



Badby Parish News

Winter 2017

I am pleased to welcome you to the second 2017 Badby Parish Council newsletter. As we go to press, the consultation period for the Badby Neighbourhood Plan has just ended; I hope that everyone has taken the opportunities provided by the Badby Parish Neighbourhood Plan group to see the proposals, to discuss them and to make their views known. I should particularly like to thank the group for all its work in preparing the draft Plan and undertaking extensive consultations throughout the parish.

Sadly, Andy Witcomb stood down from the Parish Council during the year – Andy was an extremely valuable member and was actively involved in many activities for which we very much thank him. In his place, I am pleased to welcome Naaman Ostah whom the Parish Council has co-opted; Naaman lives on Vicarage Hill having moved to the village with his wife AnneMarie in 2015.

Finally, a very happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

Peter Cooper, Chairman, Badby Parish Council

Badby Parish Council, 2016–17

Parish Councillors, contact telephone numbers and the areas of special interest which they have been assigned:

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Steve Chandler	01327 703540	<i>Leisure, sport & recreation; Publicity & Website</i>
Peter Cooper (Chair)	01327 703292	<i>Greens, Trees & Verges; Planning</i>
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To contact the Parish Council by email:

For official Parish Council business & general enquiries: clerk@badby.org.uk
[01327 310245]

To contact the Chairman: chairman@badby.org.uk

To report problems with footpaths and rights of way: paths@badby.org.uk

Any other information can be passed to the Parish Council via www.badbyvillage.com.

Parish Council meetings continue to be held on the second Monday of each month and we welcome members of the public who wish to attend, to listen, to contribute on matters on the agenda or to bring new matters to our attention. Agendas and minutes are posted on the two Parish noticeboards (near the bus-stops at Pinfold Green and opposite The Windmill) and are also available on the website. If, for any reason, a Parish Council meeting is postponed, a notice stating so is usually posted on the noticeboards. Extraordinary meetings may be held on occasion and, again, notices will be posted on the noticeboards and on the website.

Defibrillator

Two information sessions have been run over the last few months – one by the British Red Cross and the other by the East Midlands Ambulance Service. These were well attended and we hope that those who came along went away with a better understanding of what the defibrillator does. Both sessions noted that, if there is a need to use the defibrillator, anyone can operate it. The emergency services and the device itself will talk the user through its use. You do not have to be medically trained to use the machine.

Steve Chandler (01327 703540, steve.chandler@yahoo.com)

Finances

I reported in the last newsletter that 2016/17 was an expensive year for the Parish Council, and I outlined changes we had made in the current year to address some of the causes. To add to those pressures, as you may have read, Northampton County Council is suffering from significant reductions in its budget, and the consultation documents put out by NCC made clear that these cuts will affect rural areas like Badby. We responded to the NCC consultation pointing out the difficulties and the importance of services, such as buses, but inevitably we have to be ready to address consequences from these funding cuts. Indeed, since the first consultation, NCC have announced that they will need to cut their budget by a further £27 million. The Parish Council will no doubt be making comment when it is consulted, probably in early 2018 on what NCC's plans will be to make that saving.

The Parish Council budget for 2018/19 (see back page) has taken account of these circumstances. We have made further reductions of 5% in our administration and over 30% in Tree and Greens maintenance (the latter primarily by reducing the number of cuts). We have set aside a small amount of money to support our monthly Community Clean-up Group (see page 3) which has been very successful in dealing with works around the parish which would otherwise go undone. A Projects & Fund-raising Group (see page 4) is looking at how we might raise money for projects to enhance the parish.

However, we are also aware that there could well be unexpected costs arising as they have in the past and our aim of re-establishing a higher level of reserves remains. Regrettably, therefore, we are seeking a 4.7% increase in the precept (the amount each household pays towards the parish as part of its Council Tax) for 2018-19. This constitutes an increase of £2.94 in the amount the average household will pay.

Mike Richards, Peter Cooper and Nev Snell

Greens, trees and verges

As we enter winter, may I make my annual request that care is taken not to drive or park on greens and verges, please? In the wet weather, the grass can be very badly damaged. Indeed, sadly, there is already damage on several of the verges and greens. Please also park considerately where you will not cause an obstruction, and remember that emergency and service vehicles – ambulances, fire engines, gritters, etc. - must be able to pass easily when they need to get through our narrow roads.

