



SALESBURY PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER



MAY 2021

Introduction from the Chairman of the Parish Council

Firstly I hope that you, your family and loved ones are safe and well. The Covid-19 pandemic has had a devastating effect on us all. From a Parish Council point of view it has affected several of our planned activities during the year including our planned surgeries along with all our meetings being conducted on-line. Although these are mere inconveniences compared to what a lot of people have endured and are still enduring. Hopefully as the situation begins to improve we will be able to once again hold face to face meetings at the Memorial Hall where you will be welcome to join us.

The main role of the Parish Council is to represent Parish residents on issues affecting our community to Ribble Valley Borough Council (RVBC), Lancashire County Council (LCC) and Central Government. The Parish Council obtains its powers through a wide range of statutes which both allow and regulate its activities. The Parish Council consists of the following elected members along with their current roles within the Council:

Graham Henderson	Vice Chairman	Maggy Howells
Mike Wood	Chairman	
Janet Westwell		
Lesley Lund	Parish Clerk	

There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council if you would like to find out more or register your interest please email salesburypc@gmail.com or speak to one of your parish councillors.

The Parish Council is invited to have members represent it other associated bodies, so during the past year Cllr Henderson represented the Parish on Salesbury Memorial Hall Committee, Cllr Howells represented the Parish on the Lancashire Association of Local Councils (LALC) Area Committee and Cllr Boyes represented us on the Parish Council Liaison Committee. All five elected members also sit on the Salesbury and Copster Green Management Committee with elected members from RVBC.

Hopefully the information included within this newsletter will be of interest to you, if you would like any more, please visit our website: www.salesburyparishcouncil or contact our Clerk, Lesley Lund at: salesburypc@gmail.com. Equally please feel free to contact any of your councillors directly (email addresses are on the website) or if you prefer please feel free to speak to any of us when you see us out and about.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their enthusiasm and for the enormous amount of their time freely given to enable the Parish Council to function over the last 12 months whilst I have been the Chairman. I would also like to thank Lesley, our Parish Clerk who has shown a lot of patience and kept what is still a relatively inexperienced group of councillors on the straight and narrow whilst retaining her sense of humour.

Very Best Wishes Mike Wood

Financial

At the financial year end reserves were standing at a healthy balance of approximately £10,600. As a result it was agreed by the Parish Council not to increase the precept we receive from your Community Charge bills and decided to keep it at a total of £4,800 for the coming year.

The Parish Council can also claim back VAT which will be over £400 during the financial year 2020/2021.

It is worth pointing out that the Parish Council currently also provides the funding for the Salesbury and Copster Green Management Committee.

Looking back over the past 12 months

As a Parish Council we have had some notable achievements and equally we have had some disappointments during the last 12 months:

Defibrillator -

At the May 2020 meeting it was agreed to purchase a defibrillator up to a cost of £1700.00 including installation. A grant of £450.00 was received from the LCC Parish Champion towards possible, Cllr Rigby, LCC installing it. Parish Champion for the generous grant and to Matt the cost of purchase. Thanks to Thwaites Brewery, the management of the Yu for making it from MH Electrical (Clitheroe) for doing a great job

Matt on the job



All finished



Quarterly Surgery

Prior to the Covid restrictions it was only possible to hold one surgery between councillors and residents. As soon as Covid restrictions allow it is our intention to re-start them at the Memorial Hall, please keep an eye on both the website and noticeboards.

As always it is the intention at these surgeries for you to meet with councillors in a relaxed atmosphere to discuss any issue that either the Parish Council or the Salesbury and Copster Green Management Committee can deal with.

Dog Fouling

The Parish Council obtained more signs from RVBC and placed them on walking routes to encourage people to 'pick up' and dispose of dog waste responsibly. If you do see someone not 'picking-up' please have a quiet chat to them, it could save them a hefty fine.

Litter Picking - Thanks to local residents who litter pick in the local area on a regular basis. If you would like to get involved at any time the Parish Council now has a small supply of litter pickers and hi-vis jackets which are available to borrow.

Spring Clean

Unfortunately delayed due to Covid - but certainly not forgotten.

New Website We now have a new website which contains the minutes, agendas and many other items which may be of interest. Thanks to Cllr Janet Westwell for working in conjunction with our new website provider, HugoFox to ensure that our site complies with the new accessibility requirements imposed in September 2020.

Collapsing Dry Stone Wall - Copster Green

Following a search of records, it has been determined that the wall is on the Huntroyde Estate and is therefore their responsibility for the upkeep. Due to the condition of the wall RVBC were requested to inspect it to ascertain its overall condition. They did so and have now written to the Land Agent representing the estate to request that work is carried out. We are not sure if is related to this request but a small element of the wall has been taken down recently.



