

Our Parish Matters

The newsletter for Cockshutt cum Petton Parish residents

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Welcome ..

to the July edition of the Parish Council's newsletter.

Can I first thank the councillors who did not stand again in May for their services to the Parish Council and the community: John Dickin, David Carr, Christine Hodnet, Andrew Shakeshaft, and Canice Lawrence. A special thanks to John Dickin who served on the Parish Council a total of 32 years, 16 of those years as Chairman. We welcome new Councillor Julie Dean, and my thanks of course to Linda Baumgartl and Ian Morris for their continued service and support.

I also need to announce that sadly Carole Warner is resigning as Clerk to the Parish Council. Carole has been Clerk for 8 years and she has kept us on the straight and narrow with her astute attention to detail and with her great knowledge of council policies. I am certain that all Councillors, past and present, will join me in saying a big thank you to Carole, and wish her the all the very best for the future.

Are you are interested in becoming a Councillor, helping your local community and influencing the decisions that improve the quality of life in the parish? If so please contact any Councillor. Contact details are included in this newsletter.

This edition has articles of interest to residents including: Community Led Plan, Traffic Calming, and below, the Jubilee Field. If you have any views on these or other issues, please contact your Parish Councillors.

John Cooling
Chair
Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council

Jubilee Field



The Parish Council had to re-submit the planning application earlier this year to ensure drainage issues and the final plan of the field (see left) were agreed by Shropshire Council. Permission was granted by on 30 May.

The Parish Council is now obtaining quotes for all the different elements of the development and working towards completing grant applications.

Planning Permission has stipulated certain conditions including that the car park has to be the first element completed. Full details can be found on the Parish Council's website.

Cockshutt Parish Paths (P3)

Update

The P3 group has been very busy walking the Rights of Way around Cockshutt and Petton to assess their condition and cut back vegetation around stiles and gates so that the footpaths are obvious to see and walk.

We have installed several gates and footbridges in the area with the help of the P3 Co-ordinator from Shropshire Council, in agreement with the respective farmers.

We meet every Wednesday morning and walk for 1 - 2 hours, enjoying a chat and the great outdoors. If you would like to join us on our walks or require any help regarding the Rights of Way in Cockshutt and Petton please contact Janet on 01939 270565 or email: hank@mypostoffice.co.uk

Janet
Cockshutt P3 Co-ordinator

Hankey

Traffic Calming planned for Shrewsbury Road

The Parish Council has raised concerns over many years regarding the speed of traffic through Cockshutt. Shropshire Council agreed to consider the Shrewsbury Road under its Road Safety Policy and in March this year published its recommendations which covered 3 areas:

- * Northern end approach at the existing mini roundabout junction at 'The Meadows'
- * Central section of the village (Cockshutt C of E Primary School, St Simon and St Jude's Church, the Post Office and the Millennium Hall)
- * Southern end A528 approach to the village

The Meadows Junction

Improvements to the mini roundabout in order for it to function more effectively. Improving visibility to the 'mini roundabout' sign, will help southbound drivers identify the junction, giving them time to react and reduce their speed. Illuminating the signs will give them more prominence at night time. Bolt-down traffic islands and domed central disc will encourage better lane discipline and also require drivers to slow down. However, these improvements may have limited impact on driver behaviour.

Central Section of Cockshutt

Improvements are to address the fact that residents have to cross the road to access facilities.

.75m 'Build-outs' with an informal crossing are proposed. The advantages are by narrowing the carriageway width may result in lower vehicle speeds, reduce the effective crossing width to 5.5m and should allow free movement of both lanes and should not disrupt the flow of traffic.

However, 'Build-outs' are a very light touch measure and may not change driver behaviour sufficiently. This solution will require reinstating the adjacent layby for buses, impacting on local residents who use it for parking. Also, in order to implement this option, street lighting may require improvement which would result in increased urbanisation, glare and cost.

An advisory part-time 20mph speed limit is also proposed. New signs may have an impact on driver behaviour and will target drivers during critical periods (i.e. school start and finish times).

Southern end of Cockshutt

Install a 40mph Buffer Zone which introduces a step-down in speed from 60mph to 40mph to 30mph to prepare drivers for the 30mph speed limit.

However, this may have limited impact on traffic speeds. It will bring limited benefit to residents due to the rural nature of this stretch of carriageway. Some hedgerow will be required to be removed in order to install the new signs at the start of the buffer zone and regular maintenance to prevent vegetation overgrowing on the signs in the future.

The total cost of these proposals is estimated at £30,000. Having considered the advantages and disadvantages the Council support the proposals. It is hoped these works will be completed within 2 years.

The Council also requested a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) at the southern end of the village. Shropshire Council has agreed to this request and it is hoped the VAS, paid for by the Parish Council, will be installed this financial year.

