



Warndon Parish Council

## Newsletter — Autumn 2008

A warm welcome to everyone, especially to new readers. Despite the poor weather there are some very impressive hanging baskets on show in the area.

We take this opportunity to express our congratulations to Councillor Mrs. Lucy Hodgson on becoming the Mayor of Worcester. A great honour for her and also for the parish as she is the first Mayor we have had. Her husband, Stephen, is her Consort and they have embarked on a very intensive programme of visits to the many organisations in the city. We must also congratulate Councillor Andy Roberts, another of our local councillors, on his appointment as Deputy Mayor.

Inside there is a report on the Open Meeting which was better supported this year and the results of the Fun Run which attracted more participants than recent years.

We must offer congratulations to the City Parks Department for the splendid roundabouts. Not two alike, a deliberate scheme by the designer, Martin Lewis.

We can also report that our new footpath has been completed ! After regular pressure from the Parish Council the footpath from Berkeley Way to Wainright Road is now finished. The first phase was completed in June 2007, from the Barn Owl to Hastings Road and then the money ran out ! A year later funds were allocated to finish the job !

### **From the Chairman**

As if the persistent bad weather has not been enough this summer, I have to start this note with news of some disappointing developments within our community.

As we go to press Tesco have decided to cut down about 75% of the trees in their Warndon Villages site, the trees were put there as a specific condition of their planning application some years ago. When they requested the increase to their store some two years ago there were many representations against the development most of which mentioned the wish to retain the trees on the site if the development went ahead. Now the company seem to have taken no notice of the community feelings and gone ahead with the removal of the trees. The Parish Council, hopefully with your support, will seek to have these trees replaced as part of TESCO's current planning application..

Tesco has every right to request changes in their site, but it would have been nice if they had asked for the opinion of their local customers before they went ahead.

The incidents of problems with our local youth seems to have calmed down this year, but there is still no doubt that they need better local facilities here if we are to find a long term solution. The Parish Council will continue to push for and monitor any future proposals.

Regards,  
Ray Morris

### **CYCLE PATHS**

The County and City Councils have produced a series of cycle maps covering local routes. These are available at the Community Centre.

## **LYPPARD GARDEN SOCIETY**

The gardening club was formed in 1993. The membership outgrew their Community Centre venue and moved to the Barn at St. Nicholas Church. Since then they have met regularly on the first Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm.

There is a regular programme of speakers interspersed with Members social evenings when many aspects of gardening are discussed as well as the swapping of plants and sometimes an auction for club funds

They are currently planting a small plot at Snowberry Avenue in conjunction with Worcester in Bloom. If you are interested please contact the Chairman, Valerie Hales, 19, Scafell Road Tel: 01905 29144 or come and meet us.

## **CHEEKY CHIMPS**

Lyppard Grange Community Centre supports & runs an Ofsted registered project called CHEEKY CHIMPS After-School Club. They collect children from Lyppard Grange Primary School and bring them back to the centre, where they can join in the many planned activities or run off some steam after a day at school in our play park. For children staying until 6pm, a light tea is included in the price of £8.50 per session.

Although the group cannot arrange to collect your child from any other school, they will still happily accept children if you can arrange transport or drop-off at the centre.

To book a FREE TRIAL SESSION, or for more information, please contact Mo, Lauren or Marie at the centre on 01905 616841. You can also look on their website at [www.lyppardgrangecommunitycentre.co.uk](http://www.lyppardgrangecommunitycentre.co.uk).

## **WHEELED BINS - Collection arrangements for Christmas & the New Year**

<u>Usual day of collection</u>	<u>Revised day of collection</u>
Tuesday 23 December	Normal
Wednesday 24 December	Normal
Thursday 25 December	Saturday 27 December
Friday 26 December	Monday 29 December
Tuesday 30 December	Normal
Wednesday 31 December	Normal
Thursday 1 January	Friday 2 January
Friday 2 January	Saturday 3 January
Tuesday 6 January onwards	Normal service resumes
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## OPEN MEETING

The Parish Open Meeting was held on 21 April 2008, 22 residents attended along with 5 Parish Councillors and one Ward councillor. The Chairman invited Mr John Wrightson, Head of Urban Environment, Worcester City Council, to address the meeting.

Mr Wrightson began by saying that the subject this evening would be about Household planning. The Government were circulating a White paper and consultation documents with new ideas. He said as he was new to the area he would hand over to Paul O'Connor, Planning Manager, to go into more detail.

Mr O'Connor began by saying that the basic idea was to reduce the number of planning applications for domestic properties although they would still have to consider the impact on the neighbours. The aim was to reduce the household applications by 20%. There would be little effect in the rural areas where some properties were isolated. However, the Local Authority would still need to scrutinise them.

He went on to say that some of the proposals included constraints on roof designs and possible changes to front paving being permeable. Decisions were expected in late summer. They would keep the Parish Council informed. From 6 April solar roof panels are to be allowed without planning permission.

He went on to say that household applications were always notified to neighbours, the Highway Authority if appropriate and the Parish Council. Any comments were passed to the Planning Committee.

