

Planning and Development

There is not a lot of particular note with respect to planning and development although we continue to monitor applications and submit comments where appropriate and to keep an eye on planning issues. All parishioners are encouraged to comment on applications that are of concern to them.

Golf Club

The golf club continues to cut the grass in Fred’s Field, which is greatly appreciated. We continue to monitor golf maintenance work and note that the club is in contact with SODC regarding tree work etc.

Parish infrastructure

We have continued to spend money on keeping the infrastructure of the parish in order. We regularly clear the pavement along the A4130 to Porthill, maintain the bus shelter on the A4130, clear the shrubs at the back of the layby at Porthill and keep Fred’s Field in order.

We are in correspondence with OCC about the possibility of purchasing Fred’s Field. We feel that it would be a good asset for the parish and would do away with the admin requirements of both OCC and the parish council in collecting and paying rent. We are waiting to hear from OCC conclusively on whether this is a possibility or not.

Speeding and traffic noise

We have had the 30mph zone in Nuffield village reduced to a 20mph zone.

Meanwhile, speeding traffic – particularly motorbikes – along the A4130 continues to be an issue. Despite many attempts, we have failed to get the attention of the Police and Crime Commissioner or the local police on the issue. It’s frustrating to have to say (again) that, despite our efforts, and those of other parishes, the problem is not getting any better. The noise on sunny weekend days is extreme and very disturbing for parishioners.

We are, however, looking into the possibility of having a pedestrian crossing across the A4130 in the 40mph zone between the bus stops. Pedestrians need to cross the road, there is no street lighting and, with speeding cars and bikes, crossing the road safely can be difficult. We are seeking support, through a feedback form or petition, to the crossing to add weight to our initiative and requests to OCC.

We have also had requests for a lower speed limit generally along the A4130 which we are passing on to OCC.

Litter Picks

We continue to do our two litter picks per year across the parish. We’re grateful to those who come out to join the councillors to help clear the footpaths and verges.

Website and IT

Annette, our clerk, is working on a program to move our website to a new provider and to give dedicated council email addresses to the councillors. The new website will be improved and easier to manage than the existing one.

Finances

We are managing our finances well and have managed to retain a steady level of reserves by spending only our precept plus any additional funding we get from SODC and OCC from grants. We’re grateful for the grants that enable us to do discrete projects, such as playground improvement, in the parish.

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