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Parish Council Report -

February 2022



It was good to see members of the public joining the Council meeting on Wednesday to raise concerns linked to the risks on our roads to pedestrians and other vehicles. There isn't a main road in the Parish that hasn't been identified as having a problem with speeding. Using the Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs across the Parish will begin to build evidence we need to support our perception of the problem we have.

Lack of police presence in the Parish and attendance at meetings is something Council will be raising with the Police. We recognise the competing priorities and pressures they have but there is a real perception that a police presence will help act as a deterrent to local crime and maybe encourage more considerate behaviour on the roads.

Please bear with us when looking at the website at the moment. We've changed provider and there are glitches in the system. If you need information, and can't find or download it, get in touch with the Parish Clerk, who can provide the information you are looking for, on request.

Councillors continue to work on projects, the first one being to secure the commemorative rainbow benches and trees in time for the National Day of Reflection on 23rd March. Finding locations has been a challenge but hopefully we now have them. We'll update you once we know the date the benches will be put in place.

We are securing quotes for the work to the Memorial Gates to add to the almost complete grant application form which was recently changed; cut and paste is such a time saver! Our aim is to submit the completed application by the end of February, with a decision in time for work to be completed for this year's Remembrance Sunday.

The grant application to replace the surface of the MUGA at Oakthorpe Community Leisure Centre has been submitted and is being assessed. Meanwhile, the plan to transfer the management of services at OCLC is in its final stages. The Council will continue to be based at the centre and will have a dedicated Parish office. We'll also be looking to add a notice board to the outside of the centre for meeting agendas, minutes and other Parish information.

Accessibility to the centre for pedestrians has raised concerns for some people and it is something we will be looking at. The sloping access to the car park and entrance is less than ideal and it is this we'll be focusing on.

It's February, days are gradually getting longer and the spring bulbs are bursting through everywhere. winter is not over yet, but we are on our way towards spring, a joyful time of year whilst not forgetting those who sadly, won't be with us to enjoy the coming spring.

As always take care of yourselves and each other.

Cllr Sue McKendrick

The next open Council meeting will take place at Oakthorpe Leisure Centre on
Wednesday 9th March at 7.30pm