



Hill Farm Chalets

The Parish Council are aware of the concerns expressed by residents of chalet properties at Hill Farm since a recent change of ownership, and have issued a statement which can be found on a link on the home page of the Parish Council website—www.kfpc.org.uk In the first instance, please read this statement.

Vacancy re Public Rights of Way within the Parish

Never has it been more important to keep Rights of Way open and passable, particularly for recreation, than in the current pandemic. One of the most essential things we can offer to our parishioners is the ability to enjoy their own parish; and gentle exercise, on local rights of way, is good not only for physical, but also for mental health. Parishioners may not be aware that these official rights of way are ultimately the responsibility of the County Council but the Parish receives a grant each year to cover seasonal clearance of vegetation. Although this grant just covers the seasonal clearance, the paths are checked each year by a voluntary Parish Volunteer—our Rights of Way warden, who at the same time may undertake simple clearance using hand tools, and simple waymarking. Our current warden is now unable to continue, having done this job in a voluntary capacity over several decades, and the Parish Council wish to nominate a new person to take on this voluntary role from April. The job entails a regular inspection of rights of way in the parish, having an enthusiasm for promoting the Parish Rights of Way, reporting any major problems to the County Council Countryside Service, and liaising with our local contractor and the Parish Council in respect of which paths require seasonal clearance to be undertaken by our contractor. There may also be occasional meetings, and training to attend. Definitive maps of the Rights of Way are available for use. If anyone would like to take on this interesting, voluntary and active role within the parish, please contact the Clerk or Chair, Cllr. Mrs. C Gammond for more details.

Vacancy—Trimpley Oil Club

Regretfully, Trimpley Oil Club is no longer in operation, and requires a new co-ordinator. Our understanding is that the co-ordinator groups together properties in the local area who use oil for domestic heating, and negotiates a more favourable group price for delivery to several properties. The current co-ordinator is unable to continue in this role, and the Parish Council would be **interested to hear from anyone who may like to take over**, on behalf of several households, to secure more favourable prices for all concerned. Please get in touch with any Parish Councillor or the Clerk if you feel you could take on this helpful role.

Outdoor and Security Lights

Although extremely useful in deterring crime, if you are installing such lights, please try to ensure that they are not intrusive to nearby properties or the highway, and in particular, ensure that the angle of projection is appropriate.

Also please check and limit the hours of operation. There have been instances in the parish recently where such lights have caused nuisance and privacy problems to neighbouring properties.

Your Parish Website and Newsletter

No doubt most of you are now familiar with your parish website—www.kfpc.org.uk—and the very fact that you are reading this points us to believe that you have probably found your way to this site.

However, before Covid, your parish councillors usually hand-delivered this quarterly sheet, or it was posted to some of the more remote properties. Since Covid, it has been restricted to hard copies on the noticeboards, and an electronic copy on the website.

However, we do feel the website could be improved with more photos of our beautiful parish, and would welcome you sending **photos you have taken** along with your permission to use them, on our website.

In addition, the Clerk is commencing a database of e-mail addresses for newsletter distribution and if you would like a copy e-mailed to you, each quarter, please send your e-mail address, along with your permission to use it, to the Clerk—who hopefully will build a useful database for this purpose. You can, of course, ask, at any time, that no future copies be sent to you, and your address to be removed—but for data protection purposes, we do require your initial permission to send you these e-mails.

Parish Council Matters Please visit our website : www.kfpc.org.uk

The public are welcome to come along to any Parish Council meeting and speak and/or discuss matters with councillors in the Open Forum at the start of each meeting. Opposite are the dates of the next meetings, which are nearly always on the 3rd Monday of each calendar month, and although historically held in Trimpley Village Hall @ **7.30p.m.** are currently held remotely using ZOOM - **Please see agenda, posted on the website or noticeboards, for joining instructions.**

Next Meetings (starting at 7.30pm) currently by Zoom are:
Monday 15th February, 15th March and 19th April, the latter being the Annual Parish Meeting.

