

Parish Council update November 2021

We held our most recent Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 17th November face to face in the village hall. I have to say that the hall looked fabulous having been newly decorated and the floor renovated. Well done Village Hall Committee!

We are sad to say goodbye to Adam Hudson who has decided to step down from the Parish Council after many years' service. This was as chair for a long while and we thank him for all that he has done for the village.

We have been trying to negotiate with the bus company for them to reinstate the informal stop at the Park Farm end of the village which is hugely missed by those living close by. At this time I can report that a formal request has now been made for a stop to be added to the contract. This will take time to be assessed so not a quick fix but at least it will now be looked at. In the meantime, discussions continue with the bus company to reinstate the informal arrangement. Their stance is currently that this is not possible due to insurance issues. The ad hoc arrangement that was in place has stopped. I am hopeful that with the involvement of SCC in trying to get them to re start in the short term we will make some progress.

We also know that some work has been undertaken, by SCC to remedy the drain and flooding issues in the Birds Croft area/Troston Road area. As and when we have any significant rainfall please ensure you post any remaining concerns onto the SCC website reporting flooding issues and drain problems that become evident.

We have started to discuss the Parish Council budget for 2022/23 and recognise the need to plan to replace play equipment in the long term and the expense of doing this. The play equipment is safe and well maintained currently but we know that in 10-15 years we will need to replace some or all the items which we know is an expensive program for the Parish Council.

There are regular free community meals available at Honington and Sapiston Village Hall. For more info please refer to the regular notice that goes up in the bus shelter or call 01359 268880 between 9-11am or leave a message for someone to get back to you. All residents in our village are welcome to use these lunch time and evening events. These meals are fully funded by a number of organisations and Council funds. Donations to their village hall fund are welcome.

We have a vacancy for two Parish Councillors, there is a formal notice on the bus stop notice board, and would welcome anyone who may be interested to contact Vicki Gay our Parish Clerk in the first instance for an informal chat. See contact details below.

If you wish to contact the Parish Council over any village matter that you as residents wish to bring to our attention please email Vicki Gay our Clerk on greatlivermerepc@hotmail.com or call 01379 898733.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be on **Wednesday 19th January 2022 at 7pm**. This meeting will take place in the village hall. Members of the public can contact Vicki if they wish to raise any matters or you are welcome to attend on the evening.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year!

Helen Johnston

Chair Parish Council