

# *Cogenhoe & Whiston Chronicle*

## *May 2021*

**Date of next Council meeting –**  
Village Hall Committee meeting  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 – Village Hall  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Village Hall

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

At Monday's council meeting, one nomination for Chairman was received, Cllr Jon Bailey was elected as Chairman for the municipal year 2021/22.

At the Annual Parish meeting some comments were made about hedges / vegetation overhanging footpaths, residents are asked to ensure that footpaths are not restricted by overhanging vegetation.



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/)

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

If you would like to get involved in this  
please [email the clerk](#)

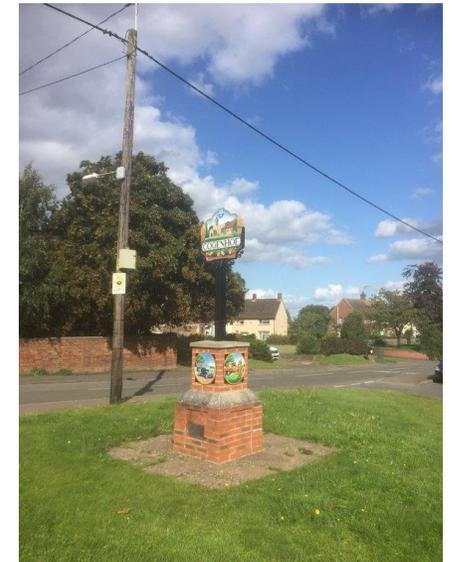


If you know of any residents who would like to receive this publication straight to their inbox please ask them to contact the clerk at  
[clerk@cogenhoeandwhiston-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cogenhoeandwhiston-pc.gov.uk)  
0771 6451294

### Welcome

At the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> May two new councillors were co-opted.

We welcome Maxine Snedker & Gina Goddard both of whom are eligible to stand for co-option.



## Report from the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 via zoom

Cllr Jon Bailey welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Before the meeting commenced a picture was presented to DCllr Steven Hollowell as a thank you to him from the residents of Cogenhoe & Whiston for his service to the villages and to mark his retirement. He was thanked most sincerely by Cllr Bailey.

Reports were given by The Chairman of the Parish Council who also updated on the Village Hall activities, Neighbourhood Watch, St Peter's Church, Cogenhoe Pre-School, the Parish Council Pocket Park working party, Footpath warden. Walking for Health Group, WI, Heritage group, Ladies fellowship & the Cricket Club.

The open forum included discussion about

- Location of commemorative clock

Much discussion took place about location of a clock with possible locations being:

-as part of the Millennium sign (possibly including the village bell). DCllr Hollowell did however confirm that the bell belongs to the school and NCC had worked hard to find it a permanent & safe home there. It was agreed that this was a visible & central location.

-on the Village hall (it was agreed the Village hall was becoming the centre for village activities & events).

Discussion also took place about giving the money to the Church to repair their chimes (although Revd Eddie said this was not appropriate as it was not what the money had been raised for). DCllr Hollowell agreed that the clock had been agreed on at an Annual parish meeting so that purpose needed to be stuck to.

It was agreed that the Clerk would research some options to present to residents.

- How the village should commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022

Discussion took place about a village carnival which was generally well received with residents recalling previous events. It was agreed that the Parish Council would call for volunteers to form a working party.

- How to mark the efforts of local people in fighting the Covid pandemic

Discussion took place about what might be appropriate to acknowledge the efforts of resident's during the pandemic. The idea of trees / village orchard was discussed, this will be researched further.

These action points will all be discussed further at the Parish Council meeting.

The draft minutes can be read here - <https://www.cogenhoeandwhiston-pc.gov.uk/uploads/annual-parish-meeting-minutes-28421-draft.pdf>



The new swings have now been installed in the over 8's area. This was in response to requests for some additional swings, we hope you enjoy them!



The new picnic benches have been installed and are already being used!

## Village Hall & Playing Fields update

-The internal re-development works are virtually finished and if you have children at the pre-school you will have seen inside. The work is a great improvement and provides for much more flexible use of both halls at the same time.

-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 5<sup>th</sup> May the idea of a community café was approved, and spending authorised to upgrade the existing kitchen facilities.

-There is a residual budget of £4500 from the Awards for All Community Fund for the play area. Ideas received for this include Zip line, small skate park, enhancing the bunds, track to ride bikes on for younger children, agility trail, somersault bars, monkey bars, some sort of shelter, adult/child swing, roundabout with seats, climbing wall, larger climbing frame.

Some of these will be too expensive for the remaining budget but once we have some costings we will [resent the options.

We have had reports of dog fouling on the new cricket wicket!! please be considerate to users and clear up after your dog.



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.

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One of the 3 new Hackleten & Brafield ward, West Northamptonshire Council councillor's attended. Cllr Stephen Clarke introduced himself and explained what he hoped to bring to the council going forward. His full report can be read as part of the council minutes. Comment was made by the council that they hoped the new council would not become too 'town' centric and that rural issues would still be represented, Cllr Clarke assured the council that this would not be the case.

His full report can be read in the minutes of the meeting

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

### [West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk)

Following concerns raised by residents about speeding in the village, the council had purchased a data collection device so that speeds could be monitored and then reported to the Safer Roads team if required. Results of this will be published shortly.

