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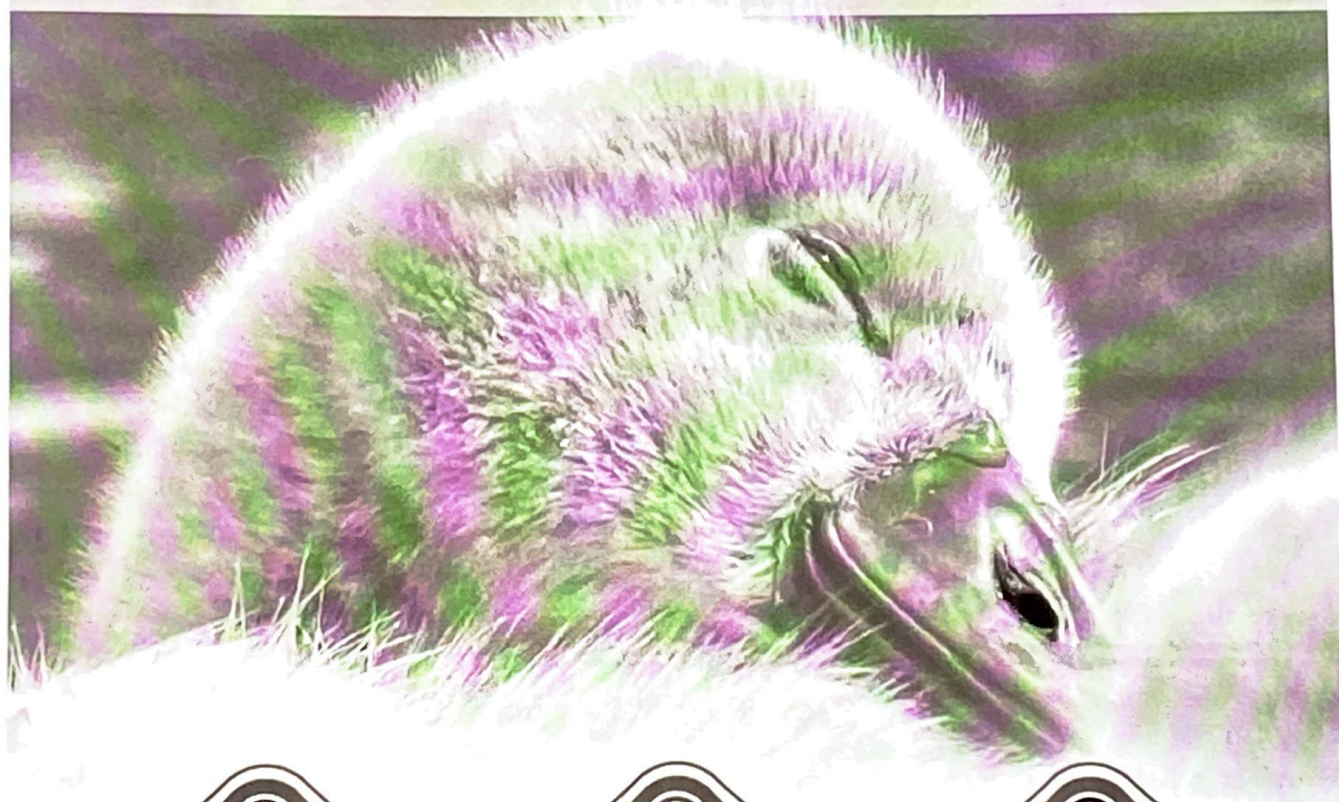
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IT'S ALL GOING SWIMMINGLY



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Updates from your Parish Council following July's full Council Meeting

I must begin this report by saying welcome back to Kelly Grove, albeit in a different capacity. After fourteen months absence from Parish matters, Kelly has accepted the appointment of Parish Clerk and on July 1st began to get to grips with the other side of the coin.

The PC meeting this month was lengthy and, as usual, minutes will be available, within government guidelines, to view on the Parish website and the Parish notice boards. We were pleased to 'see' five members of the public and our District Councillor in attendance. We



The newly-appointed
Parish Clerk, Kelly
Grove.

encourage our residents to show an interest and our aim is to see more of this. All Parish Councillors are available to contact by email (individual email addresses are posted on the website) or telephone (all contact details are on the inside cover of 3 Views News).

The Clerk can also be contacted in this way and once the present regulations are relaxed, she will be based at OCLC so she will be available to speak to personally. ODAPC are also looking at Councillors being on hand at the centre at certain times. Obviously this needs further thought as some of our Councillors also work full-time.

Much was covered in the meeting and if you see a matter on which you need more information, please contact any one of us and we will try to elaborate or refer you to the person who can.

There were two main issues that came up at the meeting:

Firstly a number of people are asking when we are going to open play areas and the community centre and the answer is not yet! The Parish Council are following recommendations issued by NWLDC. Although, by following government guidelines, we possibly could ease off a little, in terms of public safety and our own legal position (insurance etc.) we have to make sure we have action plans etc. in place. Rest assured we are working on this and constantly reviewing all information. It is frustrating for everyone, especially OCLC users, and worrying - especially the loss of income from the centre - but safety and people's well-being come first. We are seeking expert advice on all of our decisions.

