



MILTON PARISH COUNCIL HOLY CROSS CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS AUTUMN 2020



Parish Council News

Chairman's Report

Hello to you all, in my last Chairman's Report in Spring 2020 I said that I would be stepping down as Chairman, however, due to the impact of the Corona Virus on our lives and specifically our local community I agreed to continue as Chairman until May 2021.

The following is an update on local and Parish Council matters:

VILLAGE PARK – the Park has been closed during lock down, but is once again open for all to enjoy.

There are various issues with the Park equipment:

The four bay swings are out of action at the moment due to a loose connection on the frame. An engineer will be checking it to see if it is repairable or will need replacing; the frame has given many years of service.

The seesaw is loose at the pivot point and an inspection is awaited, but due to Covid 19 the wait is longer than usual.

The seats on the new baby swings are being replaced due to a manufacturing fault.

RAIL FREIGHT UPDATE – Northampton Gateway Junction 15 - Roxhill Developments have now sold out to Segro Logistics. Preliminary work has started and major works are scheduled to begin in early January 2021. The development has been renamed 'Segro Logistics Park, Northampton Gateway'.

PLANNING – There has been an Application to build a bungalow in the Orchard field next to the Church, the Parish Council has submitted its objection to this application as it is on a protected site in the heart of the village. The Council has been advised that it is recommended for refusal by South Northants Council.

An Outline Planning Application has been made to build 65 dwellings in the field at the top of Lower Road next to Stockwell Road, this is currently with SNC Planners. It is understood that the case will be heard in September, the Parish Council has no other information on this matter at this time.

GIGACLEAR – are at present laying fibre optic cabling throughout the village for faster broadband. The Parish Council has had complaints about the standard of work and reinstatement of surfaces, if you have any problems please contact our Clerk Ann Addison. Contact details below.

VILLAGE HALL – Still remains closed and it is not known exactly when it will be reopening.

VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS – During lockdown a WhatsApp group was set up in the village to help with any shopping etc and also medicine collections, this is still in operation so please contact [Nicola James on 07989 307670](tel:07989307670), [Jackie Jones on 07728 027507](tel:07728027507), [Katy Marshall on 07792 842358](tel:07792842358) and they will arrange a volunteer for you. The volunteers have done a sterling job supporting those in need of help during the lockdown, the Parish Council has received messages of appreciation for the group.

SMART MOTORWAY – At the moment conversion to smart motorway running is in progress from J16 to J13 of the M1 Motorway. You will have noticed that all the trees have been stripped away in order to facilitate the erection of key infrastructure such as signage, emergency areas and gantries. The Parish Council is assured that there will be replanting once the installations are built but it will be many years before they replace what has been removed!

THE COMPASS INN

South Northants Council has advised the owner and tenant that remedial work on the chimney should be carried out and Northants County Council will shortly be removing the barriers so the public footpath can be opened. The matter is now in the hands of both Councils.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

It is hoped that the usual newsletter will be printed at the end of this year, but the Covid 19 situation makes this uncertain.

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Janet Winchester

HOLY CROSS CHURCH NEWS

The five churches of the Benefice have been open for worship in turn since early August so that our church at Holy Cross in Milton Malsor will reopen for worship on Sunday 30th August at 9.30am. It could be the only service we can have for another five weeks. The service is only for the regular congregation and the village. If you would like to attend please let a churchwarden or the Rector know as seating has to be arranged. We are obliged to wear masks and keep social distancing. The services are being broadcast on Zoom at the same time so everyone hoping to come is asked to be in church by 9.25am.



If you wish to attend contact the churchwardens: Jane Treharne (01604 858323 or 07729 311988) or Sue Bell (01327 351043). If you would like to join on Zoom for this service (and for the other benefice services) contact the Rector, Richard Stainer (canon.stainer@gmail.com 01604 857619). He will send you instructions by email of how to log in and download the service details).

Baptist Church news. For the past month the Baptist Church has met every Sunday at 10.30am for a short service and comply with social distancing rules. Further details from Dianne Turner (01604 858243).

The Miltonian. It has not been possible to produce the *Miltonian* newsletter since March due to circumstances, not the least being unable to get it printed and for lack of news items. Hopefully we shall have an edition for the autumn as things start to move forward.

Thank you The Mellors family (Pauline, Nigel & Simon) express their many thanks for all the cards and tributes for Pauline's husband Geoff. They have been overwhelmed by the offers of help and support given to them over the past six months. Geoff would have been very proud as all the family are. Pauline gives her grateful thanks.