

Parish Council Report

Children's Play Area

Thanks to the Wethersfield Firemen for their support in removing the existing fencing and to the excellent volunteers who did a magnificent job to clear the site. The fencing has now been relocated to Pipers Meadow and top soil and turf has been brought in to reinstate relevant areas before the installation of the new equipment starts in mid-June. By the time you read this we should have our new play area, a great community effort.

"You Are Here!" - New Village Information Map

The new map is shortly to be installed next to the seat on School Green. Its purpose is primarily to inform visitors to the village about services and points of interest. I'm assuming that most residents know where they are, most of the time! The map was designed by local designers David and Chester Meldrum of Sherbet Creations.

Demand Responsive Transport (DaRT 1&2)

This is an alternative way of providing access to key services in rural areas and can be booked by contacting Arrow Taxis on 01621 874411. This sounds promising but I haven't heard any reports from users of this service yet.

Planning applications

- Lower House 12 Northampton Meadow: tree work. There were no objections.
- The Old Bakehouse, High Street: treework. There were no objections.
- 36 Durham Close: erection of rear extension and conservatory. There were no objections
- 2 Mill Close: erection of extension at first floor and other works: the design was considered out of place in its setting.

Reminders: burglaries, parking and overhanging branches

Following a recent burglary in the centre of the village residents should be aware of any unusual activity, particularly if you know that neighbours are away, remember to lock doors, windows and sheds.

Thoughtless parking around the village means that parents with buggies and small children often have to walk in the road – Vine Street is particularly bad in this respect. It is illegal to block any pavement. Enough space must be left for pedestrians, wheelchair users and buggies.

If you have shrubs or trees that overhang the pavements please keep them cut back as they can be hazardous at night and annoying when wet.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 13th at 8pm in the Town Hall Committee Room. The Public Forum is held from 8-8.15pm.

Janet Dyson, Chair.