



Report from Wingfield Parish Council - Jan 2022

Chairman: Lee Smith

A very Happy New Year to all Wingfield residents. We hope that when you read this you have all been vaccinated and are starting to live a more normal life despite Covid.

At the last Parish Council meeting on November 12th , pre Omicron, we discussed more “normal” matters involving everyday life in the village:

- The state of our roads, particularly Low Road
- The overhanging trees that cause traffic to drive in the centre of roads
- Emptying the newly installed dog bins that have proved to be so *poopular*
- Training in the use of our new defibrillator
- Alternative usage of the telephone box beyond housing the annual Christmas tree
- A new friendlier speed sign that will encourage drivers to slow down when entering the village.
- Repair of the road sign at the junction of Church Road and Earsham Street
- A return to the Village Hall for Parish Council meetings in the “winter”

It is the job of the Parish Council to make these improvements and repairs but in some areas we need the cooperation of residents. Particularly ditches that need to be cleared, cutting hedges and trees blocking the roads and ideas for alternative uses of the phone box. Please get involved with making Wingfield an even better place to live.

The very best expression of a better future will be the celebration of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in June this year. Please see the announcement in this issue of Village Voice.

Our next meeting takes place on March 16th at the Village Hall. An agenda will be posted on the noticeboard. Please come along with your ideas.

Since we last reported we have held two Council meetings under diminishing lockdown restrictions. We can now look forward to business as usual and cordially invite residents to our next meeting that takes place on November 12th.

The major news has been the installation of our own village defibrillator at the entrance to Wingfield Barns. Some may query the location but we must point out that nowhere in our widespread community would be ideal for all residents. The Barns was chosen because of access to electricity and lighting. Our thanks go to Councillor Dennis Murray for all his work on this project.

We have had a problem with overgrown hedges and verges that have been forcing traffic into the middle of our roads. We thank those that have responded to our letters asking for remedial action. However, we have to warn those that have not that the Council will have to do the work itself and charge for the privilege.

Complaints have been received about the lack of dog litter bins in the village. We are glad to report these bins have been ordered and installed in the very near future. We thank Lavinia Haddingham, our District Councillor for the grant that makes this possible. In the meantime can you please bag it and bin it at home.

Our second wave of readings from the speed sign show a marginal reduction in speeding through the village. Less than 10% are now driving at a speed chargeable by the police. However, we have recorded two events in excess of 50mph! Please slow down.

We have had an outbreak of fly tipping. Can you please advise the Parish Clerk of any such events. We cannot keep relying on our Chairman, Lee Smith, clearing up the mess.

Finally if you are called for a Covid booster injection and need financial help with taxi fares please contact the Parish Council.