Your Current Parish Councillors are:

Mrs. C. Gammond : (Chair) Tel: 01299 402929

Mr. J. Gammond : Tel 01299 400750

Mr. C. Grainger : 01299 403231

Mrs. L. Green : Tel 01562 747180

Mr. C. Holford : Tel 01299 404678

Mr. C. Jordan : Tel 01299 861484

Mr. B. Phillips : Tel 01299 861661

Please feel free to contact them (or the Clerk (see overleaf)) on any matters of concern re life in the Parish, or come along to the **Public Open Forum** at the start of every meeting.

Holy Trinity, Trimpley

"Holy Trinity Church has still been active and creative during the pandemic with a popular Harvest Service in the the Village Hall with paper carrots, a generous donation to Franche Food Bank and hymns without singing! Fundraising for an Eco toilet has continued, with thanks to Richard and Kath Sandland's Sponsored Praise where kind donations made over £800. Hopefully the 'Christmas Armchair Quiz' also entertained and raised lots too.

There have been Services in the Church where possible and our clergy has made worship available via online platforms. See our new website www.ismere.co.uk for details and links, follow us on Facebook@HolyTrinityChurchTrimpley and send your email address to Parish Administrator Angela, office@ismere.co.uk if you would like to receive a weekly bulletin.

Especial thanks to our Lay Minister, Jane Twigg - she, Revd Simon and the Holy Trinity Team have ensured that the true meaning of Christmas was alive in Trimpley with a tree of light and messages, a wonderful new stable, Advent craft and prayer bags, a Crib Service and Christmas Morning Service. We are so very fortunate in this community to have such a caring and supportive team to help us. This is especially valued during these trying times and we go forward into 2021 with hope and love."



Proposed Housing—Low Habberley

At the time of writing this, Wyre Forest District Local Plan which identified a site for the building of houses adjacent to the Habberley Road at Low Habberley has received Local District approval, and has been put forward for final examination by Central Government inspectors. We await their findings, probably by the end of January. If approved, developers will start the process of the development, starting with a Pre-Application Virtual Community Consultation, followed by a target for Outline Planning Application being submitted by late February. As you probably know, the Parish Council submitted lengthy objections to this development from the outset, which is in Green Belt, but if ratified by the Inspectors later this month, building may commence this year.

Black Pools, Trimpley Common

We are indebted to Mr. R. Green and a volunteer parishioner who has undertaken some clearance work at these pools to allow more light in to the water. Some tidying of the area may now need to take place and the Parish Council is also intending cleaning these two pools out, to improve water quality and retention. A volunteer working party may be required to help with this, if permitted under Covid regulations. Local notices will be posted to request help with this.



Stones at entrances to properties

If you have, or intend, placing stones or other items outside your property, please ensure that these are not placed beyond the boundary—(or previous hedgeline) - of your property. Beyond that, it is the highway verge, and no matter how neat you may keep them, the area is not officially in your ownership and they may cause a hazard to vehicles if placed further out towards the highway. In recent snows, some such stones became covered, and undetectable, and if vehicles needed to take to the verge to avoid a collision with another vehicle, you may be held responsible if your "stones", perhaps being on the County Council highway verge, cause damage to a vehicle which has had to steer on to the verge for safety reasons.

Lengthsman & Highways

Our thanks go once more to the Parish Lengthsman who continues to work along the local roads, and has succeeded in keeping the worst of winter water off the roads, by keeping grills and grips clear of debris. He has also recently cleaned road signs in Trimpley Lane to Shatterford. If the Parish did not employ a local lengthsman to undertake these minor works, local highways would not receive such detailed attention to the detriment of all users, particularly in light of staff shortages in Highways at County Hall. The Parish Council also recently reported a rock fall in the road cutting to Low Habberley, and a small tree fallen under the weight of recent snowfall.

Bus Shelter

A local craftsman has been employed by the Parish Council to build and erect a new shelter, by Eymore Lane junction, following requests for this from local parishioners.

The shelter was erected on 15th January. Sites for shelters have to be agreed by the County Council, and the Parish have also requested two further sites to be considered.



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IMPORTANTLY



We must
keep on protecting
each other.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE



STAY ALERT! CONTROL THE VIRUS SAVE LIVES