

THE SAWSTONIAN

Information and news from Sawston Parish Council

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

by Dr David Bard, Chairman, 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 01 May 2018 at 7.30 pm. Tea and coffee will be available from 7.00pm.

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

STAFF

We said goodbye to our Assistant Clerk, Anne Rudge in August to take up the position of Clerk to our neighbouring Parish Council at Stapleford. We congratulate her on her new appointment and thank her for all her help during her time at Sawston.

We welcomed Clare Speed as our new Assistant Clerk in December and wish her well in her new role.

COUNCILLORS

We were very sorry to receive the resignation of Cllr Alison Setchell in June and wish her all the best for the future.

VILLAGE FIREWORKS

This regular annual event took place on Saturday, 4th November with a magnificent display helped by the cold, clear weather. This year, in response to requests, we opened the car park at Spicers sports ground for disabled users. This proved to be a success and will be continued in future years. The collection on the gate raised a magnificent £1230.33 which will go towards grants to local organisations. I would like to thank those who attended for their generosity.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND ROAD SAFETY

The Parish Council agreed to apply to the Local Highway Improvement Initiative for safety measures in New Road, close to the entrance to Sawston Village College. A scheme has been developed with the County Council for interactive warning signs on New Road on the approach to the College entrances. We will also be obtaining moveable interactive speed monitors which display the speed of vehicles, indicate whether they are exceeding the limit and can be moved between different points around the village. They will be similar to those already in use in Great Shelford and Babraham.

The Parish Council has continued to lobby for improvements to the Sawston to Stapleford cycleway and we are pleased to hear that it has been included in the second round of the Greater Cambridge Partnership Greenways programme. We have been promised an exhibition of the proposals and a public consultation later in the Spring.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Scotsdales, again very generously donated a Christmas Tree to the village which Boswells kindly erected. It certainly added to the festive atmosphere of the High Street in the run up to Christmas.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Parish Council has decided to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan. The success of this relies on the support of the whole community and for the community to take ownership of it with the support of the Parish Council. Further details will be given by distribution of a leaflet which will shortly be delivered to every house in the village.

CURRENT MEMBERS

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

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Assistant Parish Clerk – Mrs Clare Speed

The Parish Council office is open 8.30am-1.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (closed to the public on Thursday).

Minutes of all Parish Council meetings are available on the website www.sawston.org.uk.

Copies of the Council's Financial Statement for 2017/2018 are available from the Parish Council office.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

The Parish Council was able to assist the following Sawston organisations with grants this year.

- Sawston Air Cadets - To purchase a Camcorder for the group.
- Sawston Community First Responder Group - Donation towards a responder bag
- Magpas - Donation towards the purchase of a kit bag to carry equipment to the scene of accidents.
- CAMSAR - Donation to help towards the purchase of equipment and training for a search technician.
- Romsey Mill - Supporting vulnerable young people within Sawston.
- Relate Cambridge - Support for counselling services to Sawston residents.
- Sawston Rotary Club - Donation towards the cost of staging the Annual Fun Run.
- Sawston & Pampisford Branch of the British Legion - Donation towards the cost of sending representatives from Sawston & Pampisford to attend the Great Pilgrimage to mark the end of WW1.
- Sawston Scout Group - Donation towards replacement scarves.
- Sawston Nursery – Donation to purchase tools for their allotment so they can grow their own fruit and veg.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Annual Parish Meeting at Spicers Sports Ground

01 May 7.00 for 7.30pm

Bonfire Night Firework Display at Huckeridge Hill

Saturday 03 November. Gates open at 6.00 pm with fireworks at 6.45pm. To ensure safe access for pedestrians, Huckeridge Hill will be closed to traffic from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm. Disabled parking will be again be available at Spicers sports ground.