



Dunham on the Hill & Hapsford Parish Council Newsletter. Winter 2021

Message from the parish council chair...

Dear residents,
Your parish council has been busy on your behalf since the last edition of the newsletter. We joined up with councillors from Helsby to make representations about our joint objections to the Honeywell Development which sadly were overlooked and the planning was approved. There is a more comprehensive report about this within the newsletter. Councillors have also been busy putting the finishing touches to Christmas celebrations in Hapsford and Dunham on the Hill. Hapsford's

tree will soon be arriving in time to be dressed with lights by members of the community. We have purchased lights to adorn the trees on the newly replanted village green in Dunham on the Hill. Hopefully both these projects will brighten up the darkening evenings as everyone looks forward to a more typical Christmas than last year! Please remember coronavirus is still within the community and we ask everyone to continue to keep themselves and their community safe by following the guidance about hands, face, space and accessing vac-

inations or boosters for those who are eligible and feel comfortable in doing so.

My fellow parish councillors and I wish each and every resident in our parish a restful and enjoyable Christmas and look forward to continuing to represent and support our community in the coming new year.

Yours this festive season,
Keith Bradley,
Chair of DHH Parish Council

Focus on road safety

We continue to press for answers to our concerns about speed enforcement along the A56, raised following an awful accident earlier in the year. The investigations are still ongoing, but be assured, we will continue to insist that our original concerns are considered.

A number of residents approached the parish council, after the publication of the last newsletter, to tell us about their concerns when crossing the A56 to and from the bus stops. For those unfamiliar with this part of the parish, there is a bus stop on the opposite side of the road to the Dunham arms, that cars often speed past and vision can be restricted. We agree that having to do so would be extremely difficult. We have highlighted this issue to CWAC also. We feel it is important to do everything we can to encourage public transport. However, it has to be safe to cross to access it.

**During our recent speed enforcement monitoring period,
the top speed along the A56 was 76mph.
The conditions on that day were wet also.**

We will continue to use the Speed Indicator Device (SID) along the A56 as research suggests that this does encourage people to slow down. It is available for use on roads that are 30 or 40mph; it can't be deployed in 50mph + zones. We also continue to request a review of the 30mph speed limit through Dunham on the Hill village

We are hopeful that 2 Vehicle Activated signs (VAS) will be placed close to Hapsford on the equally worrying A5117, in December. If CWAC follow through on this commitment, it will see the success of a request first made over 6 years ago. It pays to have a Parish Council that just won't let go!!!!!!



Remember, there are changes to the Green bin collections:

Frequently asked questions:

How much will I have to pay to get my garden bin emptied?

The garden waste collection service charge will be £40 per year. There will be 20 collections during the growing season, so it will be £2 per collection. You can have more than 1 bin but you will pay a further £40 per year. You could always join up with a neighbour to share the cost of the bin if you wish.

What if residents don't want to pay?

This is an 'opt in' service. If you choose not to opt in and use the service, you will not pay. There are various things that you can do to dispose of your garden waste if you chose not to opt in;

- You can home compost, the Council will continue to work with residents to support them to do this.
- You can take your garden waste to the Frodsham Household Waste Recycling Centre free of charge. Remember to take proof of your address with you when ever you access the centre.

The full CWaC Waste Management Strategy question and answer page can be found at <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/waste-management-strategy-your-questions-answered.aspx>



Village Green Updates:

Dunham on The Hill

We asked for suggestions from you to support the development of the green. Thank you to everyone who responded and to those of you able to help out. Many of you have commented positively on the work.

Our hope is that the addition of lights for the Tree this Christmas will provide that extra bit of sparkle we all like to see at this time of year.



Hapsford

We asked the residents of Hapsford the same question and will be submitting an application for funding for the following:

A living willow Tepee for the little ones to play in

Planting under the cherry tree in a barked area

Meadow wildflowers on some of the grass

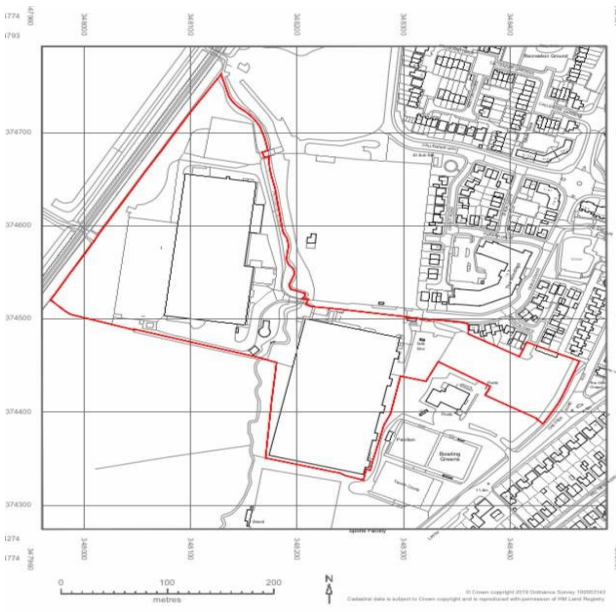
A small structure for exchanging plants etc

Reconsider the bench placement



Developments & planning in our parish.... A lot is going on

Honeywell site development: Full details can be accessed on the CWaC website: cheshirewestandcheshireter.gov.uk click on 'see or comment on a planning application' then use the reference: **20/00324/FUL**



This planning development, of 241 'affordable' houses and apartments has been passed. Votes 6/5 in favour.

The developers had not engaged with either Helsby or our parish council.

Both parish councils submitted concerns regarding this development to CWaC. We are concerned about the implication of such a population increase, on the existing infrastructure.

Helsby is considered our local service centre In particular, for education and health services.

Please keep an eye out for information on the potential implications for schools admissions and GP access, as this development is completed.

Helsby Parish council have a draft plan regarding infrastructure for the eventuality of a successful planning application. This includes a cycleway, running from the Hornsmill Pub through to the A56 near Helsby High School, along with a greenway for pedestrians.

To remind you—we will continue to argue for the additional development of a cycleway / pedestrian greenway along the A5117 to link up with the cycle way currently under construction along the A5117 (Shell Rd) from Ellesmere Port to Elton. With a similar development along the A56 to Dunham on the Hill.

This would address the concerns regularly raised in relation to poor management and accessibility of the current paths.



Mere's edge development:

The Mere's edge development is still in the pre-development stage; waiting for an outcome to Honeywell, which they now have.

The 'Mere's Edge Vision' will need to be reviewed as it intended to include the Honeywell Brownfield site if that plan had been rejected. What remains available for the vision is Greenbelt Land owned by Barnstone Estates. It is the land that is adjacent to the Hornsmill pub up to the boundary of the railway, and all of it falls in our parish. The diagonal red line in the picture runs along the railway line.

There is one field between the railway and the start of Hapsford. It is also owned by Barnstone Estates.

As discussions resume, we will make sure that we attend and engage with developers and Helsby PC. It is important we do our best to ensure the integrity of villages are maintained and they do not become absorbed into larger conurbations.



Dunham on The Hill and Hapsford Village Hall

Has had a lovely make over. The refurbishment has given the hall a completely new look with a refinished floor, new colour scheme, new lighting with colour changing lights and even a glitter ball making it ideal for parties and events.



Please contact Sheila 01928 723696 for availability and bookings



Advertising community events:

**If there is a community event that you would like advertised across the parish in the newsletter, then please forward full details to Trudy the parish council clerk:
clerk.dunhamhillpc@gmail.com**

New projects.....



CWAC are supporting us to develop some of the road-side verges. Any one familiar with such projects in near by towns and cities will know how uplifting the displays can be especially if managed for a succession of flowers.

We have identified 2 *small* areas to begin with:

The entrances to Hapsford and Talbot road.

Work is set to begin soon—alongside the planting of daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs

look out for further information soon and help out if you can

Your Parish needs you.....

We have vacancies for two Parish Councillors

- Do you have a few hours to spare each month?
- Do you want to influence local building and planning
- Do you want to help protect and support our Parish?
- Do you want to work with us to help address issues of concern?
- Do you want to help with development projects to improve our community?



If the answer is yes, then contact our Clerk, Trudy via

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Parish Council meetings.....

...have resumed in the Village Hall. We intend to continue to follow sensible precautions in relation to COVID-19 and as such will be opening up the meeting to the public but limiting numbers because of the size of the hall. We would ask that if you wish to attend you contact our Clerk, Trudy via **clerk.dunhamhillpc@gmail.com**

Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th January 2022 at 7:30pm

From all of us on the parish council



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

2022