Sadly the original memorial plaque was stolen several years ago. Whilst it has taken its time, we have now replaced it with a new one and located it in its original position, in front of the memorial Oak tree which is opposite the YU Restaurant. It was agreed by the Parish Council to purchase an 'Unknown Tommy' silhouette which will be placed at the memorial tree at Remembrance time.

Memorial Plaque



Wooden Footbridge Repair - Lovely Hall Lane

Due to the footbridge slats beginning to rot the Parish Council commissioned a local contractor (Paul Randle) to replace them. Thanks to Paul for a job well done.

Traffic on Lovely Hall Lane

Sadly this is one that hasn't gone as well as we had hoped, we still have an ongoing problem during term time at school start and finishing times with some parents/guardians parking on yellow lines. We are still trying to encourage the appropriate authorities to patrol the lane around the school on a regular basis during these busy periods to remind drivers of the parking regulations.

Drain blockage - Lovely Hall Lane

The Parish Council pressurised LCC Highways to get the drains cleared, which they eventually did.

Apparently there was a blockage around the recently installed gas pipe. LCC have promised to monitor drain on a regular basis.

The photo below is a picture taken prior to the drain being cleared and the one opposite shows the newly installed grate.



Marles Wood car park

The car park at Marles Wood has had its fair share of problems with anti-social behaviour being perhaps the biggest over the past year. Thankfully the work undertaken by the Countryside Service Manager and his team at LCC which has entailed the lowering of the trees along the lane as a result it has significantly opened up the car park to the road. Whilst we are keeping it under constant review it does seem to have deterred some of the anti-social behaviour. Thanks go out to not only LCC but also RVBC and the Police who are all helping to monitor the situation.

After several written exchanges with the Countryside Service at LCC, they agreed to place a second waste bin in the car park area, whilst this was appreciated we are still concerned that at busy times both bins become overwhelmed as a consequence visitors leave their rubbish around

them. We have again written to LCC to ask them to place another bin at the beginning of the track to the river. Unfortunately they are currently reluctant to provide a third bin as they are reviewing the general placement of waste bins. We will continue to pressurise them, however it would be helpful if visitors could take their rubbish home with them.

Small Community book swap library – coming soon!

It was agreed by the council that, subject to the necessary permission, to install a small book swap library, hopefully this will be completed during the summer and placed somewhere in the middle of the Parish.

Signs

A number of new signs which had been requested by residents were purchased for around the parish including:



No Parking on grass - 1 by cricket club + 1 on 'top' Green (right hand side as you enter Copster Green coming down Lovely Hall Lane)

Residents Only parking - Park Gate Row, Copster Green

Hazel Moor Common - top of track going down to Cricket Club

10mph - Drive Slowly (still to go up, hopefully by end of this weekend) as you enter main Green from Lovely Hall Lane

Sadly a sign recently sited near to the Cricket Club has been vandalised after only a couple of weeks and the sign has been taken down. If anyone does see signs, benches etc being vandalised please report it to the police or email the clerk salesburypc@gmail.com

Training

During the course of the coming year, all Councillors and the Clerk will be encouraged to expand their knowledge by attending appropriate training courses. Courses already booked include Chairmanship, Cyber Security and Finance.

Forthcoming Events

- Plant Pot Festival - August Bank Holiday weekend
- During the autumn, we have plans to trim back some of the vegetation on the middle green, if anybody would like to help, please contact the Clerk on salesburypc@gmail.com who will forward your details to the project co-ordinator.

Forward Planning

The Parish Council is currently getting a 5 year plan together for projects and would welcome input from you, the residents. Either by:

- emailing us on salesburypc@gmail.com
- speaking with one of your local parish councillors
- or attending one of our meetings and speaking in the public participation section. Details of meetings are posted on our noticeboards and the website.

Projects brought forward so far for discussion are:

Removal of tree stump – to allow repair to stone wall

Woodland Walk Project

Replacement of footbridge - *grants could be available from LEF/Parish Champion*

Now and Then!!

For those who have lived in Salesbury for many years, if you cast your mind back, the common land on either side of Lovely Hall Lane wasn't always covered in trees. The two pictures (taken from roughly the same spot) show a view from near the school looking down Lovely Hall Lane towards the track to Ashes Farm.



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Again, If you would like more details on any of the points covered, please go to our website and have a look at the minutes from our meetings. Equally, please feel free to contact the Clerk or any councillor. Just like you, we are part of the community and want to do everything we can to improve our surroundings and environment.

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