

ENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL AGM

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Good evening everyone and welcome to the Parish Council AGM.

I am going to start the meeting with a resume of planning matters as this leads on to how we deal with the creep effect of more traffic on our roads. Land East of the Drive, this was refused at Appeal.

Land South of the Drive has just been passed at Appeal - this is for 29 houses with an entrance out onto the A44. The Parish Council would like to point out that they mentioned the dangerous entrance onto the road but Highways made no comments on this. We will keep an eye on this when the build starts, that it is all done in accordance to the plans.

Willowbrook in Radford has gone ahead despite various planning issues, we asked the planning office to keep a close eye on the build after various complaints from the locals and it is due back in front of the uplands committee for various retrospective changes.

Soho Farm House continues to expand and with Great Tew, they have tarmacked the Green Lane, their back delivery and staff entrance.

Westbury Farm Little Tew Road is in for retrospective planning for a new entrance to be able to keep livestock in the field.

Cling Clang Farm has taken delivery of some wild Boar and they are firmly behind high fences in the fields.

The bunds at the Shooting ground are continuing to be built.

The Paddocks are still having serious issues with Persimmon over communal land and we hope the wall on the boundary with Coxs Lane will start to be rebuilt in June, paid for by the Parish Council.

The Mullin Project is going up before the uplands planning committee on the 4th June. The planners are not happy with the current plans, so will have what they call an issues meeting. We urge anyone for or against to please write in to all the uplands committee with your views.

Some of the above are and will cause what we are calling the creep effect with more and more traffic through Enstone Parish. We have met with several departments from Highways to discuss firstly, the volume of traffic and secondly, how we can make our roads and junctions safer. This, however, is ongoing especially if we can source section 106 monies for projects. In May last year we installed a Chicane in Church Enstone, love it or hate it I believe it has certainly slowed drivers down on entering the village.

Currently, we are in the process of getting the speed limit changed from 60 to 40 from the end of the 30 mile an hour on the B4022 up to the Tew Cross roads and

a few hundred meters up the B4030 towards Middle Barton. I must thank Peter Butler for his hard work in securing both of these and continuing to monitor the HGVs coming through Church Enstone. Also, his great work with the speed camera checks in the Parish but to continue this, we must get more people interested in spending a couple of hours helping.

This Winter has seen the worst weather in a long time and it is very obvious that as a Parish, we have to organize a way of clearing snow and keeping our roads open as much as we can. I have to say there was a great community spirit with shovels and salt at the ready to prevent the lorries from blocking the roads. We have been in touch with various local businesses to see how they could help us. ABN has very kindly offered us the use of their snow plough and we are in contact with local farmers who would be willing to operate it. We try to have supplies of salt at various pick up points throughout the Parish but very few people actually collect the salt in advance of the bad weather.

Pot holes continue to be a huge problem - please report any to the "fix my street website" this is a problem country wide and not just our Parish. This year, sadly, even though we advertised we had no volunteers to help with litter picking so the Parish Council has abandoned it for the year and we need to work towards getting a team together for next year.

Wurzel has installed supper fast internet into various homes in Church Enstone and everyone seems very happy.

We have made several donations this year, Domestic Abuse, Citizens Advice and also to the Ensign, a great newsletter keeping us all up dated. Thanks must go to the team that put it together and distribute it. Two other ways of keeping in touch with local activities are our web page and also face book, thank you Rachel and Kate for all your very hard work keeping both up to date and informative.

The Parish Council's workload is harder and more time consuming than I ever thought it would be, but I must thank my fellow councilors for their support. I really enjoy working with them all, they also give up their time to attend courses and other meetings so that I hope can give the best advice when needed. David has put together a great report on the needs for GDPR and we will be working with him to get everything in place. Paul has written an emergency plan with contact numbers - again this you will find on the notice board in Enstone and on the website.

Thank you to our County Councilor and District Councilor who are always on hand to answer question and get things done for us. Lastly Beth as our clerk - you certainly put in the hours for the Parish and a huge thank you for all your very hard work.