



PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

Due to the corona virus pandemic, the last normal council meeting was held on 25th February 2020. This didn't mean that everything stopped. Councillors have continued with their areas of responsibility and this is a summary of the work carried out. A full report of a very busy year is contained on the web site and will be available at the Parish Assembly on 18th May. The Council hopes to see you all at the Village Hall at 7.00pm.

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The Foal Ground Family Park has seen many changes, with the removal of the old hedging and a new hedge planted with different species for the birds and insects. The children's play area is in constant use and the fitness equipment is proving very popular. More equipment will be installed when finance allows. The Church Road playground tends to get a lot of vandalism, but finance is earmarked to replace some of the equipment that is showing wear. Both play grounds are inspected monthly by qualified councillors and RoSPA inspects annually with a comprehensive report sent to the council.

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Government legislation meant that the web site had to be made accessible to everyone by September 2020. A councillor does a sterling job in keeping the website up to date. Special protocol is in place for any major event.

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The village now has noticeboards at Church End and Malvern Gardens, Peatlings Lane. Three more have been purchased, one for each of the play areas and another for The Chase so that parishioners from that end of the parish have all the latest news. Meeting dates, agendas, minutes and village news are inserted monthly. The village sign has received attention and remains the focal point of the village. A councillor inspects all the seats around the village and reports if there are any problems, the trees on council property are also monitored for broken branches and any related hazards.

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Two defibrillators are installed in the parish, Leverington Common and Malvern Gardens. These are checked monthly and reports sent in to the ambulance service.

The parish footpaths are walked and reports sent in. The allotments are now split up and used as garden plots and all are taken.

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The Parish cemetery has unfortunately, seen a busy year with fifteen interments. Work in the cemetery includes a small Rose Remembrance Garden for anyone who wishes to put in a plaque. A flag pole has been erected. The small war memorial that was in the wall at the village hall has been cleaned and has taken pride of place at the front of the WW1 garden. The fees for burials have had to be increased this year.

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Problems with the roads are reported as soon as they are received. This has been a weekly occurrence and has kept the chairman busy! The council has installed all new street lights and when permitted, will be putting a new parish council number on each light. The power is also now paid by the parish.

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The Council would like to thank all those people in the village who give their time voluntarily to help others and to make our village a happy and vibrant place to live... The Village Hall Committee, Street Pride, Leverington Letter, Car Scheme, Sports and Social Club and those who quietly go about the business of helping others. If you are not named, you are still appreciated. Let the council know your involvement. Of course, others that give their time to the village as a whole are the councillors. A dedicated team of people who do their best to maintain the best environment possible.

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Clerk