Greens -- creation of natural history/leisure area behind Village Hall

We have, at last, made a start on the plans to improve the conditions and use of the area of trees and scrub below the Village Hall by creating a leisure/nature area. We obtained financial support through an Empowering Councillors Grant from NCC which is now being used to create a footpath through the area and to plant a mixed hedge around the boundary. We also received a generous donation from a parishioner which has been used to purchase bird boxes. These have been mounted in the trees and we hope to see birds move into them in the very near future. We will develop the area over the next year, including planting bulbs and wild flowers. Volunteers to assist in the work and to plan the space would be very welcome. Please contact Peter Cooper or the Clerk.

Peter Cooper

Badby Clean-up Groups

During 2016, we started regular monthly working parties to ensure that Badby continues to look good – keeping the greens and trees tidy, dealing with excessive growth along verges, cleaning road signs, litter picking, etc. The group has continued throughout this year to great effect with many repair and maintenance issues being dealt with – some of which we might have had to pay for previously. We are most grateful to those who have already lent a hand. In the new year, new waste bins will be installed to replace the very old ones on The Green and also those mounted on the posts by the bus stops at Pinfold Green.

The Clean-up Groups usually take place on the fourth Sunday of each month, starting at 10:00am from the Village Hall, and finishing 12:30/1:00 pm. Please join us for the next Clean-up Group on Sunday 28 January – everyone is welcome, whatever age or skills!

In the meantime, if you spot anything in the village or parish that needs attention, please let us know, via the Clerk, Sharon Foster at clerk@badby.org.uk.

Highways, lighting and road safety

NCC have recently painted double yellow lines on an area of the highway at Pinfold Green. This was done after some consultation with residents and the Parish Council following a number of near-misses on the corner entering the village from the A361. The Parish Council is in constant contact with NCC Highways over various highways issues but it should be noted that anyone is able to contact NCC through Street Doctor they see something which needs attention. Street Doctor is an online reporting system available at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk and alerting NCC to anything ranging from potholes to issues with drains, kerbs, rights of way, footpaths, street furniture etc.

However, when it comes to street lights, the Parish Council has responsibility for their maintenance. Parish Councillors do a regular walk-around to make sure that they are all working.

<p>If you see any street light within the parish which is not working properly, please take a note of the BPC Number which has been stencilled onto the majority of lamp posts and then notify the Clerk (Tel: 01327 310245 or email: clerk@badby.org.uk).</p>

NCC and other works

Various requests have been made through the Street Doctor reporting system mentioned above and the Parish Council continues to press for regular updates.

Leisure, Sport and Recreation

Earlier in the year the Parish Council received a letter from some of the young people in Badby asking that we consider providing play areas. A group of Councillors met to consider the matter, in particular three questions. First, what is it that people need? Different age-groups will be looking for different types of play area, and parents and grandparents will have their own views on what is needed and suitable. Second, where might play areas be sited? The playing field is an obvious possibility but less suitable for young children. The grassy area at the back of the Village Hall might be a possibility for that. Third,

how would it be funded? There is not sufficient in the Parish Council budget, so we would look to pay for any playground provision through funding-raising and grant applications.

We would like to have your views on what is required and where it might be located. Please do let the Parish Council know – either through the Clerk or by contacting Steve Chandler, Karen Alexander or Nev Snell.

Good Neighbours Scheme

Two Badby parish councillors have recently attended a workshop to find out about the Good Neighbours schemes which are starting to be set up in some Northamptonshire villages. The workshop took place in Moulton where such a scheme has recently got off the ground. The schemes might cover such areas as giving practical support eg transport to GP/hospital appointments, calling in for a chart with people who have difficulty in leaving their home, occasional shopping emergencies or maybe even just changing a lightbulb.

A Good Neighbours scheme should be complementary to, rather than replace, what already exists, (in Badby, for instance, the monthly Tea & Meet) but with a formalised approach to help fill the gaps.

A Good Neighbours Scheme in Badby could benefit local people who may be isolated for one reason or another, helping them to feel more a part of the community and perhaps helping them to stay in their own home for longer as they get older. It is also an opportunity for volunteers to get involved in supporting their community, meeting different people and making use of their skills.

