

Our Parish Matters

The newsletter for Cockshutt cum Petton Parish residents

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Welcome

to the second issue of 'Our Parish Matters'. We had a good response to the first issue and we hope to further enlighten residents on the many and varied activities which are taking place in the Parish.

May was a very busy meeting month for the Parish Council - reports and updates are included in this issue. The Council is now currently progressing a number of projects, for example, a dedicated Parish Council notice board located on Church Green Cockshutt (with the kind permission of the Meres and Mosses Housing Association) and the resurfacing of Alley Walk, Crosemere Road and Dommett Walk, Cockshutt churchyard. There is also the acquisition of the plot of land behind Wimbourne Cottages, Cockshutt. Once the transfer has been completed, the Parish Council will initiate, with key community partners, a period of consultation with parishioners about the future use of the land to ensure the land and any facilities are utilised to their maximum potential.

Following on from the Community Testing Event, the Parish Council will be discussing the merits of a Parish Plan for our Parish in its meetings in the autumn. If you would like to know more about Parish Plans visit

http://www.acre.org.uk/communityledplanning_index.html

and let a Councillor know your opinion or come along to a meeting!

John Dickin
Chair, Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council

Traffic Issues - an update

Speed Limit Extensions

Shropshire Council are currently preparing proposals for speed limit extensions at Cockshutt and it will send these out for informal consultation with the Parish Council and other partners hopefully within the next 4 to 6 weeks.

Rural Roads Speed Limit Policy

Shropshire Council has confirmed that the A528 between Cockshutt and Ellesmere is a prioritised route that has been identified for review, however, unfortunately there is no funding available to progress anything this financial year.

Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)

With regard to the Parish Council's request for the installation of a VAS in Cockshutt to reinforce the existing 30mph speed limit, Shropshire Council has confirmed that a suitable location has been identified in the middle of the village and speed readings have been carried out.

The speed readings show that the likely funding arrangement for the VAS would be 50% Shropshire Council/50% Parish Council. The Parish Council will be receiving a letter shortly setting out all this information, including a photograph of the proposed VAS site, for their consideration.

Cockshutt Millennium Hall

The Millennium Hall continues to provide an ideal venue for all types of groups and activities. The Cockshutt Music Festival proved to be a great success with nine bands and musicians providing a fantastic mix of different styles of music. It was a fantastic evening with nearly 200 people attending. Everyone had a great time and our thanks go to 'Jonny' for the huge amount of work he put into organising the bands, the excellent food and promotion of the event. Our thanks also go to Julie and 'Posty' Postans for running and organising our bar. Believe me; they were kept very busy throughout the evening!

By the time this goes to print we will have had our charity 'Southern Belle' Ball with the proceeds going to the Church and the Millennium Hall. I am sure it will have been a great evening and all for a good cause.

We are always looking for different types of events that would be popular. If you feel like getting involved and have ideas that could be staged at the hall then please call me or get in touch with any of our committee members. I can assure you we would be very interested to hear from you. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 8.00pm at the hall and would love to see you.

Finally, it continues to cost a huge amount of money to maintain this great facility in Cockshutt and we really need your support as residents to keep it going. Do try and come to our events. I am sure that if you did you would enjoy yourself and be helping to secure the future of your village hall.

Peter Griffiths – Chairman.

We need your views on childcare!

Under the Childcare Act 2006, Shropshire Council is required to ensure sufficient childcare is available to meet the needs of working parents and those parents returning to work, education or training.

We are currently seeking the views of local people on childcare provision in this area. This will help identify gaps in provision and develop an action plan to close these gaps. A report will be published in March 2011.

This summer a questionnaire is being sent out to a random sample of households with children. Families who receive a questionnaire are being urged to take part in the survey. This will help ensure that the views of all communities are taken into account when shaping the future of childcare in Shropshire.

We will also be attending a variety of events and groups across the county to speak face to face to parents, carers, children, young people, employers, childcare providers and other local representatives – we look forward to hearing your views!

If you do not receive a survey but would like to contribute to the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment, please contact Penny Hall in the Early Years Education and Childcare Team on 01743 254367 or email childcaresufficiency@shropshire.gov.uk

Community Testing Event

This event was held on Thursday 13 May and a number of local residents took part. The purpose of the evening was to create an accurate snapshot of the Parish by working through a document providing existing information about the Parish and 'testing' it by giving personal perspective and knowledge. Feedback has been given to participants together with copies of the colour wheel, both at a table level and combined. A summary of the community benefits charts (the red stickers) has also been provided. Shropshire Council has committed to a follow-up meeting, the date is yet to be arranged.

