

SOUTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Happy New Year to you All. I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas and New Year.

As always during January the Parish Council will be scrutinising our Finances and reviewing the Budgets for the Precept, for the coming Financial Year. This is always a very busy time and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and I, will meet early on to look at all the budgets ready for the full Parish Council meeting. In my next article I will be able to report back to you the financial implications this will have on the Tax Base and cost per Band D property.

The Assets Committee is probably the busiest of all Committees, probably followed by Planning. The Assets Committee met in December, as always, and discussed a number of items. Heating in the Village Hall Toilets is being considered. As is a new Bench on the Village Green. The St Marys Church Wall repairs are still ongoing, and a review of the Cemetery Fees took place.

The replacement of the Parish Footway Lighting Lanterns is continuing, the Avon Road area is now complete, and we are moving on to the next area. This is probably going to be Meadow Road, Bracken Road, and possibly Church Lane, Hall Lane, St Marys Close and The Boltons. Over time, the Parish Council would like to update all the Footway Lighting with money from our Community Infrastructure Levy Fund.

It has been a while since I have reported that the Parish Council currently has two vacancies for Parish Councillors. We currently have 13 members who are a friendly bunch, all volunteers. If you would like to learn more about the role, please pop into the office and see me or Moira. We can give you a little background on the working of the Council, frequency of meetings and Committees, or if you would prefer, we can put you in contact with another Parish Councillor who can talk you through what goes on, and their own personal experiences.

Last month I mentioned that the Parish Council has to have a new email address to be compliant with the External Audit for next year, this has now been set up and you can contact us via email at clerk@southwootton-pc.gov.uk

We are still trying to get all our Councillors set up with a Gov.UK email address. This is taking a little time, but we will get there, please bear with us.

Wootton Park 200 Club: As always, we still need new members. If you would like to join, please contact me in the office by telephone or email. The annual subscription is £24 and all the money goes straight back into the park. If you haven't already done so, and you are able, go and take a look at the new refurbished Pavilion on a Saturday or Sunday. It really has been transformed; you can now get a coffee and a piece of cake and sit inside and enjoy it talking to friends.

The Parish Office at 24 Church Lane, South Wootton, Kings Lynn, PE30 3LJ, is open to the public between 9am and 11am on each weekday morning except Wednesdays. You can leave messages on the answer phone by calling 01553 824355 or you can email us. Moira or I will respond as soon as we can.

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