The Leaking Tap

Sunday Carvery from 12 until 4pm every week. Ring to book your table. Every Friday night is a steak night from 6pm. 2 for £20. Very popular so please book. Up and coming events. Saturday 19 August. Live band. "The Innocents". Back by popular demand!!

All are welcome
See us on Facebook.

Rob Bramhill

Community Led Planning

Community planning is one of the most important tasks any rural community can undertake. Long before the term 'localism' was adopted by government, rural communities were already taking control and deciding on what was best for them.

Steering Group

Over the last few months the Parish Council has been talking with a number of residents, who came forward after the appeals in the last couple of newsletters, to discuss the merits of producing a Community Plan. These discussions have resulted in 4 residents volunteering to join a Steering Group: Penny Inglis, Philip Longhurst, Ian Webb and Ewan Williamson. Cllr Linda Baumgartl is the representative on the Group from the Parish Council.

The purpose of the Group is to find out from other residents and community members whether a Community Plan would be of benefit to the Parish and if so, what type of plan. Don't be surprised if you are asked your opinion about Community Plans over the summer!

To help you understand what Community Plans are here are some frequently asked questions

What is a community plan?

A community plan sets out how local residents would like to see their local area change in the future. It sets out:

- * a long term vision for the community, developed by the community - describing the sort of place it would wish to be and look like
- * the important issues to tackle, that reflect the needs of that particular community
- * short term goals and actions

Why have a community plan?

Community plans play a crucial role in influencing local councils and service providers. They provide evidence of the type of things that people want in their communities and what they see as important.

Community plans can:

- * bring the community together and generate community spirit and community actions
- * provide clear evidence of community

aspirations and priorities

- * provide a plan for the future that service providers know is based on wide community involvement and can use to shape their services to meet local need
- * help access funding streams for projects - as community plans can provide strong evidence of need to support grant applications.
- * encourage partnership working by highlighting projects that need help from the community itself or from external agencies.

What is involved?

There are several steps to work through to ensure that any plan is based on the needs and views of the future from the whole community. These include:

- * setting up a steering group
- * consulting with the community to get views from as many people as possible
- * identifying priorities
- * developing an action plan that involves the local community and service providers.

Which are the type of plans?

Neighbourhood Plans

Neighbourhood planning, introduced by the Localism Act 2011, is a way for communities to be involved in land-use planning decisions in their area. They enable local communities to have more say in where new houses, businesses, shops and community facilities should go in their local area and will allocate sites for development. They may also include more detailed planning policies for example to define how new development should look.

Village Design Statements

A Village or Town Design Statement (VDS) is a practical tool to help influence decisions on design and development. They provide a clear statement of the character of a particular village or town against which planning applications may be assessed.

Parish Plan

A Parish Plan is an in depth survey of a community undertaken by that community itself for its own benefit, to find out how it wants to see itself develop over a five to ten year timescale. It includes an action plan to make sure that this actually happens.

What do you think? Let a member of the Steering Group know your views!

HALL

COCKSHUTT
MILLENNIUM

Petton with Cockshutt

Horticultural Show

Special events in the future are:

We have purchased a table tennis table (which arrives on 21 June) and we are going to form a table tennis group for adults. If you are interested in joining / playing then please contact Barbara Longhurst (270888)

A longer term date for your diaries is that we have a folk / blues guitarist called Simon Kempston playing in the Millennium Hall on the 30th September. Tickets will be £10 (from Barbara 270888) and will include the usual light snack at the break. Final details will be in the September magazine

Dog Fouling

We are still experiencing a major problem with dog fouling on the football field, its surrounds and near the play area.

If you should see any irresponsible dog fouling happening could you please report it to me on 270888 or to the Dog warden Keith Clorley on 03456789000.

Loft Longhurst

This, our 14th show is on Sunday 3rd September in Cockshutt Millennium Hall.

With all the usual classes for flowers, garden produce, handicrafts, photographs, cookery and age related classes for young people. Entry is eligible to anyone living within 6 miles of Cockshutt.

Schedules are available in Cockshutt PO, and the Leaking Tap. Dykes and Hawkins in Ellesmere, Loppington PO and Kings in Wem or ring 01939 270739.

Entries must be in between 9.0 and 11.00 am, judging will be at 11.30am and the Show opens at 2.30pm, when prizes will be awarded, refreshments available and the auction of produce."



Useful Contact Details

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Millennium Hall

To book the hall:	
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For information about the hall:	
Loft Longhurst	01939 270 888
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How do I report it?

To report problems including:

- Potholes
- Dog Fouling
- Overgrown verges and hedges
- Litter problems and fly tipping
- Dead animal on the road
- Vandalism or anti-social behaviour
- A stray or lost dog
- Low supplies in salt/grit bins

Contact Shropshire Council customer services on 0345 678 9006

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customer.service@shropshire.gov.uk
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