

## Chadwick End Parish Council



### Welcome to the introductory newsletter for Chadwick End Parish Council

The parish council was formally created at its first meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014. At the next meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014, the interim councillors were replaced with five elected councillors:

**Chair:** Cllr Rob Horsfield

**Vice Chair:** Cllr Clive Stocks

**Councillors:**, Cllr Jeff Davies and Cllr Simon Carter. Cllr Hilary Vaughton has resigned for health reasons so co-option of a councillor is currently being sought.

The parish council have also appointed Hilary Goodreid as Parish Clerk for the village. Hilary will also be acting as the Responsible Financial Officer for the parish council.

#### When are parish council meetings?

Main meetings of the Council are open to the public and a time slot is given for the public to speak on any matter of local concern. Meetings are usually held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every other month at 6.30pm.

#### Where are parish council meetings held?

In Chadwick End, all of Parish meetings will normally be held at the Village Hall, Warwick Road, Chadwick End, Solihull B93 0BP.

#### What are the Meetings For?

There are three types of meeting affecting the Parish Council each with a different purpose:

The **ordinary parish council meetings** are held every other month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Their purpose is to discuss the spending of the precept (amount of money raised through local council tax), local issues, planning applications, hire of village hall. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend and can raise

issues in the specific public part of the meeting.

Every English Parish must have an **Annual Parish Meeting** held between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> June (inclusive). Although the meeting is convened, chaired and minuted by the Parish Council, it is not a Parish Council meeting but a meeting of registered electors (including councillors who are registered electors). The purpose of the meeting is to enable the registered electors to discuss parish affairs and to pass resolutions thereon.

A Parish Council is a statutory body not a club, charity or association and therefore it does not hold an annual general meeting (AGM). However, the Parish Council must hold an **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council** during May. This is the meeting of the Parish Council where they elect the Chair, make other annual appointments and review insurance, risk management, policies etc.

#### How do I get more information?

The parish clerk holds copies of all documentation and can answer your questions. Until a web site is established, please contact the parish clerk on 07703 647 883 or via email: [chadwickendpc@hotmail.com](mailto:chadwickendpc@hotmail.com).

## Chadwick End Village Hall

Located on the Warwick Road in Chadwick End, to the south of Solihull with excellent road access, Chadwick End village hall offers an affordable venue for social events or local groups.

The village hall offers an entrance lobby, a main hall with side room off, a kitchen and rear hall leading off to the car park and childrens play area with adjacent field.

Hire rates are currently just £10 per hour and a deposit of £50 is required for all events which will be returned to the hirer upon satisfactory completion of hire.

For full terms and conditions and to arrange to visit and have a look round the hall, please contact Chadwick End Parish Clerk on 07703 647 883 or via email: [chadwickendpc@hotmail.com](mailto:chadwickendpc@hotmail.com)



## Travellers encampment

The beginning of September saw an unauthorised encampment of travellers on the village recreation ground.

The assistance from the Police and Solihull Council were sought and officers from the Environmental Services team undertook the legally required welfare assessment. They also helped the parish council get the necessary legal orders drawn up to move the travellers on.

Following their eviction from the site, SMBC officers were fantastic in arranging a clean-up of the fields, pavilion and play ground. Officers from Solihull Neighbourhood Rangers and the Community Payback team have also been helping with revamping the play area and mending the tables and benches.

Following a visit by the insurance company, the parish council are now looking to install a height barrier on the car park with security fencing behind the hedge. Hopefully this will deter any further unauthorised visits.

Until the crime prevention measures are put in place, please bear with us as we still need the stone to block the entrance as a short term measure.

Following a well-attended parish council meeting in September, both the Police and SMBC are sending officers again to the November parish council meeting. Networking between these organisations and the parish council have resulted in early warning of subsequent movement of travellers in the area and financial support towards the crime prevention measures and the clean-up.

## Next Parish Council Meeting and Co-option of new Councillor

The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 6.30pm. This is an important meeting for two reasons:

- decisions will begin to be taken on the Precept (the amount of money requested through the Council Tax);
- with the resignation of Cllr Vaughton, we are looking for a co-opted Councillor to serve until the next election – If you wish to be considered, please see the advert on the village notice board or call the parish clerk on 07703 647 883. The deadline for applying is 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014.