The second issue which has been developing and accelerating over the last few weeks is the number of complaints we are receiving with regard to overgrown hedges. As a result of this, we have conducted an inspection around the area to identify the 'hot spots'. There are some areas where the amount of growth is making walking dangerous for pedestrians and obscuring vision for drivers. A list has been compiled and will be sent to the appropriate department. Some of the responsibility falls to the Council who are desperately trying to catch up after the restrictions but the majority appears to lie with private property owners.

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The next Parish Council meeting will take place via Zoom on Wednesday 12th August at 7pm. Visit www.odapc.co.uk and click the link to receive your invite. All are welcome to attend the meetings via Zoom.

Parish Council Update

We would like to make you aware that if you have a hedge that encroaches on the pavement the council have the power to contact you and ask you to rectify the situation. If you do not comply within a given time they will cut said hedge and send you the bill.

If the list that has been forwarded to the council is anything to go by, a good number of people will be receiving letters. If you have a hedge that borders onto a pavement or highway, please take a good look at it. Even if your hedge is kept trimmed, look carefully - some of the older hedges are now beginning to grow over boundaries. Growth should not exceed the boundary of your property.

In a similar vein, we have been receiving complaints with regard to bins and parked cars obstructing pavements. Please be mindful of others. We would ask that where you can, try to keep bins and recycling boxes on your own property and where this is not possible, put them out as late as you can and fetch them back in as early as you can. With regards to parking onto the pavement, this is a police matter and complaints that we receive will be passed on. Thank you for your co-operation.

Enough of the 'moans'. It is very encouraging seeing more people taking an interest in what happens in the Parish and we would like to see even more. As the Annual Parish Meeting had to be cancelled, there was no chance for you to come along and put forward your views but we are building a 'wish list' for the Parish and your ideas are welcome, as is constructive criticism (and praise if warranted!) Please do attend meetings or email or telephone with your views. I think I speak for all of us when I say that in spite of all the difficulties everyone is experiencing at present and with a lot of hard work ahead of us, the Parish Council is feeling very enthusiastic and positive about the future - largely due to an increasing amount of support and interest from our residents.

Cllr Debbie Warren



The Hygiene Bank



The Hygiene Bank collects new, unused and in-date toiletries, hygiene basics, beauty and personal care and household cleaning essentials and distributes them through a network of community partners to people experiencing hygiene poverty. We urgently need donations to help those who cannot access the basics that they need.

Your local drop off point is at Eg (Training) Ltd - Speech and Language Therapy, Unit 5a Jubilee Business Park, Appleby Magna DE12 7AJ.

If you are unable to get to the drop off point yourself, we may be able to local collect - call Helen on 07816 157113 or visit www.thehygienebank.com

Helen Woodrow

Defibrillator - At Long Last!

After nearly three years of waiting and wanting (this project first began in September 2017), we have a date (barring volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, alien invasion or any other unforeseen catastrophes!) for installation. HOORAY!!!

With luck, by the time you read this, the equipment will be installed and ready for action. The defibrillator will be sited in School Street on the fence by the small gate in front of the school (this was identified by 'The Community HeartBeat Trust' as the best location in the village). The equipment will therefore be accessible to everybody, 24/7.

Once Covid-19 restrictions allow, the school will be holding free training sessions for the children, parents and staff as part of their involvement in the project.

Also, the Parish Council will be holding free training sessions at Oakthorpe Community Leisure Centre, for people of the Parish (and further afield if people wish) and centre users as part of their commitment to this project.

The school is planning a grand opening ceremony, hopefully in September if the present situation allows. They are linking this with their project 'Heart of the Community'. They are encouraging the whole of the community to contribute 'heart art' to decorate the front of the school throughout the summer and into the new school year. For more information, please refer to 'News from Oakthorpe Primary School', an article on page 5 of the July 2020 issue of 3 Views News. We hope you all get involved!

Please keep your eye on the Parish website and notice boards, the school website, 3VN and local social media for further information and dates.

Debbie Warren

As you may imagine, the demand for food from Food Banks has increased dramatically as people have been furloughed, made redundant or have experienced benefit delays. Can you help by making a donation of cash or food items?



At present, they are in particular need of long-life milk and juice, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes and instant mash. Although everything is gratefully received, please note that there are no facilities for fresh produce. Snacks and treats are also welcome with so many children being at home.

In **Donisthorpe**, the Village Store is kindly accepting gifts of food. In **Measham**, donations can be made at the local Co-op at any time, or at Measham Baptist Church between 9am and 10am on Fridays. In **Ashby**, donations can be made at the large Tesco Extra.

If you would be able to make a cash donation, then you can pay direct into the foodbank account at Lloyds Bank:

Sort code: 30 92 15 Account: 16991360.

Alternatively, cheques payable to 'Ashby Foodbank' can be sent to: Ashby Congregational Church, Kilwardby Street, Ashby de la Zouch LE65 2FQ. If you need to access the Food Bank, then visit www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/ashby/ The website gives details of collection points in Ashby and Measham.