local area at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NorthantsLocalPriorities.

Children, Families and Education

- Domestic Abuse has risen consistently by 10 per cent over the last 12 months, as reported by Northamptonshire Police. In around 25 per cent of cases children are present. Led by the Police, multi-agency teams are dedicated to identifying those cases to mitigate the impact on children.
- Mental Health Support Teams are due to be launched in Northants schools in September 2021. This gives children access to access early, evidenced-based support for mild to moderate mental health difficulties which aims increase wellbeing to reduce interruption to their learning.
- Neglect of children has been found in 25 per cent of assessments undertaken by social care in a study by the University of Northampton. Neglect has also become a more prominent feature of Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews. They Neglect Strategy is being reviewed with the aim of strengthening the multi-agency work in this area.

- The Plan a Safe Sleep Every Sleep campaign was launched in December 2020 to combat and national and local rise infant deaths associate with co-sleeping. One Facebook message reached 180,000 people.
- **Local Bus Services** – many of you will have felt the effects of the reduction to local bus services over recent times, particularly those within more rural areas of which, which of course is a strong feature with our local area. In March 2021 the government published Bus Back Better, the National Bus Strategy for England, which is backed by £3 billion of funding to transform bus services. The strategy encourages councils to form enhanced partnerships with bus operators to deliver improvements for passengers such as improved timetables and multi-operator ticketing. The timescales are for the council to commit to form an enhanced partnership by 30 June, publish a bus service improvement plan in October 2021 and have the enhanced partnership in place by April 2022. In the short term, Government must retain its emergency financial support for public transport networks, so that rural bus and rail routes survive and remain in place whilst passenger confidence remains low. We will be working to ensure that the WNC Bus Strategy has objectives for rural provision, with options to better serve rural communities and their economic needs on a more sustainable basis. *A fair share of the extra resources must reach rural areas to improve existing routes, restore valued lost routes and establish new ones where aps exist. This is also where community transport initiatives may help supplement the service provision.*
- **Northampton Museum and Art Gallery** - will reopen to the public on Saturday 10 July at 10 am, following an extensive £6.7 million expansion and redevelopment programme, which began in 2017. The museum in Guildhall Road, **which will be open from 10 am – 5 pm Tuesday through to Saturday and from 12 -5 pm on Sundays**, has more than doubled in size, with the addition of a nine-metre-high glazed atrium extension linking the original building to brand new galleries and activity space. The spectacular atrium includes a café and spacious outdoor terrace, which sits above the new Shoe Gallery, showcasing Northampton's internationally important shoe collection and the town's shoemaking heritage.
- **Plant a tree for the Queen's Jubilee** - schools, parishes, community groups, youth and sports clubs across West Northamptonshire are being encouraged to join in a national tree-planting campaign, The [Queen's Green Canopy Initiative](http://www.queensgreencanopyinitiative.org.uk), to mark and celebrate The Queen's forthcoming Platinum Jubilee of her 70 years on the throne in 2022. You can apply for free saplings from The Woodland Trust, for planting from October to March. Across 2021 and 2022 they have over three million saplings in tree packs, available for free on a first come first served basis. Find out more and apply by visiting www.woodlandtrust.org.uk.

- Does someone in your community deserve the highest honours? – many of you and members of your communities may deserve the highest honours in the country, in recognition for an amazing contribution to society. The Queen’s Birthday Honours for 2022 is now open. Honours are a great way to recognise the achievements of those who have gone above and beyond in their role, and have made a significant impact on their community, organisation or the country. The deadline is Wednesday 1 September 2021. Find out more at www.local.gov.uk/queens-birthday-2022-honours.

And last but certainly not least...

To ensure we are updating, and canvassing views, about the things that are most important to you, we very much welcome your feedback about our updates and work we are undertaking in general. Please also do get in touch if there is a matter you believe we can support you with.

With warm wishes

Cllr Fiona Cole

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