

Merry Christmas

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a Happy Festivities and a Prosperous New Year



Parish Boundaries

We are very pleased to report that the Parish Council easily obtained the 250 signatures necessary to submit a demand on Northampton Borough Council to conduct a review of our Parish Boundaries. The petition has been submitted to the Borough Council, who have to complete the review by 6th November 2018.

The Borough Council is now preparing the review's Terms of Reference with local briefings and meetings starting soon and initial submissions in early 2018. The draft recommendations will be issued Summer 2018 with final recommendation and decision in the autumn.

We wish to sincerely thank all of those Parish residents who put their names to the petition. We collected over 280 in the end and could have collected many more but once the 250 target had been reached there was little point in carrying on collecting names. We collected signatures from every street in the Parish and generally, the views expressed on the doorstep were overwhelmingly in favour of our proposals, with no one speaking against and it was very useful to talk to people about their concerns and issues within the Parish. The broad aim of the campaign is to bring the new estate of Pineham Village, school, community centre and shops into an expanded Hunsbury Meadows Parish to provide a more vibrant and viable community.

To those residents living in Pineham Village, we urge you to support this review so that you may actively become part of Hunsbury Meadows Parish Council. As mentioned in the Parish News Section of the newsletter, there is currently a vacancy on Hunsbury Meadows Parish Council, to which residents of Pineham Village can apply, as they live within 3 miles of the current boundary.

Ways to keep in touch with us:

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**CALL YOUR
LOCAL
POLICE**



101

**IN AN EMERGENCY
ALWAYS CALL 999**

Maintenance 2017

The Council has been working over the year maintaining aspects of the Parish which have not been maintained by the Borough Council or which fall outside of the Borough's remit.

- The footpaths leading from Banbury Lane down the side of the canal bridge to the towpath have been resurfaced
- The willow tree by the 87 bus stop has been cut back twice during the year
- The vegetation on either side of the canal bridge has been cut back allowing the pedestrians to use the bridge without having to go on the road
- The trees overhanging the path to the canal towpath by the canal bridge have been trimmed
- Work to control the brambles along Banbury Lane has started and will continue into 2018

Hedge Cutting

The work to cut back the hedgerows on either side of the green space running parallel to the canal, Ashpole Spinney and Samwell Way will start in the Autumn / Winter 2017-18.

Parish Improvements

Over the year the Parish Council have worked to improve the facilities within the Parish.

Children's Equipment

In the summer new play equipment for the Banbury Lane playground was ordered and a multi-sport system along with an appropriate hard surface was installed. Also the existing climbing frame, benches and railings were refurbished and re-painted.

Dog Bins

In the spring a new dog bin was installed by the towpath entrance to the Pineham Lock playground.



PLEASE USE IT



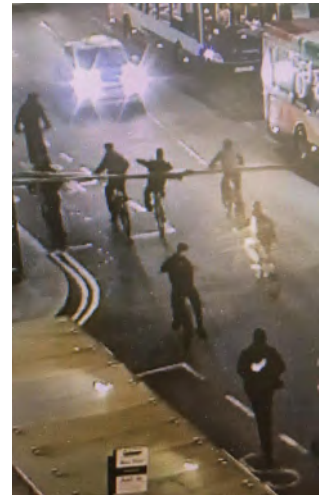
Cycling Safety

During 2017 there has been rise in teenagers riding dangerously on the roads, holding up traffic, interfering with vehicles, and cycling on pavements.

The police have issued the following statement:

"It is only a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt and this behaviour will not be tolerated. We will be continuing enforcement action and, where powers allow, we will be seizing bikes from those identified."

There have been incidence of this in the Parish Council is working with our neighbourhood police team to stop this activity. Offenders will be reported to the police.



Cat Killings

During the autumn a number of family pets have been mutilated and killed close to the Parish in Duston and the surrounding areas. This is following on from earlier attacks in the Kingsley area. Northamptonshire Police are working with the Metropolitan Police as there have numerous attacks in the London area. Animal charity SNARL believes there maybe a link to a "UK animal killer" and is urging people to be vigilant as there have been a substantial number of animal attacks in the last two years in London and the South East.

Can cat owners please take extra care of their pets and if they see anything suspicious ring 101 or report it on the police website.

CAR PARKING

This issue is raised at virtually every Parish meeting. Can residents please take care and be sensible about where and how they park their cars.

If you have to park your car with two wheels on the pavement, please be sure that you leave sufficient room for a person with a push-chair to get through. Completely blocking the footpath is an offence.

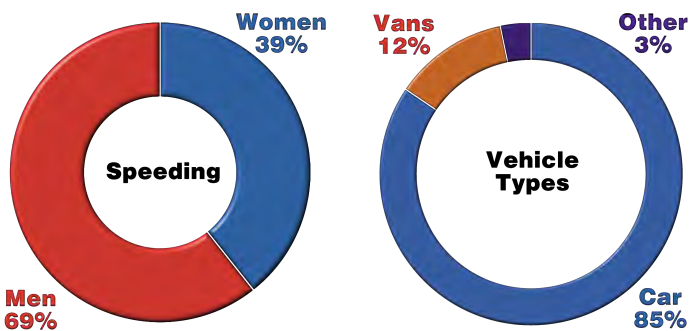
Use any garages, driveways and parking spaces provided. If possible, please park commercial vehicles away from the estates. Remember that emergency vehicles must be able to get through. It is not acceptable just to leave a gap that a private car struggles to get by.

The police will take action against offenders.

SpeedWatch

The Parish Council has carried out three SpeedWatch sessions to raise awareness of speeding on Banbury Lane which has a 30 mph limit. Only vehicles going over 35mph were recorded and 37mph was the average speed of those doing over 35mph. The top speed recorded was 49mph which occurred a number of times. We did however, see a reduction in the number of people speeding in the autumn.

