

Councillor Vacancies at the Parish Council

Let's get one thing straight right now. The life of a parish councillor is a possibility for many of you reading this, but I bet most of you have no idea what the councillors do. Let us dispel a few myths with our very own question and answer session:

Q: Do I have to be retired?

A: NO! Anyone over the age of 18 who complies with a few other requirements can apply - see our website for details: www.chadwickendparishcouncil.org.uk

Q: Do I have to be on the parish council for years and years?

A: NO! We currently have space for 2 co-opted councillors which means that you are appointed by the parish council and will hopefully serve until the next local election.

Q: Do I have to belong to a political party?

A: NO! You can if you want to but the work of the parish councillor is very much grass roots level rather than political lobbying.

Q: Will there be masses of meetings?

A: NO! The parish council meets once every other month on the second Thursday of the month starting at 7.00pm at the village hall. Meetings last approx. 2 hours.

Q: I have never been a councillor before and I won't know what to do!

A: The parish clerk and other councillors are there to support you every step of the way. There are also training courses available.

Q: How do I become a co-opted councillor?

A: Simply drop the parish clerk an email: chadwickendpc@hotmail.com and say why you would like to join our merry band. There is no deadline date.

So when you ask yourself 'What did I do today?' You may soon be able to answer - supported the parish in decisions around planning, improving the appearance of the village, solved highways issues, enhanced access to the countryside, developed a parish plan, ran community events What's stopping you?



Chadwick End Parish Council



Newsletter Winter 2016

Welcome to this edition of the Chadwick End Parish Council Newsletter. We hope that this newsletter will be used by all of our villagers to keep themselves informed about key issues which are taking place in the village.

If you have any questions, contact the Parish Clerk on 07703 647 883 or email: chadwickendpc@hotmail.com or go to our brand new website: www.chadwickendparishcouncil.org.uk

Website? What website??

The parish council has been busy using a grant to get a new website developed. On this website you will be able to find all things Chadwick End! That's quite some claim but we think that you will agree with us. There is information about the Parish Council meetings, planning applications from SMBC, tourism, key local projects etc etc.

One of the key features of the website is the opportunity for you to sign up to it to get alerts to your email inbox when new posts are placed on the website. In order to sign up, please go to the website, click on the right hand side on any one of the recent posts. Scroll to the end where it says **POST COMMENT**. It is at that point that you are able to subscribe to the website by clicking on the box - **notify me of new posts by email**. Once subscribed, technology takes over and everytime a new post is placed, you get an update email.

Our Parish Plan Update

The questionnaires have been completed and returned by residents, the analysis completed and now it is time to write the Parish Plan. The steering group is getting

close to finalising the draft plan which will then be passed to Look Local to do their desktop publishing stuff. Everything is on track to publish the Parish Plan by the end of 2016 and it will be available on our new website:

www.chadwickendparishcouncil.org.uk

Summer Fete

As we approach winter the summer seems to be a long time departed! But the memories of our village fete on Saturday 6 September linger on. Despite the persistent rain it was another very successful day and everyone had a great time. We had lots of fun stalls, snacks and goodies, our popular tea and cake tent, the beer bar and even wine tasting. Our local band 4MoreInc played live music for the afternoon and as always they were fab. Another entertainment highlight was Peter Mobley and his dogs herding ducks around the field, sometimes between the legs of people, and at some speed!

We say a massive thanks to all the local volunteers for their help, including the organising group, the stall holders for braving the weather, 4MoreInc and Peter for their great entertainment, and to the many kind people who donated games/gifts

and raffle/tombola prizes. Last and most important, to all the people who turned up to have some fun and support the event, it would have been so easy to stay indoors out of the rain.

If you were not able to get to the fete this year, no worries, but you missed out! So, make sure you register for automatic updates from our website:

www.chadwickendparishcouncil.org.uk

to ensure you get the date of the 2017 fete. We have already booked fantastic weather!



BagsofHelp

Thanks to local support the parish council are in receipt of a £12,000 grant from the **BagsofHelp** scheme. We have already installed a new piece of play equipment in the recreation ground with this money and are now looking at new gateways into the village to try and reduce the speed of traffic along Warwick Road. Look out for more works using this grant.