

# KINGS CLIPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL



The Royal Heart of Ancient Sherwood

## Autumn News Letter Oct/Nov 2018

Hello to all our parishioners. Time for a newsletter for those that cannot make it to Parish Meetings.

The Parish Council are pleased to report that the 'Precept' (The small amount of your council tax allocated to Parish Business) remains the same as last year. If your council tax went up please be aware that we did not apply for any increase. Nor did we receive any extra funding from N.S.D.C.

The Council would like to thank all those volunteers that turned out and planted 650 mainly Daffodil (some Tulip and Crocus) bulbs in the hedgerows and open spaces in the village. These have provided a welcome splash of spring colour and we hope they will spread over the years to come. Many parishioners help keep the place looking nice by tending the verges etc. We wholeheartedly support this but hope they will be aware of the need to consider the spring bulbs as well. Remember the leaves left after the flowering are what feeds the bulbs for next year. We are in the process of purchasing another supply of bulbs to further improve the display, to be planted this winter, volunteers welcome.

The Playing field on Squires Lane is now ours, i.e. owned by the Parish Council. We welcome contact from any parishioners who may wish to use the field for an event, at long last we are now in control.

In response to the overwhelming request for a village hall/meeting place as established from the Neighbourhood Plan consultations. We would welcome any suggestions on this matter. Present feeling is that an add on to the existing wooden building as an upgrade to provide Toilets, Storage and a Kitchen, and make the existing space suitable for such things as Parish Meetings is the way to go. There are grants available for such projects and we are exploring if any of these can be applied for.

We have it on good authority that the 'Dog and Duck' is well on the way to re-opening. It has taken so long because of the structural work needed to put it back into safe condition. The new landlords are local people with a vision of turning it into a superb hostelry and as such we support their endeavours.

Fly Tipping and Litter. We are regularly reporting 'Fly Tipping' and of particular concern is the amount continually appearing on the Bridleway from the 'Dog and Duck' to Baulker Lane, especially where it is accessible by vehicles. To this end we have successfully lobbied for a barrier at the Baulker Lane end and this is now in place.

Gorsethorpe Lane. After continual pressure from the Parish Council we are informed by the relevant authority that they have accepted our representations and that the lane is to become a 50 mph road. Further, the 30 mph signs are to be moved further up Gorsethorpe Lane as you approach the village from Warsop Windmill. It is hoped that these changes will be implemented in the near future. We also welcome the '30 for a reason' signs that have been displayed.

The neighbourhood plan has now been submitted to N.S.D.C. and we await the response from the Examiner. If all goes well we will be proceeding to the Referendum.

It's that time of year again when we need to organise a Christmas Tree for the entrances to the village. We are hopeful that 'Forest Holdings' will donate a tree and awaiting a decision on this.

A number of Parishioners have reported occasional 'sewerage' type smell between Sherwood Pines and the Dog and Duck. This has been reported and is being investigated by the authorities. In order to assist in this they have asked that anyone who notices a further occurrence to take note of the date and time and pass it onto N.S.D.C. Environmental Health 01636 650000 or to a parish councillor who will forward it on.

Parish Website. We are intent on improving both the content and usability of the Parish Web Site, to be found at <http://www.kingsclipstone.co.uk/>

We welcome suggestions as to what you would like us put on it. Please send your ideas in an informal way to the Parish Clerk via the link on the Parish Web site.

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