



Warndon Parish Council

Newsletter — Autumn 2007

Greetings to all our readers. ! Congratulations to all those residents who put on such a wonderful display of front gardens and hanging baskets during the Summer months !

This is a **very important** Newsletter for several reasons.

For some time now the Parish Council, the City Council and the Police have been concerned about the destructive element who have targeted the area around the Lyppard Grange Public House and the pond. Quite a lot of this has been due to the excessive drinking of alcohol. An Alcohol Free Zone has been introduced (more details inside).

In addition, to comply with Central Government targets the County Council and the District Authorities have to produce a Strategic Planning Document on how the county will achieve growth. To this end these Councils have joined forces to produce a joint strategy. At this stage there are no specific areas mentioned, but you are asked for your views in a questionnaire which will be sent to you by the City Council. There is an article from the Planning Department in the centre pages.

The Parish Council is extremely concerned about an increase in dog fouling, warning notices have been placed in those areas most abused and prosecutions will take place against any offenders caught !

We wish you and yours a **Merry Christmas** and a **Peaceful New Year** !

From the Chairman

Well time certainly flies by, it seems only a few days ago that I was appointed as the new Chairman of the Parish Council !

You will be pleased to know that our new councillors are settling in well and playing an active role in the life of the council. Each one has taken up their areas of responsibility and is keen to serve you to their best ability.

The Steering Committee for the new Parish Plan is still in need of new members, so if you or anyone else is interested in becoming involved please let me know. It's important that we complete this document bearing in mind the new development strategies that are being worked on by the District and City Councils. We need your opinions on future developments in the local area, the retention of the Parish open space and many other important topics. So when you see the Parish Plan Questionnaire please take some time to respond, without this the Parish Council will be powerless, we need your support and a majority view if we have any chance to achieve your objectives for the Parish ! See the article on the centre pages regarding the future plans for development in Worcestershire and you will gain some insight into why this is so important.

As a dog owner, I think I should mention the recent increase in dog fouling abuse which is taking place on our many walkways and play areas. It really is outrageous the way some people seem to ignore this issue and leave behind their dog faeces ! Some areas are really very bad, notices have been posted and prosecution of offenders will take place ! I know that most dog owners act in a responsible manner but it doesn't take too many to make our surroundings very unpleasant and dangerous. To those who offend, and you know who you are, please change your ways and help to make the area a cleaner and better place to live in.

Finally, Christmas will soon be with us, time for the decorations to be put up and hopefully a relaxing time for all of us. I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year !

Regards,

Ray Morris

ALCOHOL FREE-ZONES

All those who shop at Tesco and in the Lyppards Area could not have missed the level of young people gathering and drinking alcohol in the parks nearby, leaving litter and causing criminal damage. In an attempt to combat this behaviour, West Mercia Police and Worcester City Council have come together to designate areas of Warndon Villages North and South Alcohol Free Zones. The areas included are as follows;

North - Berkeley Way from Cotswold Way to Parsonage Way, including Homestead Avenue and its adjoining closes as well as Brindley Road to its junction with Stanier Road.

East - Parsonage Way, Trotshill Way, Grange Way

South - Newtown Road, from the junction with Grange Way to the traffic lights at Canterbury Road

West - From the traffic lights at Canterbury Road, alongside the golf course to Tolladine Road at Elbury Park Road. Along Tolladine Road and the Old Tolladine Road, onto Woodgreen Drive to Berkeley Way

If a Police Officer or a Community Safety Officer suspects that a person drinking alcohol in a designated area may cause a public nuisance he may ask him to stop drinking alcohol. He may also request that the alcohol is given up to the officer, this includes unopened bottles, cans etc too. So drinking in an Alcohol Free Zone is fine as long as no public nuisance is anticipated, so weekend picnics and street parties will be fine, as long as you behave!!

The Order is now in force.

Notices will be displayed on lamp posts around the Parish.

SMOKE ALARMS

Did you know that the Hereford and Worcester Fire Service offer a **FREE** Home Fire Safety Check with the idea of fitting alarms ?

It would be a good idea to phone them on FREEPHONE 0800 032 1155 or contact them on their web site www.hwfire.org.uk !

What is the South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy?

Worcester City, Malvern Hills and Wychavon are working together on a strategic planning document for the area of South Worcestershire that will cover up to 2026. The final document, the South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy is expected to be adopted as policy in early 2010.

That might seem a long way off now, but the first stage towards the Joint Core Strategy has already arrived with an Issues & Options Paper.

The Paper is being published by the three Councils and will be the subject of public consultation from 2 November to 14 December 2007. This will give us all the chance to register our views on how we think South Worcestershire can be shaped with the growth that is to come.

That's right, growth for South Worcestershire. Growth is planned both nationally and regionally and South Worcestershire will need to take its share. The role of the Joint Core Strategy is to make up policies that aim to manage the growth and that are based upon the needs for South Worcestershire.

So do you have an opinion on how Worcester and the surrounding towns and villages should grow, what the future of the Green Belt is, what infrastructure is required, how many jobs are needed and where they should go. What about the future for our open spaces, our villages, public transport and what are the implications of development on future flooding?

Register your views by filling in a questionnaire on the Issues and Options Report—better still come along to your Local Public Event.

