

Speeding on Banbury Lane

The speed of traffic on Banbury Lane is probably the most raised issue on the Parish Council and the most concern of residents, particularly at school times. The Parish Council has decided to arrange a Community Speed Watch (CSW) on Banbury Lane. This will be carried out over a 6 week period during February and March 2017. There will be a secondary programme that will take place in June and July 2017.



The purpose of the programme is to show all those who live within the Parish, and vehicles passing through our Parish that speeding will not be tolerated. All information is then processed by Northamptonshire Police and offenders will receive a written warning.



Cycle Path

Would residents please note that the path on the eastern side of Banbury Lane is also a designated cycle path. Would cyclists please use this for your own safety and would pedestrians please be prepared to give way.

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Website: www.hunsburymeadows.org.uk

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**CALL YOUR
LOCAL
POLICE**



101

**IN AN EMERGENCY
ALWAYS CALL 999**

Parish Maintenance

Your Council has been active in recent weeks in arranging various items of maintenance.

- 1) The footpaths leading from Banbury Lane down the side of the canal bridge to the tow path have been resurfaced,
- 2) The willow trees overhanging the bus stop and street light at the northern end of Banbury Lane have been cut back,
- 3) The laurel trees on the east side of Banbury Lane have been trimmed,
- 4) A new dog bin has been installed on the towpath near the new playground,

Future Work Banbury Lane Playground

The Council is also preparing for the installation of new gates to Riverstone entrance to the children's playground on Banbury Lane and will be rehanging the gate at the other entrance.

The Council have also authorised further work on play equipment for our children.

1. The original climbing frames are to be refurbished and re-painted
2. The Council have purchased a Basketball ring and goalmouth, this will be installed along with an appropriate hard surface within the playground for older children and teenagers.

Hedge Cutting

The Council have a new programme of work with Amey to continue the work to control the brambles along side the Cycle Path on Banbury Lane. Also the hedgerows either side of the green space which runs parallel to the canal towpath and Ashpole Spinny/Samwell Way will be cut back and trimmed.

Council Website



Just before Christmas the Parish Council approved the development of a new website using the services of a web design company specialising in the designing websites for Parish and Town Councils. Over the last couple of months, your Council, particularly the Chairman, have been creating the new website which can be found at www.hunsburymeadows.org.uk. We would welcome any feedback on the new site and if there are any events or activities that need to be added please let us know.

New Look

As part of this work the Council also employed a local graphic designer to develop a series of new logos for the website as the previous logo wasn't suitable. These have been rolled out across all Parish communications as can be seen from this newsletter.

Pineham Barnes

Mr Watson from the school trust board was present at our last meeting and provided updates on the new school. The build is running on target for it's opening in September and the majority of it's new intake will be from our parish. As a parish council we will be looking to work closely with the school, Borough and County Councillors, and parents to address concerns about traffic, parking and dropping off on the roads around the school.

CAR PARKING

Could we, once again, plead with residents to be sensible about parking their cars. The Council receives regular complaints from residents on this subject. Wherever possible, please use garages, driveways and parking spaces provided. 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.

Electoral Registration

Now is the time to make sure that you are on the Electoral Register, There are County Council Elections in May, so make sure that you do not lose your vote. You can check on line at <http://www.northampton.gov.uk/elections> or by contacting Electoral Registration at the Guildhall

Community Police

Community Policing in Northampton has been subject to restructure, as such some members of the team have changed geographical areas to manage. Our officers are now:

PC Sarah Whitehead and PCSO Helen Houghton

As always if anyone sees anything that concerns them please ring 101

Transparency Fund

The Parish Council applied for a Transparency Fund grant to help fund the redevelopment Council's Website and we are happy to report that we were successful and the full cost of the redevelopment was covered by the grant.

Dogs

The Council have purchased a new dog waste bin which has been installed on the towpath by the entrance to the Pineham Lock playground. Hopefully this will encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets. Dog fouling is a health hazard as well as being unsightly.



Vandalism

There have been one or two recent incidents of vandalism within our Parish, which is definitely not wanted. Could we please ask residents to keep their eyes open and call the police on 101 (999 if it's an emergency) if they see anything suspicious.

Litter Pick



The Council is arranging another litter pick for the spring and has selected Saturday 8th April as the date. Please assemble in the children's playground on Banbury Lane at 10.30am. Gloves and litter pickers will be provided. The more people who come along, the greater the area we can cover and the quicker it will take.

Please come and join us.



Party in the Park

The Council notes the huge success of the Party in the Park last summer and has been considering its future, Arranging and paying for such an event is quite a major task for a small Council like ours and we have to be seen to be acting responsibly with, what is basically, your money. The Council has therefore provisionally decided that this might be a biennial event (every two year), The Council would welcome the views of residents on this, perhaps via the Website.

Canal Bridge

The Council is most concerned for the safety of pedestrians crossing over the canal bridge. The footpaths leading up to the bridge end before linking to the narrow footpath on the bridge. This forces pedestrians to cross rough ground. Additionally the footpath on the bridge is extremely narrow and the passing traffic includes many heavy and large vehicles. The Parish Council is currently investigating with the County Council how this situation might be improved. However extending the footpaths will mean moving the traffic lights and reinforcing the embankments, if there is a solution it will be expensive and outside the remit of the Parish Council.

In the meantime, can we please urge pedestrians crossing the canal to take extra care.

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

Northampton Borough Council

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

To report a stray dog out-of-hours
01604 837999

To report other complaints eg noise ring 01604
838000 to leave a message. This will be dealt with
on the next working day

Northamptonshire County Council

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

USEFUL WEBSITES

Report Rubbish & Graffiti online
<http://selfserve.northampton.gov.uk/mycouncil>

Report problems with Potholes, Street signs etc. online
www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/contactusstreetdoctor

Your Council Needs **YOU**

Following the departure of Councillor Manjit Garlick, we now have two vacancies on the Parish Council. We thank Manjit for her past services. Anyone over the age of 18 living or working within the parish or within 3 miles of its boundary can apply to join the Council

If you are interested in playing a part in your community why not let us know. The Council meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the Parsons Meade Community Room in West Hunsbury You'll find it most rewarding. Please contact either the Clerk or the Chairman for further details

We are sad to report the passing of David Hugheston-Roberts, who passed away shortly before Christmas. David had been a founder member of the Parish Council and a long serving County Councillor. David will be sadly missed.

Council Precept

The annual precept is the amount of money that the Council requires each year to run your Parish Council and it is collected through your Council Tax. For the current year (2016/17) the Precept was for £14,695, equating to a Council Tax Band D equivalent of £29.08 per annum. For the coming financial year (2018/18) the Parish Council precept will be exactly the same as last year: £14,695.

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