Planning Consultation

At its meeting on 24 June the Parish Council focused on its response to Shropshire Council's second major Planning Document, Site Allocations and Management Development which, when approved, will guide future development across Shropshire up to 2026.

The Parish Council has submitted its response and understands that follow-up consultation will be carried out during Spring 2011. A copy of the Council's response can be found on its website under the meeting date of 24 June 2010. www.2shrop.net/cockshuttcompettonpc

Parish Council's Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council is likened to its AGM. At this year's meeting held in May Cllr John Dickin was re-elected as Chair of the Council and Cllr Eddie Jones re-elected Vice Chair.

Councillors were also appointed to represent the Council as follows:

Cockshutt Millennium Hall Management Committee - Cllr Helen Eatough
Local Joint Committee - Cllr John Dickin
Emergency Planning Officer - Cllr Allan Biggs
Association of Local Councils - Cllr Gill Webb
Helicopter Noise Liaison Group - No permanent representative was appointed but a Councillor would be nominated when meetings are advised.

The Annual Return to the External Auditors was also completed and signed. This included the following Financial Statement:

Receipts and Payments Account - Year Ended 31 March 2010

Receipts	£
Precept	7,500
Other income	<u>147</u>
Total Receipts	<u>7,647</u>
Payments	
Administration/Audit/Clerk	3,551
Insurance	606
Subscriptions	257
Street Lighting	368
Grounds Maintenance	568
Churchyards	455
VAT	<u>64</u>
Total Payments	<u>5,869</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	1,778

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2010

Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	5,238
Represented by Reserves	
Balance as at 1 April 2009	3,460
Plus excess receipts over payments	<u>1,778</u>
Balance as at 31 March 2010	<u>5,238</u>

The Annual Return also includes £29,960 fixed assets which is the insurance value for the Bus Shelter, 25 Street Lights and Laptop.

Cockshutt Community

Pre-School

Cockshutt Pre-School returns on Tuesday 7th September. The Toddlers Group is a great way to meet new families and for children to socialise. It operates on Tuesdays from 9.30 until 11.30. When your child is two, they are welcome to come to our 'Two's Alone group' which runs every afternoon from 12.30 until 3pm.

Once your child reaches three they move into our morning sessions, they have now learnt how to be part of a social group, they know our expectations and have built up a relationship with adults and peers to be able to move onto the next stage of development.

We offer the fifteen hours of funded sessions which can be taken over five full days, 9-3. We have the added benefit of being able to link with Cockshutt Primary School to offer children aged three years and over a breakfast club and an after school club.

Our motto is taken from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. "Every Child has the Right to be the Best Person they can be". If you have a child under five, please drop in and see us, or call 01939 270816 for more information.

Vivien Holloway Cert EYP (Open)

Dates for Your Diary!

Parish Council meeting dates for the remainder of the year:
Thursday 16 September
Thursday 21 October
Thursday 18 November
Thursday 9 December
Meetings are held in the Millennium Hall, except December which is in the School, and start at 7.30pm.

For full details of all community events and latest village news see www.cockshuttvillage.com. There are links to the School, Pre-School and Parish Council's websites too!

Cockshutt Primary School

Cockshutt School is very proud of its artistic talents and a very successful celebration evening was held recently for parents and members of the community to enjoy some wonderful entertainment. The school has supported the teaching of a variety of musical instrument including; guitar, piano, flute, clarinet, cornet, ukulele and violin. We also have the most amazing choir which includes members of the local community and is one of the best I have heard. Our children are also given many artistic opportunities including working with visiting artists. During the celebration evening their work was on view and could be enjoyed while drinking a glass of wine.

The school has had a very successful sporting year, coming first in the majority of tournaments entered including some which were against the larger schools. We were very proud of this because as a small school we often select all our year 5/6 children and some of the 3/4s too. We think our success is due to the fact that they all get two hours of curriculum PE each week, there is a good variety of after school clubs for them to join and of course we have our fantastic school grounds for the children to run around in.

The school has had some fascinating learning experiences with schools from around the world. The children have written, shared photos and even talked on Skype with other children from Pakistan. Class 4 have been communicating by email and shared web space with children in France and Italy and they have travelled to Ireland on a return visit with friends from Warrington.

On top of all these wonderful opportunities for children to gain a broad education, they have also done very well in the recent SATs results and we continue to be amongst the best achieving Foundation Stage Classes in the County.

Mrs H Dawson
Headteacher BA Hons, NPQH

Wrap-around Child Care during term time

Don't forget that book your Before or After School place with Mrs Williams between 2.30 and 4.30pm on 01939 270 616

Useful Contact Details

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