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KELSALL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

A BIG THANK YOU

The Parish Council would like to thank the many residents who volunteered to help others during, and since, the national lockdown began - either as part of the Kelsall Support Network, the foodbank, the churches helpline, OPAL or other existing groups. Some of these are still continuing to provide support. Thank you everyone!!!

What we are working on:

- Lights on the Green: The work was delayed due to Covid19, but is now complete
- Replacing the small hut in the playground
- Highways and speeding: working with our PCSO on more speed enforcement
- Planning what more can be done to enhance the quality of life and wellbeing of residents - share your views via the survey in this newsletter.



Work on the new surgery's site has finally started!

The Wellbeing Hub included in the surgery has been well publicized and will, when it is built, be a significant community asset and enable many activities aimed at increasing the health and wellbeing of residents of all ages. The Parish Council is supporting this through a grant from its Community Infrastructure Levy.

Are you between 18-21 and living in Kelsall?

Kelsall Parish Council would like to work with some younger residents on an on-going basis. Please get in touch if you'd like to get involved with our activities relating to the Green, events, youth activities - or if you have other suggestions.

Email: clerk@kelsall-pc.org.uk





SPEEDING



Speeding in the village is always one of our residents' main concerns. You may have noticed regular posts on Facebook from our PCSO Sue Keers showing speed monitoring. Some confusion is caused by the split of responsibility for speed management between Cheshire West and Chester Council's Highways department and with the police:

Highways department

- Set the speed limits - they have carried out surveys of existing average speeds in order to set sensible limits e.g. introducing the 20mph limit (this is only where actual speeds are already low enough, no more than around 25mph)

Cheshire Police

- Enforce speed limits - they carry out two types of speed check:

Education only

Flashing speed sign, to make drivers aware if they are speeding (this also records the amount of speeding taking place) and repeated surveys allow the road to be classed as needing enforcement.



Enforcement

This can only be done under controlled conditions, using a speed gun, once a speeding problem has been documented.



Parking is also a contentious issue

To help improve parking around the village, please note that you can use the car park on Church Street as SHORT STAY (for visits to the surgery, butchers and vets.) If you need LONG STAY parking, you can use the car park at the community centre. Please do not park on the pavement, on any road bends, and anywhere blocking the view from a junction – the pavement and double yellows outside the Coop is particularly bad for all three of these issues - so please avoid parking here.

HOW TO CONTACT US / GET INVOLVED:

This will be the last edition delivered door-to-door throughout Kelsall. Further issues will be available in a number of other ways:

- Notice of the newsletter will be on our Facebook page and on physical notice boards (follow us to be notified!)
- Join our mailing list to be emailed a copy - contact clerk@kelsall-PC.org.uk
- Paper copies will be put in the shops, cafes, pubs and surgeries
- Check our website: <https://kelsall-pc.weebly.com>



PRIORITIES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

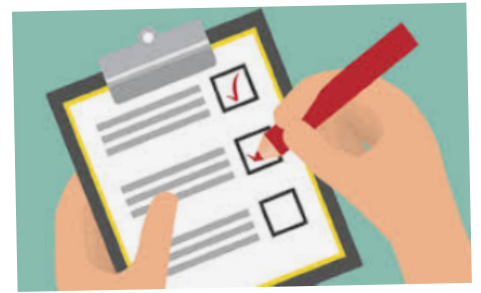
Following these last few months of strange times for everyone, from confinement for some, and for others lack of options and opportunities, we'd like to look to the future.

But before we start any major new projects we'd like to know the views of our residents.

The Parish Council aims to make our village better, and looks after things such as the village green, playground, war memorial and the public car parks. In order to pay for these each household pays a precept – a small amount of money that is added onto your Council Tax bill – currently an average of £22 a year. In addition, we have also received funding from developers that we have used most recently to improve the facilities on the green and playground (e.g. lights and the new path), however this has now nearly all been used up.

Each year we set our precept based on what we expect to spend the following year. This year we would like to hear your views on what is important to you in Kelsall, and what you think we should spend our money on.

Your feedback is essential to making our forward plans, so that within our limited financial resources, we can deliver what you would like to see!



We need to be realistic about what we can do. A village leisure centre is beyond the bounds of possibility, but for an extra £7 a year on the precept, we could potentially employ someone part-time to set up a range of activities for our teenagers.

Other projects could progress with the help of other organisations (e.g. Cheshire West and Chester Council, youth organisations or wildlife groups.) or volunteers.

When answering the survey, please bear in mind that Kelsall Parish Council does not control any aspects of highways or parking enforcement so unfortunately we can't do anything directly about these.

Tell us what is important to you...

Complete the survey on the next page. You can do this online at: <https://forms.gle/myTGxZTFHXhZ1KnS6> or follow the link from our Facebook post (Kelsall Parish Council page), or, you can fill in the next page and drop it in the reply box at the butchers or the chemist.

The survey closes on 25th November.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK...

Help to decide our priorities for the future - please tick to select your top three ideas from the list below:

1.	Improved facilities and activities on the Green for all ages – such as fitness trails or organised sports facilities	
2.	Replace, or add to, the children’s play equipment on the Green	
3.	Purchase equipment, such as a speed camera or movable flashing speed sign, to help reduce speeding	
4.	Provide facilities and / or activities for young people – for example: organised sports (e.g. cricket); skills coaching (e.g. archery, First Aid, survival skills, orienteering); exercises classes; a place to meet up (e.g. a youth group); self-development (e.g. classes, demos, lectures); and supervised biking.	
5.	Improve the provision of allotments in the village	
6.	Work with volunteers to organise more events on the Green (such as the Food Festival in 2018 and the circus in 2019)	
7.	More landscaping / tree planting around the village	

Please tell us about any other suggestions you have: _____

Please tell us your postcode: _____

Please circle your age group: 0 - 16 17 - 25 26 - 45 56 - 75 76 +

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...

When the survey closes we will analyse all the results and feedback the findings to you via our website and Facebook page. We will then cost the most preferred options and see how they could be financed. This may be via an increase to the precept or may require additional fundraising activities. We will probably not be able to progress everything in the next financial year, but these ideas will form the council's future plans.

THANK YOU

GET INVOLVED!

Finally, and very importantly, some of these ideas can only happen if more people get involved. Please contact us if you'd be willing to assist with bringing some of these ideas to fruition.

Name: _____ Contact: _____