

WOORE PARISH COUNCIL **NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2016**

Parish Councillors

As many of you will be aware, Cllr Frank Woodcock sadly died in a motor accident on 26th March 2016. Cllr Woodcock had been a member of the Parish Council for 29 years and was a stalwart of the local community. He will be much missed.

On 11th July 2016, a new Councillor was co-opted on to the Parish Council following the death of Cllr Woodcock. She is Mrs Kate Chell. Kate has lived on Blaizefield Close in Woore for the last 16 years and says "I feel extremely lucky to live where I live...in this village where community is very important, new neighbours are welcomed and where help, if you need it, is only a knock away. I love this village and want to be involved in future plans." Kate's contact details are at the end of this Newsletter.

New Parish Council Website

The Parish Council's website (www.wooreparishcouncil.org) has a new design which makes the process of adding new information and documents easier. The Parish Council hope to make greater use of the new features over the coming months. The website also has on it a Planning Tracker which allows you to view the details of all new planning applications in the Parish and to follow the process whereby they are decided on by Shropshire Council.

Grants made by the Parish Council

The Parish Council can use part of its funding to make grants. Among the grants recently made are the following:

- (1) £2,000 to Woore Victory Hall. Part of this grant will be used to resurface the area immediately in front of the Hall.
- (2) £1,500 to Woore Village Pride which contributed to the costs of buying and planting flowers, shrubs and spring bulbs to brighten up 14 areas of the Parish.
- (3) £200 to Woore Neighbourhood Watch.

The Parish Council has also agreed to pay for the cleaning of the War Memorial in front of St Leonard's Church.

Traffic Speeds

The purchase and installation by the Parish Council of Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) was completed in March 2015 because of concerns about vehicles speeding through the Parish. The signs are moved around the Parish on a fortnightly basis. Initially, the cameras were deployed in four

locations but these have recently been increased to six. The MVAS tell drivers what speed they are doing and data is collected and forwarded to, amongst others, the Police. This helps the Police to decide what traffic monitoring they should do. The Police have told us that they issued 146 speeding notices in the first half of 2016. Depending on the circumstances of each case, fixed penalties, a requirement to attend Speed Awareness Courses or full prosecutions would then have followed.

Other Road Safety Issues

The Parish Council has made the following submissions to Shropshire Council:

- (1) That a 30mph speed limit should be imposed on the B5026 from where such a speed restriction currently terminates to the border with Staffordshire where a 30 mph speed limit already exists.
- (2) That a 40 mph speed limit should be imposed on the B5026 from the Parish border close to the White Lion Public House southwards to the southernmost border of the Parish.
- (3) That a 40mph speed limit should be imposed on the A525 Woore to Newcastle Road from where such a speed restriction currently terminates to beyond the crossroads junction with Gravenhunger Lane and Gravenhunger Moss.
- (4) That a 20mph speed limit should be imposed on the A51 London Road outside Woore Primary School at the beginning and end of the school day in place of the 30 mph speed limit which presently operates.

Shropshire Council will consider these submissions when prioritising its future expenditure on highways and road safety. Recently, Shropshire Council extended the pavement along the Newcastle Road and carried out an extension of the pavement on the Audlem Road so that there is a continuous pavement between the centre of the village and the Candle Lane development.

Public Open Space

The Parish Council has been provided with a grant to purchase additional open space for use by the community. If you are a landowner and would like to provide a lasting legacy to the community, please contact the Parish Council's Clerk (see contact details below) to discuss.

Planning

Since 1st January 2016, Shropshire Council has received over 20 planning applications relating to the Parish. Shropshire has to consult the Parish Council concerning every application and the Parish Council, in turn, tries to consult with those persons (e.g. neighbours) who will be most affected by the applications before discussing the applications at its monthly meetings. The Parish Council then lodges its own comments concerning the applications with Shropshire Council.

Of the planning applications received by Shropshire Council, four new ones were for what could be described as large scale development (i.e. they were for the erection of two or more houses). Of these, the Parish Council opposed an application for the erection of two houses on land north west of Woodfield on the Audlem Road and an application to build nine houses on land south of Audlem Road. These applications were refused by Shropshire Council. A further application by Berry's to build a large development off the Newcastle Road and an application to convert The Swan Public House into flats have yet to be determined.

Woore Neighbourhood Planning Team (Woore NPT) Update

Neighbourhood planning was introduced in 2012. It enables local communities to produce plans for their local areas and to put in place a vision and policies to guide future development of an area. Woore NPT is trying to create a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish.

Following an open public meeting in the Spring, a core team has met several times over the summer to research and consider different options for the Plan. More recently, you may have spoken to some of us at the rearranged Fete on 17th September.

We have now appointed consultants to help us prepare the plan and are in the process of applying for a grant which will pay for the external consultants. Therefore, you should hear much more from us over the coming months as we engage the wider community to ensure that local issues which may be on your mind can be addressed.

We need as much help as possible in doing this – whether it be distributing and collecting questionnaires, analysing results or raising awareness. If you have an interest in helping please contact us at www.woorenpt.org.uk or come to our next meeting on 26th September at 7:30pm in the Victory Hall.

Parish Councillors

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Useful Numbers

Shropshire Council Customer Services 0345 678 9000. Please call this number to report highway problems and fly-tipping.

West Mercia Police 101 to report less urgent (non- emergency) crime and disorder.

Please also report the matter to the Neighbourhood

Watch Co-Ordinator, Chris Jeffries, on 01630 647009.

Parish Council Meeting Dates

The next meetings will be held at **7.30 pm** on **10th October, 14th November and 12th December 2016**. An open public meeting is held for 15 minutes at the start of each of the above meetings of the Parish Council. Come along and have your say and hear the debates and decisions made.

Your views are important

Please feel free to contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors if you wish to contribute to the next newsletter or wish to become involved with the work of the Parish Council.