There is help available in terms of advice from Northamptonshire ACRE (Action with Communities with Rural England) and financial help from Daventry District Council (up to £1,000 as start-up cost support).

Anyone interested in setting up a scheme, volunteering to help or who think they or someone they know could benefit should get in contact with the Parish Council (telephone 01327 310245 or email clerk@badby.org.uk).

Projects and Fundraising

Over the course of the last year, Parish Councillors have been discussing ways of raising funds which can be used within the parish to provide extra services and facilities which cannot necessarily be funded by our precept. One of the things considered by the Parish Council was an approach by some of the young members of our community to have a playground (see above). It was agreed that this would have the highest priority. Other priorities include: a new bench on The Green around the tree that will be planted soon to replace the Horse Chestnut at the corner of Main Street and Chapel Lane; a second defibrillator; and works to the BMX track on the playing field.

A number of fundraising ideas have been put forward to fund these projects and are being given further consideration, amongst them are:

Badby Soap Box Derby 2018

There are a number of villages in the Daventry area which already hold an annual Soap Box Derby and so a number of Parish Councillors have spent time looking at whether a similar event could be held in Badby. Having established the basic needs and requirements for a Badby Soap Box Derby, it is now time to take the matter forward and put a committee together for the running of an event in 2018. We have already had a few people step forward to offer their services but it would also be good to hear from other like-minded people. If you believe you have a talent which can be of great help in the running of this event, then please contact Steve Chandler on 01327 703540.

Golf Day

A golf day is being planned and further details will be available once the better weather arrives.

Tesco Bags of Help

The Parish Council has been advised recently that Parish Councils are eligible to apply to Tesco for funding in support of anything which benefits the Community. Three projects are supported every two months with grants of £1k, £2k or £4k made at the end of the period. The matter of making an application will be on the agenda for the January parish council meeting. So, if you shop at Tesco, do keep an eye out for anything Badby-related and, please do support it.

Planning

The Parish Council is a statutory consultee of any planning application relating to the Badby parish and is asked to make comment to DDC on all Applications and requests for Listed Building Consent within the parish. We follow a set of policy guidelines and preferences (available from the Clerk or the website) when assessing these, looking at each application from the perspective of the parish as a whole, e.g. the design in relation to its surroundings, the consequences for traffic, views within and over the village, etc. But we also need to understand what the applicant is wishing to achieve, and we will normally make a site visit to discuss the application with the applicant before the Parish Council decides on the response it will make to DDC. That decision is made at a Parish Council meeting with all planning decisions listed on the agenda. Any member of the public (including the applicant) is welcome to attend and make their views known.

OTHER PARISH NEWS

Annual Parish Meeting

Next year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Friday 20th April so pencil it into your diaries and calendars. This will follow the successful format of the previous few years - being more of a village social event than a formal one, with drinks and finger foods being served. Community organisations will, as usual, be invited to come along and show their wares.

Badby Allotments Association

If you are interested in an allotment, please contact Ian Bromwich (tel: 01327 301019) for more information.

Badby and Fawsley WI

Our final meeting of the year is our home cooked Xmas supper prepared and served by our wonderful committee and a few special helpers. It is always a fun evening and a celebration of all that Badby and Fawsley WI does well, climaxing with a visit from Santa and his Elf.

We meet on the second Thursday evening of each month in Badby village hall, doors opening at 7:15pm. If you would like to make new friends or renew old acquaintances please join us on Thursday 11th January 2018 (ring me, Kate Earley, tel: 01327 700544 if you would like someone to accompany you).

2018 is Badby & Fawsley WI's centenary year and all members are in for a good time. The programme for 2018 is ready with an interesting selection of speakers and the leaders of our skittles, drama, knitting, book club, local walks and outings groups are raring to go. All our meetings are open to visitors (£4) just let me (Kate) know if you would like to come. Annual subscriptions are due at our January meeting (£41) - a small price to pay for all of our meetings, speakers, activities, outings, refreshments and fun.

The full WI programme can be found on the Badby Village Website and the WI Notice Board in the Village Hall with a reminder for the current month in the 'Link'.

