

The Wavertonian

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Report from the Chairman:

Waverton Parish Council – Annual report 2020/21 from the Chair to Council members.

This last year has been a challenge to us all and to the residents of Waverton and one that I am sure we all hope will not repeat itself. Despite the circumstances imposed on us all by the Pandemic and the consequent Government Guidelines I feel that the Parish Council has continued to operate in a full and productive manner and upheld its key activities very well. We have adapted to remote video meetings which have been used for the monthly meetings and various sub-group activities, networking with other local councils, regular contact with our Cheshire West & Chester Councillor, Mr Stuart Parker, and project interest groups. This has enabled the momentum of the projects associated with road safety and transport initiatives, the finalisation of Phase 3 of the play area with the opening of the BMX pump track, and a project to help rectify flooding on the Playing Field in the extreme weather conditions that we have seen in the last year to move forward successfully. These are just some highlights of what we have been involved with of course. Despite the circumstances and even with limitations of social distancing we have still upheld the various voluntary and practical contributions we help with around Waverton. We have become more connected with other neighbouring Parish activities and increased our representation on shared projects, such as the road safety and transport infrastructure initiatives, and with a group involved with seeking superfast broadband improvements in the semi-rural outlying areas of Chester.

We have successfully met our audit requirements and operated within the constraints of our budget which is the precept amount we receive as part of the Council Tax. We thank our Clerk to the Council Mrs Jill Windsor for providing her help and guidance on all matters and I personally thank all Council Members for their efforts and commitment to our meetings and the individual time they devote to the voluntary work carried out on behalf of the Parish of Waverton.

Let us all hope that we see a progressive return to our pre-pandemic freedoms but keep using the greater skill sets gained through necessity.

The Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II will be celebrated over an extended Bank Holiday weekend (2nd – 5th June) in 2022.

The Parish Council would welcome details of any celebration being planned, or ideas you may have as to the form you think celebrations should take within Waverton.

Please let the Clerk (jill.windsor@btinternet.com) have your thoughts as soon as possible.

WAVERTON VILLAGE FETE – unfortunately, this has been cancelled for 2021 due to the proximity of our Fete date to the possible final lifting of Government restrictions. However, we are raring to go in 2022 and look forward to seeing you all then!

Can you spot the difference?

We received this message from Stephen Parr (Police, Police Community Support Officer (Coach), Chester) recently .



Scam

Spot the Difference?

maybank2u.com is not the same as maybank2u.com

citibank.com is not the same as citibank.com
(the first one is correct, the second one is from hackers)

The "a" in the later url is a cyrillic alphabet.

An average internet user can easily fall for this. Be careful for every mail requiring you to click on a link.

Please Stay Alert

simple you could easily miss it.

Yet another scam to be aware of. So

Progress on A41 speed controls:

David Keane the Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner announced in March that £966k will be made available in 2021/22 for the average speed camera scheme starting south of Waverton to the Sainsbury's roundabout. Sean Traynor on behalf of CWAC Highways confirmed the scheme will be designed and built in this period.

In the recent elections , John Dwyer , who served as the first Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner from 2012 to 2016 was re-elected on 6th May 2021.

Are you sitting comfortably?

The Parish Council has installed a new bench by the Millennium Cross at the junction of Common Lane and Eggbridge Lane.

We are extremely grateful to Councillor Stuart Parker who has funded this project.



Waverton Village Hall now has an up-to-date list of sessions in the Hall – the main change is using the back door to enter the main hall, which has been re-named the Community Hall, and they hope to be welcoming all members of the community along to activities soon.

The Village Hall Committee would love to have a Friday “cuppa and conversation” group aimed at the more senior members of the community; they just need people to plan, set up and run a simple session. Please spread the word, we could all do with a Friday “cuppa” session!!

New play area and BMX track - what is next?

We are delighted with how the new BMX track has been received since opening in October. It's great to see the whole play area zone being enjoyed by Wavertonians and visitors on a regular basis. We have had some great feedback, some of which has been posted on www.wavertonparishcouncil.co.uk . Feel free to let us know what you think, both good and bad!

A further development to update you on, and a request for help:

Drainage - Many will have noticed the huge amount of standing water that "Storm Christoph" left us in January this year. It meant that the BMX track and parts of the Queen's Field were inoperable for several weeks. To tackle this issue the Parish Council has engaged with external drainage contractors to both "rod and clear" the existing field drains and then determine what else we need to prepare us for future bouts of heavy rainfall. A plan has been signed off and works are due to take place very soon to improve drainage in the area of the Queen's Field in and around the BMX track. Our BMX track contractors Clark & Kent have also been supportive in helping us work to a solution.

Look out for the improvements being made and please bear with us whilst the works are being carried out, there may be a short period of time (1-2 weeks) when parts of the Queen's Field are out of use.

Basketball and Netball hoops. Our next stage ("phase 4") play area development will be the installation of hoops for use for basketball and/or netball on the existing "5-a-side" tarmac pitch (situated next to the play area). We need some advice as to what type of equipment will best suit our needs, so please get in touch if you have seen something good elsewhere or can advise on what is required.

Contact us via Jill Windsor, details on the front page.



DO YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF HOURS TO SPARE?

The matter of the continuing upkeep of the Churchyard is ongoing and the Church relies on a small band of volunteers to mow the grass and tend to the general appearance of the Church.

The general tidiness of the Churchyard is much appreciated throughout the Village and is testimony to the hard work of these dedicated volunteers. Inevitably with the passage of time the number of volunteers tends to dwindle and additionally with the incorporation of the new Churchyard there is a considerably larger area to manage. Therefore, the Rector and Parochial Church Council, are keen to encourage others from within the Village to offer their services in the task of maintaining the Churchyard.

If you are able to assist, please discuss the matter in more detail with Andrew Bate (01244 335254) or Peter Williams (01244 332303/e-mail peter.williams2011@gmail.com) and help them to maintain the Churchyard in it's present well-kept appearance.

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