

Cogenhoe & Whiston Chronicle June 2021

Date of next Council meeting –
Village Hall Committee meeting
Monday 5th June 2021 – Village Hall
Wednesday 21st July 2021 – Village Hall

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Volunteers needed to organise
Village Carnival for the Queen's Platinum
Jubilee June 2022

If you would like to get involved in this
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Update on the Village hall

The majority of the work has now been finished with just a few snagging jobs to be completed. The new layout seems to be working well now that we have ironed out a few teething problems! Renovation of the old kitchen has now begun with the Village Hall committee having accepted a quote for the work. Plans are being developed for a café facility in the York Room Wednesday – Sunday which will be a great facility for the village, we hope that in the next few months when you are watching the cricket or your children play you will be able to purchase a coffee to enjoy (I am sure there will also be cake available!).





-The new speed data collecting device had produced the following records.

Vehicle speed was measured along Station Road near the junction with Glebe Road moving west.

There were 17,675 vehicles recorded over a 2-week period.

The 85th percentile was 33.2mph.

1,179 vehicles (6.7%) were moving at or above 40mph.

Whiston Road

There were 5,703 vehicles recorded over a 1-week period.

The 85th percentile was 34.9mph.

810 vehicles (14.2%) were moving at or above 40mph.

This data will now be sent to the Police for comment. The machine has now been moved to York Avenue as this had been identified as an area of concern by residents.

Cllr Andrew Grant, one of the three unitary councillors for the Brafield & Yardley ward attended the meeting held on the 7th June. He introduced himself and explained his experience of being a South Northants district councillor and the County Councillor for Brackley & surrounding villages. He also served for 4 years in Children's services & Education at Northamptonshire County Council. He knows our previous district & county councillors well and has been well-briefed by them. He explained that one of his proudest initiatives was the introduction of the blue bins in South Northants. He felt that one of the biggest challenges for the new unitary authority was going to be the 5-year land supply and the effect this will have on planning policy. He reassured the council that as Stephen Clarke (Brafield & Yardley ward) was serving on the new SNC planning committee (who would deal with all applications with less than 200 dwellings) this should help protect the rural villages. Question was asked about paying for green waste collection and he assured the council that there were no current plans to charge for it, even though Daventry district who are now part of the West Northamptonshire Council area does.

Our thanks to Terry Coles who has agreed to continue as the Parish Path Warden. I am sure we would all agree Terry does a great job of informally keeping an eye on the local rights of way network. The information provided is invaluable and lets Highways know about any problems such as missing fingerposts / waymarks, paths obstructed by fallen trees, crops or difficult to use gates and stiles. The Parish Path warden has also been able to point Highways in the right direction if they been unsure about who owns a piece of land and have needed to speak to the landowner to talk through a rights of way issue.

If anyone spots any issues with footpaths please [email the clerk](#).

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Following a request from a resident the second swings have been put back (removed as part of covid risk mitigation). They had been removed for the protection of adults standing pushing the swings who would not be able to socially distance and were therefore at risk of transmission. Whilst Government guidance has not been updated it was agreed that as case numbers are now lower, they would be put back, but are used at own risk.



The Parish Council has funded a litter picking kit which contains high-viz jackets, grabbers & bags, this is available for residents to borrow from the Village Hall lobby, if you fancy doing a bit of litter picking in and around the villages. Please ensure all equipment is returned to the box and grabbers are wiped down with the anti-bac wipes in the box.

Cleaner required for the Village Hall

6 hours per week with some evening / early morning requirements but otherwise flexible. Competitive rates & all equipment provided.
Please email clerk@cogenhoeandwhiston-pc.gov.uk or phone 07512 045418 for further details.

Following our request for ideas of what to spend the remaining £4500 of grant money we received for play equipment on, we are obtaining quotes for the various items and then we will ask for your opinion on what we should install. Suggested items included monkey bars, adult/child swing, zip line, exercise equipment, climbing wall, roundabout with seats, somersault bars, agility trail, jumps & ramps for the bunds, some sort of shelter, tree climber, titan climbing frame, bike track for younger children. Unfortunately some of these will be too expensive but will perhaps be something for a future project.



Commemorative clock.

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. The Parish Council would like your opinion on location & style. Please complete the survey which will be open until 30th June 2021.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BJZ57N8>

There is a choice of 2 locations;



Location 1, near the existing floodlight



Location 2, on the brown part of the extension (above the York room roof)

There is a choice of 3 styles all of which would have lettering on them as per the first design;



Option 1



Option 2



Option 3