Kate Earley
Membership Secretary Badby and Fawsley WI

Badby & District Horticultural Society

For membership enquiries please contact 01327 872118 or zelda@peteshapter.co.uk

Zelda Shapter, BDHS Chair

BADBY FAYRE

As you will be aware, the biennial Badby Fayre has been our major fundraising event for Church restoration for over over thirty years. Due to the difficulty of finding someone to lead its organisation, we are considering replacing it with a series of smaller fundraising events. If you think it would be sad to see the end of what has become something of a local tradition and would be willing to lead a small group to make it happen again this year, we would love to hear from you!

Frances Williams / Susan Rose (Churchwardens)

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Email: williamsf333@aol.com / susan@susanrosechina.co.uk

Bellringing at Badby

We still attract an average of 11 on practice nights, mainly from surrounding villages but could do with more recruits from the village – 10 years old to 70+ years young.

What about a youth group? There are several of you out there who already have the basic skills! Talk to your mates and come along on Wednesday evenings to develop into an expert team of percussionists together! There are lots of good university ringing societies, which will give you instant new friends in a strange place.

In 2018, it would be good to be able to have a full team of six from the village to ring for harvest and for the centenary of the end of World War I in November. Start now!

Geoff Pullin, Tower Captain

Badby Neighbourhood Plan

The consultation period for the draft Neighbourhood Plan took place from 26th October to 8th December. A number of Open Days were held during the period and were attended by nearly 80 people who were able to discuss the draft policies with members of the Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) Group. Comments have been received and will now be considered by the NHP Group. Once these have all been taken into account, a revised draft will be passed to Daventry District Council for the process to continue. This will comprise a further consultation by DDC and an Independent Examination, before the final Plan is returned for a Referendum of parishioners on whether to accept the Plan or not.

The NHP Group takes this opportunity to thank everyone who took the trouble to read through the documents, to take part in the consultations and open days, and to make comments.

Police

Email addresses for Daventry Police Station contacts:

Sergeant Sam Dobbs	sam.dobbs@northants.police.uk
PC Frankie Smith	francesca.smith@northants.police.uk
PC Dave Horner	dave.horner@northants.police.uk
PCSO Kev Thompson	kevin.thompson@northants.police.uk

The Link

The team organised by Alan Roddis delivers a copy of the Knightley Parishes magazine free to every house in Badby each month. Please support the advertisers who cover the printing costs. The magazine is not confined to church material. Societies and clubs can contribute items or future diary dates to Geoff Pullin as a 'one stop shop' for the Link and The Gusher. Paid advertisements in the magazine can be arranged through Sharon Foster who can be contacted on 07526 248501 or knightleybenefice@aol.co.uk. Our thanks go to Alan and his wife Win for all their hard work in getting the copies of The Link around to each and every household in the parish – whatever the weather.

St Mary's Church

MAJOR WORK TO START!

After ten years in the planning, the historic building restorers Stone Edge Ltd will finally start repairs to the church floors whilst at the same time improving the access and drainage and upgrading the heating.

Work is due to start on Monday, 8th January 2018 and we hope it will be completed by Easter. During that time, the contractors will be working throughout the site, probably starting with the paths and porch. Access to the church and churchyard will have to be restricted as necessary for safe working. However, we hope to be able to continue our regular Sunday services as scheduled using the chancel accessed through the "priest's door" at the side. Archaeologists have been contracted to investigate any interesting discoveries! The contractors are aware of the difficulties of the narrow and congested roads and will make every effort to park vehicles considerately and deliver materials and remove waste efficiently.

From Easter we look forward to inviting everyone to start using the easy step-less entrance into a much more adaptable building. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the villagers of Badby who have contributed to our fundraising over the years, as well as several grant-making bodies – not least the Heritage Lottery Fund whose generous grant made it possible at last to start this project.

Sadly, however, as with all ancient buildings, our fundraising efforts need to continue. During the architect's five-yearly inspection earlier this year, it was discovered that the roof boards underneath the parapet wall gutters have become affected by rot and need to be replaced. This will necessitate the removal of sections of the existing synthetic roof slates and we have been advised that these should be replaced rather than reinstated as they are coming to the end of their 50-60 year life. They are starting to lose their weatherproof coating and have become brittle. As it will be difficult to remove some slates without causing damage to neighbouring courses, we have been advised that it would be prudent to replace the entire nave roof. The cost will depend on the type of material permitted by Daventry District Council's conservation officer.