The questionnaire and Issues and Options Paper will be available at all the public events listed. You can also get one from a number of other sources including Lyppard Grange Community Centre, your elected members, the City Council or the Joint Strategy Website (www.makingspacesintoplaces.com or www.swjcs.org) as well as residents magazines. You will also read and hear about them in your local newspaper and on local radio.

Don't miss this important chance to let the Joint Core Strategy team have your views. Fill in a questionnaire before 14 December 2007!

Public meetings between the hours of 6.30pm and 8.00pm

See below the dates **in bold print** for local venues.

Gary Williams,
Head of Sustainable Development, Malvern Hills District Council
Gill Collin,
Head of Planning Services, Wychavon District Council
Paul O'Connor,
The Planning Manager, Worcester City Council

Public Events in your area (6.30 pm – 8.00 pm)

Monday, 5 Nov	Tenbury Wells Methodist Church
Tuesday, 6 Nov	Pershore Town Hall
Wednesday, 7 Nov	Worcester St Stephen's Church Hall, Droitwich Rd
Thursday, 8 Nov	Malvern Town Council, Council Chamber
Monday, 12 Nov	Bishampton Village Hall
Monday, 12 Nov	Worcester Countryside Centre, County Hall
Wednesday, 14 Nov	Worcester St. Peter the Great Baptist Church
Thursday, 15 Nov	Elmley Castle Village Hall
Tuesday, 20 Nov	Evesham Town Hall, Market Square
Wednesday, 21 Nov	Worcester The Green Centre, Dines Green
Thursday, 22 Nov	Upton upon Severn Memorial Hall, Council Chamber
Monday, 26 Nov	Worcester Woodgreen Evangelical Church, Hastings Drive
Wednesday, 28 Nov	Worcester City Centre Community Centre, Midland Rd
Wednesday, 28 Nov	Hallow, Parish Hall
Thursday, 29 Nov	Droitwich Spa Community Hall, Heritage Way
Thursday, 6 Dec	Ombersley Memorial Hall

Please contact us for further information about public events in your area

Visit www.swjcs.org or www.makingspacesintoplaces.com

Email contact@swjcs.org

Tel 01905 722233

Write to: Freepost RLTS/XRLK-AKGK, SWJCS, Orchard House, Farrier Street,
Worcester WR1 3BB

Worcester in Bloom

We must congratulate the Community Centre for being judged the Best Business Floral Display and Councillor Dan Robb, who was responsible for the display but also on winning the Best Small Rear Garden prize. Many residents entered the competition this year and we would like to encourage more to do so next year.

Road Crossings

Over the years there have been a number of requests for a controlled crossing at certain sections of Woodgreen Drive. These have never become a priority for the County Highways mainly because of the cost. Now there has been a change of policy and there maybe an opportunity for the less expensive Zebra crossings to be installed. If you have an ideas as to where they may be of benefit please contact the Clerk.

Dog Fouling

The Council thought that they had achieved a major success as for a long time there were no reported cases of fouling, but recently there has been an increase in certain areas. A warning notice has been prepared and is being posted in the worst effected areas.

It is known that many children walk their dogs, but do they always carrying a plastic bag? There are 19 refuse bins along the prime walking routes, 13 of which are sponsored by the Parish Council. Please use them.

It is possible that owners do not know that under the Cleaner Neighbourhood and Enforcement Act dog owners are required to pick up after their dogs in ANY AREA in the City which includes the parish. Offenders may be prosecuted. The Dog Warden is carrying out checks, so you have been warned.

Christmas Lights

The Council will again be judging those festive lights on private houses throughout the Parish. The categories were changed last year to just an overall winner and a runner-up. This year a street prize will be awarded. The winner's prize for this is to nominate a charity to whom the Council can send a cheque for £50.00.

New Parish Website

We are pleased to announce an exciting new Parish Council Website which will be launched shortly at www.WarndonParishCouncil.org. This website is a centre for getting lots of information on the local community, will keep you in touch with Parish Council Meetings and lots more besides. It also has lots of useful information and links on where to contact our other local councils in the area.

If you think of anything else that could be usefully added please let us know and we will do our best to help.

Footpath

The footpath along Berkeley Way has come to a stop. The reason is that the County Highways have no funds to complete the last stretch. Ironically this was the part that the Parish Council asked to be completed first, as many people walk from Hastings Drive to the Coachway stop, the offices and Three Pears. You can't win them all !

Fun Run

We know it is a long way off, but please make a note in your diary that in 2008, the date will be 1st June, same place, same time, same course. The Council would also like to hear suggestions for really local charities to whom the proceeds can be donated.

This year Maggs Day Centre in Worcester and the County Air Ambulance Service each received £625. We have to thank all those who entered for making this possible.

Worcester City FC

We thought you would like to know that the City Football Club has signed an agreement with St. Modwen, property developers, to build a 6000-seater stadium on the land along Nunnery Way to the south of the cattle market. Doubtless there will be many issues raised by this news, not the least being the enabling measures. The plans are due early next year. We would expect a public consultation for such a major development in the parish.

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The Council meets on the first Monday in the month (except Bank Holidays),
at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND SPEAK DURING THE FIRST 30 MINUTES BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Please contact the appropriate Councillor(s) or the Clerk on any matter with comments, complaints or if you just need advice or information.