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ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

written by David Bard, Chairman of Sawston Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Community Room at Spicers Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Sawston on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 at 7.30pm. Tea and coffee will be served from 7pm.

This is your opportunity to meet Parish Councillors to discuss local issues and hear about plans for the next year.

DEFIBRILLATORS

Two additional defibrillators have been purchased, bringing the total in the village to four. The new ones are at Lynton Way and Mill Lane pavilions and the other two at the parish office in Link Road and at Spicers Pavilion. One defibrillator was activated during the last year but fortunately did not have to be used.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Scotsdales very generously donated a Christmas Tree to the village which Boswells kindly erected in Church Court. It certainly enhanced the Christmassy feel of the village in the run up to the holidays.

COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

Councillors

We welcomed five new members to the Council following the election in May, which again was uncontested. They are: Robert Grayston, Colin Groves, Janet Martin, Brian Milnes and Alison Setchell. At the same time we said goodbye to Ian Reid and our former Chairman, Eugene Murray.

Eugene had served as Chairman for almost nine years. I would like to thank both Eugene Murray and Ian Reid for their contributions to the council over the years and to wish them well for the future.

Rajnikant Padia was co-opted onto the council in February 2017. There are still three vacancies to be filled so if you feel you want to get involved, contact me for an informal chat.

PARISH COUNCILLORS

Alison Setchell
Beck Laxton
Brian Milnes
Colin Groves
David Bard
Janet Martin
Kevin Cuffley
Kieran Cooper
Mike Mallows
Neil Reid
Rajnikant Padia
Ray Matthews
Robert Grayston
Roger Richmond
Tony Fell
Tony Orgee

Staff

Gina Pack retired from the position of Assistant Parish Clerk after sixteen years' valued service and has been replaced by Anne Rudge. Again, I would like to thank Gina Pack for her years of service to the council and to welcome Anne Rudge to her new role. We have also welcomed back Michael Roughead to the council in his former position as weekday Litter Picker.

We congratulate Alan Poole, our Head Groundsman, who received a commendation from the Cambridge Football Association in the Groundsman of the Year competition. It is also to his credit that the Cambridge

Cricket Association wants to use the Spicers ground to host all its finals in 2017.

PARISH FIREWORKS

This regular annual event took place on Saturday 5th November with a magnificent display helped by the cold, clear weather. The collection on the gate raised £941.19 which will go towards grants to local organisations.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND ROAD SAFETY

The pedestrian crossing in Babraham Road, which is part-funded by the Parish Council under the County Council's Minor Road Improvements Scheme, is currently under construction and will hopefully be completed by the time that you receive this report.

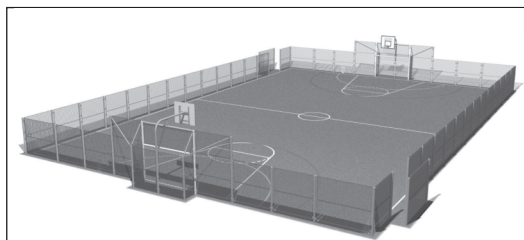
The Parish Council agreed to apply to the Minor Improvements Scheme in 2016 for a pedestrian crossing in New Road, close to the entrance to

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017–2018 on Tuesdays at the Parish Council Office

Full council 7.15pm	Recreation and open spaces 7.30pm	Planning and environment 7.30pm	Finance and general purposes 7.30pm	Cemetery 7.30pm
2nd May (Spicers)				
9th May		23rd May		
13th June		27th June		6th June
11th July	18th July	25th July	4th July	
12th September		26th September		
10th October	17th October	24th October		
14th November		21st November	28th November	7th November
12th December				
2018	2018	2018	2018	2018
9th January	16th January	23rd January	2nd January	
13th February		27th February		
13th March		27th March		6th March
10th April	17th April	24th April	3rd April	

Sawston Village College. We are also in discussion with the Village College about improving cycle access along the north side of New Road. The proposed crossing could therefore form part of a wider road safety scheme. The Parish Council has also repeatedly lobbied the County Council for improvements to the cycle track between Stapleford and Sawston.

MULTI USE GAMES AREA (MUGA)



The project to construct a MUGA at Lynton Way recreation ground has been delayed pending clarification of the requirement to carry out an archaeological investigation. This issue has now almost been resolved and construction should start in the spring.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

The Council was able to assist the following Sawston organisations with grants. These grants are

funded by the donations from the collection held at the annual village firework display.

- The Challis Trust – contribution towards the refurbishment of the house.
- Winter Fair – contribution towards running expenses.
- Sawston Nursery – outdoor items to support environmental awareness.
- Romsey Mill – for running youth activities.
- CAMSAR – contribution towards upgrading communication systems.
- RelateCambridge – contribution towards counselling services.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Annual Parish Meeting

Spicers Pavilion on Tuesday 2nd May at 7pm for 7.30pm

Bonfire Night Firework Display

Huckeridge Hill on Saturday 4th November.

Gates open at 6pm with fireworks at 6.45pm.

To ensure safe access for pedestrians, Huckeridge Hill will be closed to traffic from 5pm to 9pm.

This year disabled parking will be available for a limited number at Spicers Pavilion.

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