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The Wolfords Joint Parish Council February 2024 Newsletter

We held the Parish Council meeting on 30th January in the Wolfords Village Hall. With all Parish Council members present plus District and County Councillors and seven members of the public. It was a lively discussion with points being raised from all present.

The Chair opened the meeting by reporting on the WALC Chairs Briefing, which helps Parish Councils with the rules and regulations. New guidance was given regarding the scope of grant allocations and this was bought straight away into use.

Two Grant Applications were approved. One made to Wolford Parochial Church for Churchyard maintenance, the other to The Wolfords Village Hall for a replacement fire alarm panel.

From the grants given a discussion was started from an observation given to the Chair. Should TWJPC do as other Parish Councils, who allow in the Precept for funding of the village hall? This would be factored into the 2024-2025 Budget and Precept. Interestingly the DC and CC present both advised that this was common practice in other Parishes. **It would be good to know your thoughts on this suggestion, please email Elizabeth Gilkes clerk@thewolfordsjpc.co.uk**

There were no new **Planning Applications** to consider. But the new owners of the Four Shires Farm Site attended the meeting to seek support for their revised application. While the site is in the Little Compton Parish it was agreed that it had a more direct impact on the Wolfords.

Finally regarding planning it was highlighted that all Planning Applications are considered against the approved Dark Sky Policy. It is appreciated when residents take light pollution into account when installing exterior lighting schemes. Is it not lovely to be able to see the stars at night? One thinks so.



Well done to Councillor Lynn Mathias whose continued determination has resulted in a site meeting with WCC Highways Department to improve the parking at Ingram Close, hopefully this matter will now be action and additional parking made available.

Other matters that a little progress was reported on, the WCC Highways will be installing a French drain to try to remedy the on going Little Wolford water leak. The WCC Highways are also going to visit the flooding situation in Rosary Lane, during a period of excessive rainfall!

WCC have also been asked to rectify the incorrectly installed speed awareness signs.....

Date for the **Parish Spring Clean – Saturday 16th March 10.30am** Great Wolford meet outside the Church, Little Wolford at the Wolfords Village Hall. If you are able to assist please contact Simon Lewis-Beeching for Little Wolford (simon.lewis-beeching@thewolfordsjpc.co.uk) and Marie Crossland for Great Wolford (marie.crossland@thewolfordsjpc.co.uk). All volunteers will be rewarded with refreshments at The Wolfords Village Hall afterwards



Reducing the Risk this is the proposed change to the Fire Service provision in Warwickshire. There is a consultation session on 5th March at The Townsend Hall Shipston from 6.30-8pm Please do have your say on this matter at ask.warwickshire.gov.uk

Communications

Looking forward the options of how best to share information with all residents was discussed. It was agreed that to include everyone we need to encompass various media options.

The email list, how you receive this Newsletter
The Link Magazine

It was recommended by the Clerk, DC and CC that other villages find a Facebook Group very effective. We will be looking into this and would like your thoughts on this idea please to **Elizabeth Gilkes** clerk@thewolfordsjpc.co.uk



Full Fibre Wifi Installation

A resident has kindly highlighted fact that those signed up need to expedite the changeover with their preferred supplier asap as the vouchers are about to expire, as per notification:

This is a notification regarding the UK Gigabit Voucher that was issued to your supplier after your authorisation 11 months ago to help fund a faster broadband service to your address. We would like to inform you that your voucher will expire 12 months after the date of issue, meaning your supplier has one month (four weeks) left to complete your installation. Your supplier knew delivery was required to be completed in this timeframe when the voucher was issued. We have also written to Openreach today to remind them that your installation needs to be completed within four weeks to avoid cancellation of the voucher.

Thanks again to everyone for all the work done on behalf of the Villages,

Please do come along to our next Parish Council Meeting 26th March 2024 at The Wolfords Village Hall

Best wishes

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New to Wolfords Village Hall Pilates with Body Control Instructor, all levels welcome. Every Tuesday at 9am, please bring your own mat. To book contact Stephen by text on 07734083257