



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Parish Council was pleased to host the Annual Parish Meeting of 2007 on 24th April and would like to thank the 55 residents who attended and contributed to a lively and informative evening.

The Chairman presented a report of the Council's activities over the past year including Speed Watch, Highways and Environmental issues and improvements to the Village Hall.

The Chairman of **G.Y.P.P.** reported on progress towards the building of a new Youth Centre. With the agreement of the Parish Council and the School, it is now planned to build at the western end of the school field. After further surveys and discussions with Cheshire County Council, it is possible that a planning application could be made by the middle of the year with a start on building later in the year. Preliminary plans are available to view in the Parish Office and will also be on display on Rose Day.

Speakers included **Inspector Mark Gammage** of the **Congleton Neighbourhood Policing Unit** who explained about police 'Response Teams' and 'Community Action Teams'. He was not able to comment on specific ongoing investigations but listened to the meeting's opinions about recent vandalism and also about traffic speeding.

Lisa Green, Customer & Local Relations Manager, Cheshire County Council outlined the changes and improvements planned for the Council under its 'Transforming Cheshire' initiative.

Mark Barker, Client/Stakeholder Manager, Northern Rail introduced colleagues from Network Rail and the Community Rail Partnership/Crewe-Manchester line. He explained that the canopy on the station building would have to be cut back by half for visibility of the new signals but that the decorative metal brackets and wooden fascia would be retained. As this would not provide sufficient shelter from bad weather, an additional waiting shelter would be erected. In reply to one question he was able to say that there are no plans to close Goostrey or Chelford stations.

DOG FOULING

One issue that became very clear at the meeting is that some residents are having to suffer the effects of loose dogs, uncleared messes and abandoned plastic bags, all as a result of a few irresponsible dog owners. As always, the Parish Council thanks those owners who do keep their pets under control and clear up after them. Around (and even inside) the graveyard and the path and courtyard at Dromedary Lodge are particular problem areas. Please keep your dogs strictly to the pathways in residential areas and clear up and remove all waste. A plastic bag left on a verge, thrown into a hedge or (bizarrely) hung in a tree could remain there for years. There are waste bins at Shearbrook Steps, The BogBean, Church Bank, Booth Bed Lane and Wood Lane and the Parish Council is requesting a further bin on the Dromedary path. Please use them.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council – Tuesday 12th June at 7.30 in the Village Hall lounge.

Amenities Committee - Tuesday 5th June at 7.30 in the Committee Room.