

The Gaydon Neighbourhood plan is being developed. This will include the history of the village and look at the best ways to protect and maintain the village. An example of this could be an extension to the green belt areas.

Cllr D. Price – Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Price started the process for a neighbourhood plan for Gaydon over a year ago after joining the Parish Council. This work will continue to be part of the activities of the Parish council in the coming year. Cllr Price reminded those present that the village flooded for the first time in 2007 and the village has a lot of clay soil. With the potential increase in building / development in and around the village there could be an impact on the risk of flooding in the future.

5. REPORTS OF COUNTY COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Chris Mills was present and provided a report on the previous year and work undertaken by Warwickshire County Council. This included:

- There has been increased financial challenge on the council due to the impact of Covid
- The greatest spend is on adult social care
- The council tax was not increased by the full amount
- Support is available for anyone who is struggling with the cost of living crisis.

6. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF PARISH ORGANISATIONS

Jeff Coope and Andrea Bruneau – Gaydon Motor Museum

There have been hard years during the Covid pandemic, however there has been a 19% increase in visitors over the past 12 months. A variety of activities have taken place such as warm hubs which have been well received and visits to dementia cafes and care homes with car memorabilia. Gaydon is the focal point for automotive history.

There are a variety of events scheduled in 2023 – agreed to publish these in the parish magazine.

Following the event on Sunday 2nd April 2023, it was acknowledged that the event was noisier than had been realised, with the demographic attracted to the event liable to some inadvisable driving and the museum do want to be mindful of their neighbours. Talks with the event organisers are currently on going to look at what can be done to reduce the impact on the village.

Village Shop

This is not for profit and run by volunteers and a committee. The shop is doing fabulously and has a secure financial future. However with 3 committee members leaving, there needs to be a minimum of 4 on the management committee, volunteers are needed to keep the shop open, which it would not be able to do unless the committee is quorate. There will be an AGM in June where members of the community are asked to come forward to help.

Sue Middleditch- Representative of Village Hall

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The village hall is back to normal after Covid. There are 3 new committee members. Ian Helps, who is standing down from this committee, was thanked for his contribution.

Julie Rickman – Parish Magazine

Please use the resource which is available to publicise events and keep villagers up to date with what's happening as not everyone uses social media. Every household in the village receives a monthly copy.

Allotments

All the plots are currently taken so there is a waiting list. The allotments are a micro community who look to share the produce grown.

Cllr J. Davies – Church

From 21st May 2023 the church will be without a vicar so will be in interregnum. Following a survey, the church has been deemed unsafe and without the ability to be maintained. The church will close but the date is unknown and the church will be fenced round at some point.

Geoff Smith – Speed Watch

The Speed Watch Group continues to operate in the village with the criteria to work within changing. The Group meets regularly each month and anyone wishing to join is advised to contact Cllr Claxton.

Debbie Price – Millennium Group

The Group is run by volunteers and organises social events in the village, typically 3 or 4 per year, for everyone to join in and be part of. From Apple day in October, to Souper Saturdays with soup and games and the upcoming Coronation, everyone is welcome.

Sunday 7th May is the Big Lunch at the village hall, bring a plate of food along to share if you wish. Starting at 12noon until 2.30pm, soft drinks will be provided. 4 competitions for the best crown, best dressed, best table centre and best Victoria sponge – everyone is welcome.

7. Matters raised.
None

8. Closing remarks from Cllr I. Helps

This is the last event as he is standing down for health reasons. Moving forward the neighbourhood plan is a key document for the village . This will help make a case for the village in the future. Help is needed with this from the local residents. There is a site visit on Friday 19th May to walk around the village which will result in a Gaydon design guide.

There being no further business, the Chairman called an end to the meeting at 9.25pm

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