The aim of the programme is to raise awareness of the problem of speeding along Banbury Lane. With the current dangerous cycling trend amongst teenagers this is even more important.



Onwards to 2018

After a successful 2017 the Parish Council is now looking forward to 2018. We have a number of activities and events planned but we are always keen for input from our residents as to things they would like to see the Parish Council get involved with.

The big summer event will be "Party In the Park 2", this is where the Parish Council arranges a family day in the Banbury Lane play ground with a marquee, music, food stalls, bouncy castle, activities for children and adults. For the "Party In the Park 2" we are considering continuing the event later into the evening for adults and people who have been unable to get there during the day - this was the most popular request from the last event.

We will be continuing our work to maintain the Parish infrastructure, which will become every more important in light of the financial pressures that the Borough and County Councils are under.

We will be looking to move the Parish Meetings to the new Community Centre at Pineham Barns School when it opens. Hopefully being able to walk to the meetings will encourage people to come along to them!

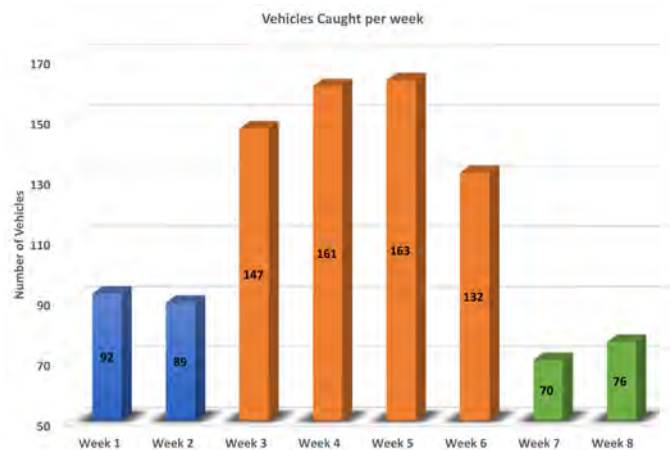
We will be putting a poll up on the Parish website in the New Year for people to vote on priorities for the Parish Council or suggest ideas of their own. Please contribute.

It is **YOUR** Parish Council You **PAY** for it

1230 Cars over 35mph **35**

Average Speed over 35mph **37**

Maximum Speed **49**



Parkrun



The Parish Council contributed £250 to the Parkrun fund raising and we are delighted to report that the effort was successful and that Parkruns at Upton should be starting soon.

Crime

Over the summer there have been a noticeable increase in the number of break-ins and thefts from both cars and houses. Hunsbury Meadows is a very low crime area but we are not exempt from crime.

Ensure that windows and doors are securely locked when you leave home or are in upstairs rooms. Please don't leave valuables in sight in your car and always lock cars. If you have a garage, use it to secure your car, particularly at night.

Northampton Police will be only too pleased to give you further advice about additional security measures in your home. Also as an alternative to ringing 101 you can also report crimes on the police website at:

<https://www.northants.police.uk/webform/online-crime-reporting>

USEFUL NUMBERS

Emergency Numbers

Police, fire or ambulance	999
Electricity	0800 028 0247
Gas (24 hr)	0800 111 999
Water (24 hr)	08457 145145
The Samaritans	08457 90 90 90
Social Services (out of hours)	01604 626938

Advice & Information

Age UK	01604 611200
Alcoholics Anonymous	0845 7697555
Citizens Advice Bureau	0844 4111 4444
Crime Stoppers	0800 555 111
National Drugs Helpline	0800 776600
NHS 111	111
General Hospital	01604 634700
Sleeping Rough	01604 629804
Community Law Service	01604 621038

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All Council Services (Standard Rate)	0300 330 7000
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recycling@northampton.gov.uk or visit
www.northampton.gov.uk/recycling

Out-of-hours

Stray dog out-of-hours 01604 837999
To report other complaints e.g. noise, please leave a message on 01604 838000. This will be dealt with on the next working day.

Northamptonshire County Council

Switchboard	0300 126 1000
School transport	01604 236132
Street Doctor (Road & Lighting)	0845 6011113
Trading standards	08454 04 05 06

USEFUL WEBSITES

Non-Urgent Crime

<https://www.northants.police.uk/webform/online-crime-reporting>

Report Rubbish & Graffiti online

<http://selfserve.northampton.gov.uk/mycouncil>

Report problems with Potholes, Street signs etc. online

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/contactusstreetdoctor

Parish News

Firstly welcome to Lucy Hillery from Pineham Lock, who has been co-opted on to the Council to fill our vacancy. We are sure that Lucy will make a valuable addition to the Council and she will be starting in January 2018.

Sadly, Councillor Alan Buckley is leaving the area and will have to stand down from the Council in the New Year. The Council wishes to thank Alan for his past services, particularly his valuable efforts in leading the recent SpeedWatch campaign on Banbury Lane.

So we still have one vacancy to fill on the Parish Council. If there is anyone out there who would like to join the us, we would love to hear from you. You need to be over 18 years old; live within the Parish or within 3 miles of its boundary or work within the Parish. This is an opportunity to play an active part in what goes on in your community.

The Council meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the Parsons Meade Community Room in West Hunsbury.

Contact the Clerk or Chairman for further details.

Your Council Needs **YOU**

Parish Phone Number

As the Parish Council doesn't have a permanent office we are always looking at ways to improve ways that people can contact us. We have decided to get a mobile phone for the Parish Clerk so that there is a number that the Parish can be contacted on as well as by email or Facebook.

The new Parish number is: **07876 016581**



Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Watch

If any residents are interested in setting up their own scheme they can find all the details on the Watch website: <http://www.northantsnhw.co.uk/>

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