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Drayton Bassett News

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All the news from your Parish Council.

A word from the Chair, Ian Watkins

One of our key projects for 2021 is to collaborate with the HS2 contractors, Balfour Beattie VINCI, on improving some public spaces in the village. Both in terms of funding and expertise, as well as their time and manpower. Included in the discussion is improving the village green, recreation ground and facilities, and longer-term safe access in and out of the village for pedestrians. If you would like to share your thoughts on this, please email: parishclerkdbpc@gmail.com. Once we're able to gather again we will set up a community drop-in meeting, details will be on the website and noticeboard.

Next Meeting:

20th April at 7pm

Our Parish Council meetings have to continue via Zoom until May, we're awaiting guidance on what will be permitted after that. If you have any issues you would like to raise or would like to join the zoom meeting for the public participation section, please get in touch with the clerk: parishclerkdbpc@gmail.com.

Stay safe...

Ian

Oak Tree Farm

Many of you will have seen the glossy brochure posted through your door outlining the details for the proposed development of Oak Tree Farm. We have been working behind the scenes with local residents to lodge objections with the Lichfield District Council Planning Team. There are many concerns with the plans, but the key ones are around road safety, volume of traffic and impact on villagers.

The Chair has participated in two zoom planning meetings and successfully managed to get the planning decision deferred.

Drayton Lane Closure – HS2 Work

There will be temporary traffic management in two phases on Drayton Lane and the top of Shirral Drive from 12 April 2021. This is to allow safe access

along the roadside as part of HS2 works in the area, including mitigating construction impact on local newt populations.

Works will be phased as follows

- Phase 1: Temporary closure of Drayton Lane and top of Shirral Drive, 12 April – 16 April
- Phase 2: Temporary traffic lights on Drayton Lane, 16 April - 11 May

These will be operational between 9:00am and 3:30pm with teams on site one hour before and one hour after the works to set up and secure the site at the end of each day. Work will be carried out at weekends while the temporary traffic lights are in operation.

While the closure is operational a signed diversion route will be in place. Access to properties and businesses will be maintained while these works progress.

Furry Friends

We're delighted to see so many new puppies in the village, many of us have relied on them as companions during lockdown. Just a reminder to be extra vigilante when they poop – bag it and bin it! We have a dedicated dog poo bin near the W.I. Hall, and you can also use the standard waste bins.

Online customer survey:

www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/customersurvey

Are you being served?

Give your views on the ways you would prefer to interact with Lichfield District Council.

Through its customer access survey, Lichfield District Council is seeking the views of its residents, businesses and visitors about the ways in which they access council information and services.

From over the phone and email communications, to using a chatbot or webchat, the council is interested in finding out what channels its customers would consider using and what they prefer.

Tracey Tudor, Head of Corporate Services, said: “With more and more of our customers expecting to be able to access information and our services 24/7, we are seeking your views about how you would like to interact with us in the future.

“We will use the feedback to inform the need for additional access channels, such as more online support or how we communicate with you – our residents, businesses and visitors.

“I hope we get plenty of responses as this will help us to improve your customer experience when interacting with us and the services we provide.”

The customer access survey is online at www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/customersurvey and should take no more than ten minutes to complete. If you need any help filling in the survey, please call our customer services team, Lichfield Connects, on 01543 308000 who will be happy to help you. The closing date for responses is Friday 30 April 2021.