Badby Village Website

Keep up to date with all that happens in Badby!! Take advantage of the free publicity the village website gives to you! Everyone in Badby is invited to contribute any new, or revised information, via a simple e-mail to badbyvillage2013@gmail.com

You can also sign up to email notifications. To do this, go to the bottom right hand side of the Home page and you'll see a box containing a page symbol with a '+' sign on it and the word 'Follow'. Once you've pressed on the symbol, just enter your email address into the box and press 'Sign me up'. You will be sent a confirmation email which you must respond to.

GENERAL

Badby village correspondent

Please send news of future events, the outcome and personal celebrations to me in 'good time'. The same item reported twice is better than no report at all!

'Good time' means:

Daventry Express: by Sunday evening for the following Thursday's edition.

The *LINK*: by 19th of the previous month.

badbyvillage.com website: anytime.

Geoff Pullin gcsspullin@yahoo.com 01327 871806 25 The Glebe.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING ARRANGEMENTS

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS
NO LONGER A CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION SERVICE FROM VILLAGE GREENS**

REAL CHRISTMAS TREES WILL BE COLLECTED FROM YOUR HOUSE IF PLACED BESIDE THE BROWN BIN WHEN GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS RESUME IN THE NEW YEAR.
OTHERWISE, THE TIP IS ANOTHER PLACE FOR DISPOSING OF YOUR TREE.

Next issue

The next issue of Badby Parish News will be published at the end of June 2018.
Anyone wishing to contribute an article should contact Sharon Foster
(Email: clerk@badby.org.uk or Telephone: 01327 310245).

**May I, finally, take this opportunity of wishing you all,
on behalf of myself and all your Parish Councillors,
a very happy New Year.**



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BUDGET 2018-2019

Final

	EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	BUDGET 2017-2018	PROPOSED 2018-2019	BUDGET 2017-2018	PROPOSED 2018-2019
<u>Administration</u>				
Clerk's salary	4800.00	5000.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	400.00	410.00	0.00	0.00
Hall Hire	550.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Subscriptions	460.00	420.00	0.00	0.00
Training	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
Election costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Audit fees	265.00	300.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	750.00	520.00	0.00	0.00
Newsletter	250.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
Website hosting	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	140.00	0.00
Allotment Rental	0.00	0.00	113.75	113.75
Cricket Club Rental	0.00	0.00	100.00	25.00
Interest Payments	0.00	0.00	5.00	1.00
Rent Pole & Stay	0.00	0.00	4.60	11.77
Wayleave Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Section 137 (includes APM)	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	7975.00	7600.00	363.35	151.52
<u>Burial Grounds</u>				
Churchyard mowing	612.00	600.00	0.00	0.00
Cemetery mowing	1122.00	1150.00	0.00	0.00
Cemetery repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rates	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Burial ground repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Churchyard rear wall	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cemetery fees	0.00	0.00	350.00	400.00
TOTAL	1734.00	1750.00	350.00	400.00
<u>Trees, Greens and Verges</u>				
Mowing and Maintenance	4540.00	3500.00	0.00	0.00
Clean-up Group	200.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
Fixtures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mowing grant	0.00	0.00	1296.24	648.12
Tree Management	3000.00	1500.00	1140.00	0.00
TOTAL	7740.00	5150.00	2436.24	648.12
<u>Street Lighting</u>				
Maintenance	357.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity	2500.00	2600.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	2857.00	3100.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Playing Field</u>				
Maintenance	510.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
Safety Inspection	53.06	60.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	563.06	260.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Neighbourhood Plan	3381.00	0.00	3589.00	0.00
TOTAL Precept	0.00	0.00	17800.00	18600.00 *
TOTAL Payments (exc NHP)	20869.06	17860.00		
TOTAL Receipts (exc NHP)			20949.59	19799.64
TOTAL Payment (inc NHP)	24458.06	17860.00		
TOTAL Receipts (inc NHP)			24538.59	19799.64

* 4.7% uplift = £2.94 per household