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Grendon Times

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New Parish Council Chairman

Following the resignation of Cllr Martyn Smith as Chairman it was proposed and resolved at the council meeting on the 9th November, that Cllr Ian Denton (current vice-chair) take on this role until the Annual Council Meeting in May 2021. Cllr Nick Blacklee agreed to take on the role as vice-chairman. Cllr Smith was thanked most sincerely for his hard work and dedication to the role of Chairman, he will remain on the council as a councillor.



The representative from Intelligent Alternatives Limited did not attend the Annual Parish Forum to give a presentation about the proposed Solar farm on Land To The East Of Northampton Aquapark (at Grendon Lakes) as the project is currently on hold due to connection difficulties with the National grid.

If you wish to view the plans for this please follow this link

<https://publicaccess.wellingborough.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=QGSUUZRB0D900>

The site plan can be viewed by following this link

https://publicaccess.wellingborough.gov.uk/online-applications/files/B816B10E351401B48E91C64F1EA07377/pdf/W_P_20_00576_SCR-LOCATION_PLAN-334122.pdf

Lockdown 2

If any resident is having difficulties with shopping etc during the current lockdown please contact either your street champion or the Clerk and we will see what we can do to help.

If you would like a jigsaw or book delivered please also contact the Clerk – 01933 663918



Prescription delivery service.....

The surgery have said this can be re-started to support vulnerable and highly vulnerable residents. We are very grateful to Grace Comery who has offered to do the collections & deliveries. She will be collecting weekly on a Wednesday. As before please order your medication with the surgery (giving 5 days notice) and then let me know if you would like it picked up & delivered, either by email clerk@grendon-pc.org.uk or by telephone 01933 663918.

Date of next Council meeting –Monday 14th December 7.30pm. (via zoom as face to face meetings are still not permitted).
Open forum 7.30-7.45pm

Report from the Annual Parish Forum

22 attendees were present at this meeting.

Apologies had been received from BCllr Simmons and representatives of organisations who had submitted a written report.

Cllr Smith welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2019 were signed. Matters arising from these were a request to look at streetlighting on Main Road. 2 new lamps had now been installed and an email thanking the council for doing this had been received from the resident who raised the issue.

The Council's annual report had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no questions on the report.

Reports were received from village organisations as follows-

St Mary's Brownies, WI, Flood warden, Footpath Warden & Walking group, Bell ringers, Grendon Sapphires, Poor's land Charity & The Daffodil Festival. Revd Morna Simpson the new vicar attended and introduced herself.

There was no attendance by Rainbows, Flowers Show Committee or Grendon CE Primary School and no reports received.

A report was received after the meeting from the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr Martin Griffiths gave a short report stressing that most work was currently focussed on the pandemic and thanking residents for their efforts in helping the elderly and vulnerable during these difficult times. He also advised that work was ongoing to remove the illegal encampment that had remained after the horse fair on Doddington Rd.

Residents expressed concern about-

-The proposed solar farm to the North of the village around the Grendon Lakes area. No formal application has been received and the project is currently on hold due to connection difficulties with the National grid. However, it was agreed it would be a good idea to gather information about other similar projects so that if a formal application is received relevant information would be available to inform comments.

-Much discussion took place about the development at 15 Chequers Lane with regard to damage to footpaths & roads being caused by large vehicles, speed of vehicles travelling along Manor Rd & down Chequers Lane, oversized vehicles travelling along Church Way (weight restricted route), safety of pedestrians using village footpaths when large vehicles are moving around, mud on the road, potential damage to the historic Church wall being caused by the vehicles getting so close to it and the recent obstructions of Main Rd that have taken place due to oversized vehicles not being able to get down Chequers Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the developer and the conservation officer at BCW about these issues. She advised that she had already contacted the Police and Highways for advice.

<https://www.grendon-pc.org.uk/council-meetings.html>

Socially distanced Act of Remembrance at St Mary's

As churches have once again been closed, the traditional Service of Remembrance was not permitted, an Act of Remembrance was led by the Chairman of the Parish Council and George Ross did a great job of playing the Last Post. The 2 minute silence was observed at the war memorial and Cllr Martyn Smith laid a wreath on behalf of the residents of Grendon. Children from the village and the brownies had been encouraged to paint stones of remembrance which they laid at the memorial. Gift bags were delivered to older residents by St Mary's to help people hold their own act of remembrance at home, these included delicious cupcakes and puzzle books provided by Living Well OT CIC.



Look what we received!

This is actually for all the Street Champions who have helped out their neighbours during the pandemic, the Parish Council just did the co-ordinating!

Northants ACRE are putting a booklet together promoting the community champions and the work that they do, so we might get a mention!

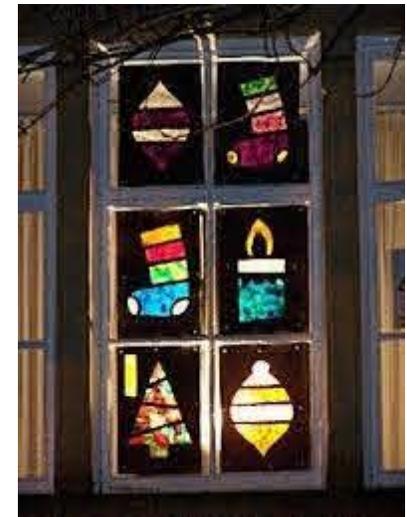
Would you like to help cheer up the village for advent?

St Mary's is once again organising 'advent windows' around the village and are looking for volunteers to decorate a window that is visible from the pavement. You can choose any theme, maybe a Christmas Carol or song or (if you are stuck for an idea just search advent windows!

You will be given a date and you light your window on that day and then every day until Christmas. When this was done a couple of years ago we also enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies at some of the houses, but as we are not permitted to gather this cannot happen this year, you will therefore need to look at the windows on your 'daily exercise' walk! There will be an advent trail as part of this that tells the Christmas Story with one window being unveiled each Thursday in advent finishing on Christmas Eve. There will be activities and things to make to go with this trail and you will receive a flyer about it shortly.

If you would like to decorate a window please email grendonchurchwardens@gmail.com and you will be given a date.

We do hope that this will make the village a cheery place in these difficult times.



If anyone enjoys drawing/painting we have some pebbles that need painting for the advent trail, please get in touch if you would like to help grendonchurchwardens@gmail.com

<https://walksgrendon.wixsite.com/grendon>

Trevor Higgs our footpath warden has provided the above link to walks in and around the village, thank you Trevor.



Poors Land Charity
Registered Charity Number 201467
“For the relief of persons resident in the parish of Grendon”

The Poors Land Charity, is administered by trustees (appointed by the Parish Council), to provide financial help to village residents’ and organisations.

Please contact the Secretary Mrs. Deborah Rush 01933 663918 in confidence, if you would like to discuss an application.

Trustees Mr. Ian Denton, Mr. Tony Knuff & Mr. Jason Ross

Village Hopper

There has been a slight change to the timetable effective from 1.11.20. The Weston Favell stop has been removed due to lack of use. The timetable can be viewed at

<https://www.grendon-pc.org.uk/uploads/timetable-final-11120-mon-fri-18.pdf>



Daylight centre

The daylight centre continues to support people in need and is still in need of many items with demand for it’s services having shot up during the last few months.

Dean still delivers to the centre and donations can be left in the Church on a Wednesday or Sunday or in the Church room on Tuesday or Saturday.

Please take a look at their website to see what they are most in need of

<http://www.daylightcf.org/can-you-help/>

PROVIDING FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR ADULTS IN NEED



<http://www.daylightcf.org/foodbank/foodbank-donations/>