



Hucclecote Parish Council Headlines



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The next on-line newsletter will be available in July.



Report from Chairman

Welcome to new residents in Hucclecote Parish, I trust you will enjoy living in our lovely environment.

The plans for the extensions to the Hall are coming along swiftly, we have successfully managed to raise funds. We are excited by this project and it will improve facilities for the benefit of all. In order to help raise further funds, the Council agreed to increase the precept (the part of the Council Tax that gets paid directly to the Parish Council) by £2.59 per year for a Band D property.

Maggie Dillon



Improvements to Pineholt Village Hall

We are hoping to begin the improvements to Pineholt Village Hall in May 2017. The facility will be out of action for around four months while the building work is undertaken.

During this time the Parish Clerk's office will temporarily be based at the Hucclecote Community Centre, and will be open Monday – Thursday 9 -12. The temporary telephone number will be 07716122319, please do not call the Hucclecote Community Centre as they will not be able to transfer calls or take messages. The email address remains the same hucclecotepc@supanet.com We are grateful to the regular hirers of the hall who also have to move to temporary alternative accommodation while the building work is undertaken. Please contact your group direct for further information.

By early September the project should be complete and the much improved Hall will be ready to use again. Regular updates will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

The changes involve a range of improvements, extensions and new features. These include:-

- A new Community Information Hub, with free online facilities and lots of local information available about events, courses and other local activities. We hope the Hub will act a little like an informal Citizens Advice Bureau.
- New toilet facilities that will enable hirers to use our upstairs room and the main hall at the same time (at present you can't get to the toilets without going through the hall). This means we'll have two rooms for community use instead of one.
- We will be building a large storeroom, so that our current one can be converted to create a third community space. The new store room will have direct access to the main hall and be much bigger, so that our regular users (like a local brass band and a children's group) can quickly and safely store their equipment.
- We will also be providing disabled-friendly automatic doors to the main entrance and fitting a hearing induction loop. The Parish Council has managed to secure financial support from Tewkesbury Borough's Community Grants scheme, the Summerfield Trust and the Langtree Trust and we are hopeful that we will get additional support from one or two other funders too. The Parish Council has also been saving towards the cost and has allocated £52,000 towards the total.

Come September we may be seeking additional staff to support the new facilities, further details will be posted on our website and Facebook page nearer the time. The Hall is booked for 'one off' events at weekends and, at present, we rely on one of our Parish Councillors volunteering to open and close the Hall. This isn't ideal, as our Councillors often have other commitments and, from time to time, none of them are available.

We are therefore appealing for someone to be our regular Caretaker. We envisage offering a modest fee every time the Hall needs to be opened/closed, so it could generate a useful income for someone who would like to help the local community.

Presently we need someone to open/close the Hall about twice a month, but this could increase in the future. It's simple to do – you just need to be present at the appointed time to unlock the Hall, and then return at the agreed closing time to lock it up again. Ideally you'll also be willing to occasionally help with setting up the Hall – for example arranging chairs or tables and a spot of clearing up at the end ready for the next hirer.

We recognise that on occasions you too may have other commitments, and you might not always be available to open/close the Hall – in these situations we can call upon one of the Councillors to cover for you.

If you're interested please call our Parish Clerk on 01452 612485 and she can explain the role in more detail.



New website and Facebook page up and running

If you haven't already spotted it our new website is definitely worth a look as it contains masses of useful information – everything from the local weather to traffic news, and suggestions for a range of local walks. It also has the most up to date parish news and details of forthcoming events, council meetings, and links to recent planning applications etc.

You can access the site here – www.hucclecotepc.gov.uk In addition we also launched a dedicated Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/hucclecotepc/> This already has hundreds of 'Likes' and is a great way of keeping up to date with what's happening in the parish.



Coopers Edge Report Good News and Bad News

First the good news, a number of the street lights have now been repaired although not all. If any street lights are not working close to your property please report this to the parish council.

