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# CURDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

**Parish Councillors are always pleased  
to hear from local residents**



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## MEETINGS:

Parish Council meetings are normally held  
on the 2nd Monday of every month at  
**7.30pm** at St Nicholas Church Hall.

## HALL BOOKINGS:

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## Want to report an issue to HS2?

Please can all residents contact HS2 directly on [hs2enquiries@hs2.co.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.co.uk) if they would like to report an issue about works in the locality. All contacts are logged by HS2 through this route and recorded.

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## Truckstop Appeal Update

Update from Parish Council regarding Appeal hearing conducted by the Planning Inspectorate for overnight truckstop outline application on land west of Hams Hall Roundabout and South of Marsh Lane, Curdworth.

The Appeal hearing took place on 17th January 2024 at NWBC offices with a site visit by the Inspectorate on 18th January 2024. The Parish Council awaits to hear the formal outcome of the hearing, however, the Council can share with you an outline of discussions that were part of the process. The planning refusal was being appealed by Caesarea Development Holdings Limited and related to an outline application for an overnight truckstop comprising 200 HGV spaces and associated facilities including fuel refuelling station, amenities building, electric vehicle charging points, staff and other car parking, and landscaping. Including details of vehicular access from Marsh Lane. The hearing commenced with some points of clarification on the revised National Planning Policy Framework, status of submitted plans and revised description of the proposed development. There were three main issues being considered.

The first main issue related to whether or not the proposed development would be inappropriate development in the Green Belt having regard to NPPF paragraph 155 and the relevant policies in the development plan. What impact would the footprint and height of the proposed buildings and structures have on openness and would the latter be preserved. This issue also considered any conflict with the purposes of including land within the Green Belt, having particular regard to checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas, preventing neighbouring towns from merging into one another and safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. The Inspectorate considered whether the appeal proposal constituted local transport infrastructure that could demonstrate a requirement for a Green Belt location – is there a strategic and/or local need and what was the relevant evidence.

The second main issue related to the effect of the proposed development on the living conditions of nearby residents, giving consideration to the

effect of any noise and disturbance from vehicle movements and from site operation. It looked at the detail of how the site would be operated and managed, security, effect of necessary lighting and environmental management.

The third main issue related to whether or not any harm arising from inappropriateness, and any other harm, would be clearly outweighed by other considerations including public benefits, that justified special circumstances. Considerations were the location/availability of other HGV parking provisions in the area, whether there had been a robust assessment of alternative sites which included non-Green Belt options, the effect of the development on the character and appearance of the area, as well as other relevant planning applications and decisions.

In addition to the main issues, the Inspectorate considered the effect on the highway network having particular regard to M42 J9 and the Hams Hall roundabout, and on the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, drivers and other highway users in the vicinity of the site, as well as effect on biodiversity and heritage assets.

The Parish Council awaits formal notification from the Planning Inspectorate and will update residents in due course once this is received.



## **Boundary wall on the Village Green**

The Parish Council commissioned a structural survey of the boundary wall on the Village Green, adjacent to Beehive Lane, which was leaning over towards the road. Unfortunately the results were not good and indicated that the wall along its entire length was at severe risk of collapse. The cause of the problem was that the root systems of trees and shrubs to the rear of the wall were drying out the earth and eroding the wall and its foundations. Various solutions were reviewed including rebuilding the existing wall, adding additional buttresses for supports etc, but besides being very expensive it would only delay the inevitable collapse. Due to the urgency of the situation Warwickshire County Highways gave permission for emergency closure of Beehive Lane so that the wall could be safely removed. The Parish Council do not plan to re-build the wall but plan to focus on designing the Village Green so that it retains its open feature as well as other features.

## **Precept**

The Parish Council set its Precept for 2024/25 and agreed an increase of 3% to meet ongoing costs and also ear-marking of reserves for village projects such as the Village Green and new path to the Playing Fields. It was also agreed to contribute towards more Christmas decorations for the village next year.

