



PARISH NEWSLETTER

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU! MAKE A CHANGE, BECOME A LOCAL PARISH COUNCILLOR



There are currently 4 vacancies for Parish Councillors. If you care about where you live and are passionate about your community, **WE NEED YOU!**

For more details on what the Parish Council does and how you can make a difference, please contact the Clerk on (01582) 883990, email: theparishclerk@bartonleclay-pc.gov.uk or pop into the Parish Council office between 10am – 12 noon Monday to Friday.

LEISURE FACILITIES CONSULTATION

You will be aware of the proposed new housing development (up to 500 new houses) East of the Village on the Higham Road and will have received information from the developer, Taylor Wimpey, on their plans.

Any development in the Village will add pressure on our existing services, leisure facilities, roads, schools, etc. and plans should be made to address this. The Parish Council has met informally with the developer to discuss their plans and has compiled a priorities list of facilities, should the development be given the green light. Very few would like to see expansion of the village but if it does go ahead, we want to make sure that funding or new/improved facilities are provided to mitigate the increase in population.

To help us identify and formalise a strategy we need your help. Below is a list of facilities and improvements the Parish Council believes the village will need to cater for the existing and additional community. Not all facilities will be provided but it is important to list as much as possible:

- A greater number of shared indoor community spaces that could be rented to support the meeting of recreational groups, light sporting activities, amateur dramatics, etc.
- An outdoor woodland style BMX trail that could be used by cyclists of mixed ages
- Additional play parks and/or additional playground equipment in our parks, e.g. a slide
- New wheelchair accessible, inclusive play and exercise equipment for the village play areas and the fitness area at Arnold Recreation ground
- A new outdoor multi-use games area that could be used in all weathers to play football, hockey, tennis, netball, etc.
- A new indoor sports facility, supporting indoor sport with rented facilities for badminton, martial arts, short tennis, 5-a-side football, etc. with showering and changing facilities on site.
- A new segregated cycle path running through the village, including along Bedford Road

We have not included facilities such as schools, roads, doctors and infrastructure as they will be included in the planning process with Central Bedfordshire Council. **YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT.**

Please email your comments to us at theparishclerk@bartonleclay-pc.gov.uk, telephone (01582) 883990 or pop into the Office between 10am – 12noon, Monday – Friday.



The family of Councillor Lyndon Davison-Williams would like to thank the residents of Barton-le-Clay for their kind donations and messages of condolence after he lost his battle with cancer in March. They were particularly touched by the mark of respect shown at the curb-side on the day of his funeral. Lyndon will be greatly missed by his family, friends, the Parish Council and the Village.



Bedfordshire Police are seeking help from our residents to tackle crime. In recent months, significant damage has been caused to our green spaces and surrounding farmland which is causing great concern, as well as loss of income.

Many of you will be familiar with Lovers Walk/'caves' area. This area has become a target for motorbikes and quad bikes, often entering the 'caves' via the farmland and trampling down fences, crops and vegetation.

Operation Meteor is the name given to the policing team who tackle nuisance motorbikes that pose a real danger to our community. The problems caused by nuisance motorbikes include: *general antisocial behaviour, noise, danger to themselves, danger to other road users, danger to pedestrians and damage to land and road furniture.*

In order to tackle this and protect our green spaces, the Operation Meteor team are asking for your help. If caught the rider will be prosecuted and their vehicle will be seized.

If you witness motorbikes or quadbikes in the Lovers Walk/'caves' area, please call 999. We are assured that this is an emergency situation, as harm may occur to pedestrians or horse riders. Calling 101 should be used to report incidents after the event. Information which is of use to the team is: *where and when it happened, a description of the rider and bike, if you know who they are or where they live.*

Policing is often mentioned in the Village and resources are stretched. If we want a police presence and to tackle this and other problems in the Village, we must report incidents to the Police so that there is a log of incidents in Barton-le-Clay. A police officer will not always be available to attend but by logging issues they will be aware and officers assigned to Barton-le-Clay rather than them being diverted elsewhere. The Barton StreetWatch team will also be notified, so that they can target appropriate areas to patrol.



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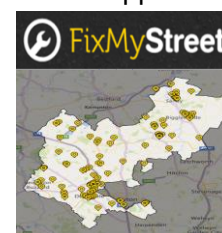
9am to 9pm

Voluntary organisation
Transport, Shopping, Small Jobs



FIX MY STREET

You can now log problems with roads, pavements, signs, lighting, etc. online or via the 'FixMyStreet' App



ANNUAL REPORT & ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Report for 2020/2021 is now available to view on our website. This report details the activity of the Parish Council over the past 12 months, including projects completed and plans for the coming year. Paper copies are available in the Parish Council Office. A copy of the presentation from the evening is also available to view online. Visit our website <https://bartonleclay-pc.gov.uk/annual-reports/>

COUNCIL TAX – THE PARISH COUNCIL'S PRECEPT FOR 2021/2022

Annual Parish Budget for 2021/2022: £176,900

Council Tax (Band D): £90.49 Increase on 2020/21: £1.39 (1.6%)



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