Grass cutting and maintenance along Wotton Brook has commenced already which bodes well for the coming season, however there is a noticeable increase in dog fouling on pavements and grass verges. We are very aware of recent comments on social media of people having to clean up outside their own properties due to inconsiderate dog owners. We would recommend that you report incidents of dog fouling to Tewkesbury Borough Council on their web site at www.tewkesbury.gov.uk

Some of the vandalism in the skate park has been repaired and CCTV cameras have been installed. This is a final measure the Consortium are prepared to take as costs in repairs have escalated. In the event of further vandalism the skate park will be closed and equipment removed. I'm sure everyone would be very sad to lose such a lovely community resource because of a few individuals. In general there have been a number of instances recently of vandalism, theft and burglary on Coopers Edge which the parish council have raised concerns about with the police. If anyone sees any vandalism or anti-social behaviour taking place please report it to the Police immediately by ringing 999 or 101. The Parish Council noticeboard has been damaged beyond repair and will need to be replaced; these acts are unnecessary and could result in a loss of amenity for the whole community. Many residents have raised concerns about the amount of litter in the skate park and along Lobleys Drive. The Parish Council has requested more litter bins be installed particularly at the top end of the skate park nearest to M5.

It is hoped a litter pick organised by Coopers Edge Trust may take place in the near future. We also do an annual litter pick with the local Scouts.

Please help us to keep Coopers Edge clean and tidy and a pleasant area to live in.



Borough report

The Joint Core Strategy (JCS) plan has now been put before all three Councils and agreed in principle. The Inspector has included the Twigworth site in the plan and has stated that without this the Plan would not be 'sound' and pass inspection. There will be a consultation on this and then the Inspector, hopefully, will give her final ruling in the summer. The consultation document and supporting information is available to view and download on the JCS website at www.gct-jcs.org/ Tewkesbury Borough has now appointed a new Deputy Chief Executive – Rob Weaver. He has some very good ideas for how the Borough can improve and help residents. This should prove very interesting over the coming months.

If you have any issues or concerns regarding anything to do with Tewkesbury Borough or anything else which I may be able to help with, please do not hesitate to contact me either by email or phone. I will try my best to do all I can to help.

My contact details are: Tel: 01452 859388 or

email:gillblackwell6@hotmail.com.

Gill Blackwell

Ward Member for Hucclecote



Highways Update

M5 - We were delighted to learn that work to lay a new, low noise surface on key sections of the motorway between Junctions 11A and 12 was to be undertaken between 6th February and 31 March.

Residents may be aware that the work has started, and is being undertaken between 8pm and 5am/6am. We appreciate this may cause some short term disturbance, but feel the long term gain should be worth it!

With fellow councillors from Upton St Leonards and Gloucester City, we are continuing to press for more substantial noise barriers to further reduce the noise pollution.

Several of your councillors visited the works at the invitation of Highways England and their contractors, Skanska. We were impressed by the sophistication and professionalism of the process and workers involved.

By pass closure - Both carriageways of the road that runs between the Zoon's Court roundabout and the Gloucester Business Park traffic lights will be closed for much needed resurfacing, between 3 April and 13 April. A diversionary route using the A417, B4641, and Delta Way will be put in place. We will post more information, including maps of the alternative route on our website, as soon as we receive them.



Pineholt Bowls Club, Bird Rd. Hucclecote

We are an active club with members of various ages and we would welcome anyone wishing to try the game of Outdoor Bowls. We have various sizes of spare sets of bowls and we can give some instruction of how to play the game. We will be having an 'open night' on 9th June at 6 p.m. Please see our website for further details at www.pineholtbowlsclub.btck.co.uk/ We have a super club house and we arrange social events during the Autumn/Winter.



Play area – Bird Road

If you are visiting the play area during the building works, please take extra care as vehicles will be constantly entering and exiting the car park. The village hall will be fenced off and therefore, for Health and Safety reasons, we request the area not be entered.

Other matters

Footpaths – Residents are reminded that any shrubs overhanging a public footpath should be cut back to the boundary, leaving the footpath clear.

Parking – The parking restrictions are enforced by the County Council officers, you can contact the parking enforcement team on 01452 425610 or email parking@gloucestershire.gov.uk

To contact the Parish Council:

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