## **Traffic matters**

The Parish Council has a meeting arranged with Warwickshire County Highways to explore measures that can be put in place around the village. In particular the Parish Council will be raising the speed problem in Farthing Lane, mis-use of the one way system into Beehive Lane from the Coleshill Road, the White Horse traffic lights and signage on the A456, amongst other issues.

# **VILLAGE HALL 250 CLUB**

**December winner: A Freer ticket 182**

**January winner: A Arkell ticket 21**

# CURDWORTH WI

There is no better way to start a New Year than a get-together with friends – talking about the events of the past year and looking forward to the hopes and plans for the forthcoming year.

We began our WI 2024 year with a New Year Lunch at Grounds Farm in Wishaw, when 56 members, ex members and friends and hopefully potential new members, enjoyed a fabulous carvery lunch. Entertainment was provided by John, the Magician, working round each table and amazing and bewildering everyone with his skill and sleight of hand. A highlight of the event was the raffle of a beautiful patchwork quilt – each individual ‘patch’ worked by a WI member and then sewn together and backed by a professional quilt maker. The lucky winner was Pat Johnson, a past WI committee member and secretary and it was a lovely thank you to her for all her contribution to our WI over the years.



Guest of honour was Lynne Stubbings, past National Federation Chairman and Curdworth's invaluable WI Adviser over the years. Lynne is now, after devoting so many years to WI, taking a well-earned 'rest' and it was lovely to have her with us. This New Year Lunch, such a wonderful start to the year, which has proved so popular over the past two years, will surely become a standard event in our WI programme from now on.



Members have now received their WI programmes for the coming year and there is just so much to look forward to!

If you have ever thought of bee keeping as a hobby, our March Meeting is for you as we are going to be taken through the steps of having a beehive and enjoying home- made honey. Knowing how endangered bees are and the importance of safeguarding them as an integral part of the continuance of life on our planet, this will ' bee' a very special evening. (Just couldn't resist the pun!!) And then a little history – indeed, local history. How many of us knew there was a prison of war camp at Polesworth?

Reflexology is next on the calendar in May and then in June we take a look back at the 60s – for most of us a golden time of freedom, wonderful music and the mini-skirt!

If you've ever thought about taking part in a TV Quiz Show, then do come along to our meet up in July, because our speaker is going to tell us how to go about it.

And to tickle our taste buds, we'll be welcoming Henley Chocolate in October to learn about chocolate making and of course to taste some samples too!

There's a Skittles evening to look forward to in March, a Trivial Pursuit Quiz in October and a visit to lovely Arbury Hall with afternoon tea in August - once again a great WI year!

Why not come along and join us for a cuppa at one of these events. Visitors are always very welcome and you never know, it could be the opening of a door to a whole new world of friendship and fun. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7.45pm in Curdworth Village Hall except for our August afternoon trip.

For any further information, our President Sandra will welcome your call – 01675 470079

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# QUIZ

***In aid of Water Orton Scout Group***

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# North Warwickshire Borough Council Dog fouling - The Law

To address the problem of dog fouling, the council made an order under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 that required all dog owners to clean up after their dog if the dog fouls in a place to which the public has access. This includes paths, footways, roads, verges, parks, play areas, recreation grounds, playing fields, canal towpaths, and the larger public areas.

Please note, under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, all Dog Control Orders automatically became Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) on 20th October 2017. The terms of the Order are exactly the same as the original, but the order will lapse after three years unless reviewed. The Council may consider modifying the PSPO or adding others at any time, if circumstances and consultation support the case. This may include, for example, increasing the fine levels.

Anyone walking a dog must pick up any fouling and dispose of it correctly. You should always carry bags to put the waste in, then you can either take it home to dispose of, use dog waste bins, or even a litter bin.

If you allow your dog to foul in any public place and do not clean it up you may be liable, on conviction, to a fine of up to £1,000.

In the case of a first offence, the council may give you the option to avoid prosecution by the payment, of a £80 fixed penalty notice which is reduced to £50 if paid within the initial seven days of issue. If that is not paid or you have offended before then you are likely to be prosecuted. It is not a defence to claim that you had nothing with you to clean up the mess.

This law does not apply to registered blind people.

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