

Cockfield Parish Council Meeting Report

The Parish Council met on Thursday 25th September 2014

There has still been no progress in co-opting a councillor to bring the council up to strength, and it was agreed to continue as we are until the next Parish Councillor elections which are due in May 2015

The Clerk was requested to proceed with the procurement and installation of a dog bin in Old Hall Lane and to ensure that it is in place by the November meeting

The Cockfield Planning & Development Survey, which was circulated to all households in the parish has now been collected and analysed and the results will be presented to the Parish Council in the immediate future. It was noted that the number of survey forms returned represented just under 60% of those distributed

It was agreed that the Community Council will form a sub-committee, in conjunction with the Parish Council, to investigate upgrading play equipment on Great Green

There was no Police Report available but it was noted that there has been one house burglary in the village since the last meeting

Our County Councillor, Jenny Antill provided an update regarding education in the county. She advised that, whilst secondary schools are showing improvement, the primary sector, as measured by SATS testing, is still behind

Our District Councillor, Clive Arthey, reported that all waste is now going to the 'energy from waste' plant at Great Blakenham. He also noted that the District Council will be restricting the release of sky lanterns and latex balloons from Council owned land

The provision of local needs housing continues to be discussed at County level and, although slow, some progress is being made

The Greens' Committee reported that the beech tree on Cross Green is showing signs of ill-health and that it's condition is being monitored

The weeds in the play area on Great Green have been sprayed and when they die off the new chippings will be spread

Tree works have been completed in Earl's Meadow and the final top will be done during October. Councillor Williams again thanked all those who help in the maintenance of the meadow and reported that the new trees had produced the best eating apples in the Cockfield Show

Sport England have agreed to assist in our efforts to complete the pavilion refurbishment with a target completion date of February 2015

We still await drawings for the improvements to the southbound bus stop at Mill Corner and we continue to chase County Highways for the completion of the gully repairs at the junction of the A1141 and Windsor Green

The A1141 has been resurfaced between Mill Corner and the Horseshoes Inn and the road markings and catseyes will be replaced in the near future. Howe Lane/Chapel Road will be resurfaced during this financial year with Great Green possibly the following year

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 27th November at 7.30 pm

The Council may be contacted through the Clerk, Alan Morgan on 01284 828072

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