Question: Why was permission given for the entrance to the Business Park off Newtown Road in contradiction of the original permission?

Answer: The Highways Authority objected to the Nunnery Way entrance on the grounds that it was dangerous and that they wanted to keep the Link Road clear of any access. The Planning Committee wanted to reject but it was pointed out that the Applicant would appeal to the High Court and that in the opinion of a third party the Council would lose. It was decided that the cost was too high.

There was a short discussion as to what degree the Parish Council's objections were taken into account. They were always looked at. With regard to garage conversions it was allowed if there was adequate parking.

Mr O'Connor then referred to the European Union's regulations from which the Government produced Guidance notes. The idea was to increase local interest and consult people on local plans and for them to make comments.

Question: What had happened about the road crossings along Woodgreen Drive?

Answer: The Chairman said that when the idea was put to the Highways Authority they replied that non-skid surfaces would need to be laid either side of the crossing point which would cost in the region of £35000. In addition there would need to be a Safety Audit carried out to assess the viability.

Question: Why were the County going ahead with the Newton Road bus lanes.

Answer: Mr O'Connor said it was a matter for the County Council and the Highway Authority

#### South Worcs Joint Strategy

In order to meet the scheme the districts of Malvern Hills, Worcester and Wychavon had joined forces to produce their preferred option. Worcester's allocation was 3500 which was obtainable. There was quite a lot of building in progress and that would go a long way to meeting the requirement. The concept was for a mixed development which included employment. The public consultation meeting period runs from 19 September to 31 October and the next meeting is on 15 September at the Swan Theatre. For a ticket telephone 01905 611427

Mr Wrightson finished by saying that they would keep everyone informed about the new legislation. The Planning Officers were always available to give advice

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and hoped they found it interesting.

## **CASUAL VACANCY**

We regret to report that Dan Robb resigned from the Council in June having moved out of the parish.

Dan returned to Worcester early in 2006 and became the parish Tree Warden. He later became Footpath Officer. He liaised with our Estate Wardens and, apart from doing his own litter-picking round, recruited a number of others to do the same.

In May 2007 he came onto the Parish Council and was asked to oversee Environmental Matters with Councillor Dawn Merriman. This he did with great enthusiasm.

He undertook the renovation of the Community Centre garden adding hanging baskets on the walls. His reward was that the Centre won the Best Business Floral Display in the 2007 Worcester in Bloom competition.

We wish him well and thank him for all his work on behalf of the parish.

***His departure means that, as we go to press, there is a vacancy on the Council. If you are interested please contact the Clerk whose address is on the back page***

## **MOBILE LIBRARY**

The County Council has carried out its review of the library service and this results in the reduction of the mobile libraries by one. For the last nine years the library, based at Bromsgrove, has been attending on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday each month. Now the visits will be on Thursday & Fridays.

The Friday visit will be every THREE WEEKS starting 5 September with the time extended from 3.15pm to 6.30pm.

Commencing on 18 September, there will be visits from 3.00pm to 4.00pm on selected Thursdays. The dates will be posted in the van.

A reminder for all users and potential users is that books borrowed maybe returned to any library.

We will be keeping a watching brief to see how it serves the parish needs.

## **FUN RUN**

The 10th Annual Parish Council Fun Run took place on Sunday 1st June, over the now familiar course through the footpaths in the parish. 245 runners entered this year with the majority entering on the day.

The Mayor of Worcester, Councillor Mrs Lucy Hodgson, started the race at 2.00pm. and off they went, filling Mill Wood Drive with running bodies.

### **Under 16 races**

The winners of the 5k races were Kyle Roscoe (13 years) in a time of 22.53  
Zoe Chandler (13 years) was not only the youngest girl in the 5km race but also the overall winner in a time of 20.47. Nathan Jones (15 years) recorded 39.33 in the 10k race..

### **Fun Day**

The Community Centre Staff organised a Fun Day. There was plenty to do and see including displays by the Parish Estate Wardens and the Rangers, bouncy castles, 'beat the goalie' and other stalls

Our thanks go to everyone in involved in making this a great family day out !

Results

<b>MEN</b>			<b>WOMEN</b>	
		<b>5km</b>		
1. Ben Levine	16.59		1. Zoe Chandler	20.47
2. Robin Coll	18.02		2. Tara Cooper	21.10
3. Steve Sandalls	18.30		3. Natasha Day	22.55
		<b>10km</b>		
1. Richgard Shardlow	36.20		1. Alison Bagnall	41.53
2. Richard Ralphs	36.32		2. Jane Bartholomew	42.04
3. Mike Harrison	36.57		3. Teri Thompson	44.23
		<b>15km</b>		
1. Matt Ansfield	55.30		1. Vicki Sivertson	66.41
2. David O'Briien	56.33		2. Annie Baumber	70.59
3. Terry Conway	56.53		3. Kareen Mann	75.05

The charities this year were the new Breast Clinic at the Royal Hospital and St. Richard's Hospice. Each will receive a cheque for £750.

## The Parish Council

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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.