

# NEWSLETTER

## Swinford Parish Council

### June 2017

#### PARISH COUNCIL CHANGES

Last month, the Parish Council welcomed a new Parish Clerk, Katherine Clarke. Katherine lives in Fir Tree Lane in the village and is also Clerk to two other local councils. Contact details for Katherine can be found below.

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The Parish Council are also pleased to announce that on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Graham Mold was co-opted to the Council, filling the casual vacancy. All Parish Council vacancies are now filled.

The Parish Council are very much looking forward to working with Katherine and Graham.

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Following the publication of the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan, NPAC have been busy reviewing comments made by statutory respondents and parishioners. Thank you to all those who have fed back their views. We will publish a detailed response to all points raised on our website in the very near future.

We are pleased to tell you that a further three potential development sites have now been put forward by landowners. These new sites add to the six that had previously been identified and are on Kilworth Road, Shawell Lane and Rugby Road. These new sites have been independently assessed and have provided us with greater options to be able to closer match future housing development with what parishioners said that they wanted.

Harborough District Council will shortly announce final housing targets for the village, and we will then further update the plan.

**We intend to present the revised housing section of the Neighbourhood Plan at a consultation event to be held in the village hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 at 7.30pm.**

At their next meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 the Parish Council will consider whether there is a need for further Regulation 14 Statutory Consultation in the light of the substantial modifications made to the policy.

NPAC received a letter from 61 parishioners regarding the Plan and we have published the letter together with a detailed response on the Parish Council website (see link details below).

All information relating to the Neighbourhood Plan can be found on the Parish Council website:

[www.swinfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan1](http://www.swinfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan1)

#### EIGHT PARISHES CIC GRANTS 2017 (Windfarm)

The following grants have been awarded:

<b>Swinford C of E Primary School</b>	
<i>Audio equipment</i>	<b>£2,500</b>
<b>Rowland United CC with Swinford Chequers FC</b>	
<i>Running costs</i>	<b>£1,500</b>
<b>Swinford Parish Council</b>	
<i>Neighbourhood Plan</i>	<b>£1,500</b>
<b>Swinford 2000</b>	
<i>Community bus running costs</i>	<b>£1,200</b>

Once payment of the grants listed above has been made the balance remaining in the fund is £9,853.

Swinford Operatic and Drama Society (SODs) have submitted an application for £6,336 to purchase new staging. The application includes a VAT element of £1,056 which SODs are unable to reclaim as they are not VAT registered. At the June meeting the Parish Council will make a decision on the application regarding legally reclaiming the VAT. The purpose of the fund is to benefit the whole community; the distribution of funds should be made as effectively as possible to ensure the maximum amount of money is available for all applications.

### VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS

We are pleased to report that the new posts are now in place. We have been assured by Leicestershire County Council that the new signs will be in place and operational by the middle of June.

This has been a very long drawn-out process which we hope will be concluded shortly with active speed signs at either end of the village.

### STREET LIGHTING

A new street light has been ordered to replace the unit that was broken on Rugby Road during 'Storm Doris'.

The Parish Council is still considering the issue of further street lighting on Rugby Road.

### CEMETERY

The Parish Council are currently putting together a maintenance plan for the cemetery. This work will then be put out to tender. Thank you to volunteers Pam Dayton and John Scotchbrook who are keeping an eye on the cemetery on a day-to-day basis.

The Parish Clerk is negotiation with Leicestershire County Council Highways to get the vehicle access properly completed. At present the entrance is not open for vehicles, this will hopefully be resolved soon.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

The next two meeting dates (**June and July**) have had to be moved due to councillor holidays and Neighbourhood Plan work.

The **June** meeting will now be on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017** and the **July** meeting will now be on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017**. Both meetings will be held in Swinford Village Hall at **7.30pm**.

There is no meeting planned in **August 2017**, thereafter, meeting dates will revert to the first Tuesday of the month.

### PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Parish Clerk is in the process of updating the website. The website is a valuable resource for the community and is constantly evolving. If you have any community information such as event details or news items, you would like included on the site please contact the Parish Clerk using the details at the bottom of this newsletter.

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### FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

June 2017 Parish Council Meeting 21.06.17

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Event 22.06.17

July 2017 Parish Council Meeting 11.07.17

All meetings listed above will be held in the village hall and will commence at 7.30pm.