



Council Comments

There has been one notable change in personnel and that is the resignation of Adrian Timms, followed by the co-option of Lynn Cosgrove. Adrian worked hard for the council and we thank him for his efforts. His replacement Lynn is very welcome to the team and is proving to be a worthy addition, assisting with the work on the website.

Our finances are in order and have passed the audit.

Our drains continue to be a problem and Cllr Alam is working hard to resolve the issue in Mill Lane. LCC are scheduled to conduct repairs soon.



Cllr Lynn Cosgrove

The website www.shearsbyparishcouncil.gov.uk now has a tab for the Church and the Hexagon. There are around 100,000 visits over the 12-month period and this has been maintained pretty much all year long. This equates to 273 visits / day! (88 previously)

The Council has commented on 13 planning applications in Shearsby over the last 12 months. (9 previously). This included the controversial proposed doggy day care centre that was refused permission, among others.

Some mobile phone signals in the area have improved marginally following our requests but it is not satisfactory, and we will keep pressing. You can improve the signal in your home by phoning your supplier and asking for a free booster box..

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

The neighbourhood plan has completed its vetting by Harborough District Council (HDC) with no comments. It is now with an Independent Assessor until the end of July. Shearsby Parish Council (SPC) would have to change or amend any legal considerations the assessor pointed out. Then it will have to wait for 6 weeks prior to a referendum, probably in September. SPC will compose a separate newsletter prior to the referendum.

HDC Local Plan is yet to be ratified. In their plan they infer that there will be no developments, only infill, in certain villages and we are on that list. But this has not yet been voted through. SPC are hoping our referendum is sorted before HDC Local Plan is, because we have been told that this would then be like a "double insurance" in the eyes of planning law - i.e. our plan would be documented and supported by HDC plan.

Contact Us

If you wish to place an article on the next issue of the SPC News please contact Martin Reynolds.

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Emergency plan

As part of a national initiative SPC have established broad outlines for an Emergency Plan. This plan covers such eventualities as gas leaks, flooding, being snowed in, drought, fires, major traffic problems, fallen trees, etc.



There is a bag of emergency kit including a loud hailer, first aid box, hi-vis vests and so forth being held in the village hall. Councillors are to be the organisers, but we need “responders” to assist where required. At no time are any of us intended to replace the Emergency Services, but we may offer support to them and would follow any instructions they give.

If you have skills or equipment that may be of use in an emergency, please inform the Councillors and your name and contribution will be recorded in a log book to be kept with the Emergency Kitbag.

Examples of Skills and Equipment would be:

First Aid and Defibrillator Training	Catering	Health and Safety qualifications
Tractors	4-wheel drive cars	Rooms for overnight stays
Electrical and Gas qualifications	Doctors, Nurses, Firemen, Policemen	Chain saw

As part of the Emergency Plan the Council has advertised for a volunteer Flood Warden and would require a Snow Warden and a Tree Warden too. Formal training would be given by Leicester County Council. The Warden(s) would need to attend an annual meeting and receive and distribute mails, put up posters, and generally keep an eye out for problems. They would be invited to attend Council meetings and make reports or recommendations as they see fit. Please contact a Councillor if you are interested.

It is fervently hoped our Emergency Planning is never used but we will set it up and maintain it, just in case.

Elections

The next Parish Council elections are to be held in May 2019. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please speak to a current Councillor or the Clerk for more information.

The next Council meeting will be on Thursday 13th September at 7.30pm in the village hall. Your support is always appreciated.

Lighting

Shearsby has six street lamps. Three lights have now been upgraded to LED; the remaining three are budgeted to be done in the autumn, probably October. The work will be carried out by Eon. The new lights use less energy, dramatically cut carbon emissions and save money.

A46 Link Road Options

The Leader of LCC has asked publicly for the community to get behind the plans for the new A46 link road to the South of the City and the housing and industrial developments associated with this. It comes with his over-riding comment that if the link road is not supported then small villages will have to bear the brunt of future development instead. SPC are monitoring this situation.



Crossroads

The sub-committee working for improved safety at Shearsby crossroads is mostly waiting feedback and information from LCC Highways and Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground. Meanwhile it keeps asking for the verge to be cut, signs to be removed etc., whilst keeping note of any accidents. LCC are scheduled to conduct a formal H&S review in Spring 2019.

Live on the Green – Saturday 11th August

Each year Shearsby holds its open-air evening concert, which runs from 6pm until midnight and sees 4 live bands rock the night away. A family friendly event - open to all. Tickets £12.50 in advance or £15 on the gate.

Bring your own picnic and rug or table and chairs, or if you prefer a dedicated space then why not book a gazebo spot for £20 to erect your own gazebo (call the Gazebo hotline OPENS AUGUST 1st 0116 2478832).

There's even a prize for the 'best dressed gazebo and table'.

An on-site bar will be provided by the award winning real ale pub The Chandlers Arms. As well as a take-away food menu.

The proceeds of the event always see a minimum of £500 donated to LOROS. The remainder is used to fund village events such as the OAP supper and children's parties. We (Shearsby Community Association) also support a range of other local initiatives to improve the lives and wellbeing of our Shearsby community.



Village Hall

The perfect venue for your event, meeting or class. The hall and kitchen are equipped to the highest standards and available at competitive rates for organisations and private functions. Contact Jill Stanley on 0116 247 8540.

Village Fete – Sunday 2nd September

The village fete is held every two years. It is on the village green and Gates open at 1pm. Adults £1 and children free. With the Lutterworth Band, sideshows, refreshments, bouncy castle, and lots of children's activities. Contact: Jane Timms.

Neighbourhood Watch

The committee last met on Thursday 5th July. Further to discussions with Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground, they have asked that any incidents of bad driving or high-volume traffic through the village can be reported to Andy Sharp on WhatsApp or by email to SHARP-ANDY@SKY.COM Andy will then feed back to BPG.

Table Tennis

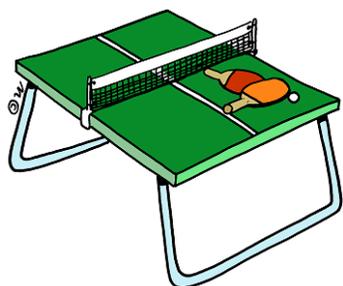


Table tennis is taking a summer break and will recommence on Monday 15th October. It can usually be played in the village hall every 3rd Monday of the month from 7.00 - 9.00pm. Contact: Christine Alam or Andy Sharp.

Pilates

The Pilates class is every Tuesday starting at 3.15pm in the village hall for 1 hour. It is £5 for a taster session, then £20 for a commitment to 5 sessions. Everyone welcome. Contact Mrs Jane Vann for more information.

Tea Break

On the 3rd Tuesday of every month there is a Tea Break in the Village Hall from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. Tea, coffee and biscuits are served. It is an opportunity to meet other villagers for a chat. A donation of £1 to cover the hire of the hall is welcomed.

It is on the same day as the **Mobile Library** which parks by the post box from 10.05 am to 10.20 am.

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