

# STONEY STANTON PARISH NEWS

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## LEADING BY EXAMPLE



After the success of the recent litter pick in the village with South Leicestershire Litter Wombles,

we have decided to create our own litter pick group to regularly keep Stoney Stanton tidy.

In only two hours, we filled 34 bags with rubbish! Our aim is to keep our village litter free by arranging to meet once a month.

We are a friendly bunch and actively encourage children (with parental supervision) to join in and enjoy being outside in the fresh air and looking after our environment.

Please check our Facebook page 'Stoney Stanton Litter Pickers' for more details.

If you'd like to join us for our first meet, we would love to see you on **22nd September, 2-4pm at St. Michael's Car Park.** We will provide the kit, just come in comfortable clothes and shoes.

## PARISH COUNCIL CO-OPTIONS

The Parish Council have filled the two vacant spaces on the Council with the co-options of Rebecca Bateman and Ivan Woolman. This means that the council is once again complete with 11 councillors.



Both live in Stoney Stanton. Rebecca is currently a Human Resources Manager whilst Ivan is a retired Police Officer and Paralegal. Both bring a useful set of skills to the Council. We welcome them and look forward to working together.

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Over the last 6 months there has been a lot of information relating to proposed developments in the areas around Stoney Stanton.

A display was held in the village hall during the Brass on the Grass event informing residents of the information that was available and how it may impact the village. A village presentation was held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September, with a good turnout of residents, to understand the proposals in more detail.

There are 3 major projects that have the potential to impact Stoney Stanton, these are:

- **The Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI), LCC housing and infrastructure bid**
- **The strategic land development**
- **The A46 expressway.**

The most developed of these proposals is that for the HNRFI. DB Symmetry, who are the proposers of the scheme, have held a series of informal consultations regarding the development which were attended by 382 residents of the village. The Parish Council believe that this proposal is flawed in its design and the mitigation and have made representation to DB Symmetry. The next stage in the proposal will be a Formal Consultation that will be followed by submission of plans to central government.

The second scheme is one proposed by Leicester County Council (LCC) and is for the building of 5000 houses and commercial buildings on the land to the West of Stoney Stanton between the village and the motorway. At the moment a bid for infrastructure has been placed with Homes England by LCC for funding towards the required infrastructure in the area and the outcome will be known in March 2020. At the same time LCC have proposed the area is designated as a Strategic Development Area and this was discussed at a cabinet meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

The final scheme is a proposal called the A46 expressway that would link with the A46 at Syston in NE Leicester and encircle Leicester to the E and S, creating a new motorway junction on the M1, J20a before joining with the M69 at J2. At the moment there is no update on this proposal but documents from the proposers are well overdue.

In order to look at these proposals in detail and ensure the wishes of the villages there was a meeting held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September to create a Stoney Stanton Action Group. The output from this group will be feedback to the village, if you wish to be part of this group, or need any further information please email [info@stoneystanton.org](mailto:info@stoneystanton.org).



**At the end of September, some members will be stepping down from the Carnival Committee. This represents a significant loss to our team so now is the time for a recruitment drive!**

**We need your help.** Without volunteers to help with the organisation the carnival cannot go ahead next year. We simply do not have enough members to run the event effectively.

#### **What do we need?**

**Committee members** – join our meetings held once a month (in the pub!) to help organise the carnival day and other fundraising events throughout the year.

**Casual help** – we would love to be able to call on a core of residents who perhaps cannot make the monthly meetings but would still like to be involved in some way. Tasks would include selling raffle tickets, delivering brochures, marshalling the procession or fun run, helping set up and/or take down on carnival day plus helping out at other events through the year.

Maybe you can help with our social media presence, or run the website? Do you have contacts who can sponsor the event? There are lots of different ways you can get involved.

#### **What can you offer us?**

Your time, commitment, enthusiasm, ideas. willingness to work in a team, a ready smile.

#### **What can we offer you?**

Friendship, laughter, support, and an amazing sense of achievement at being involved in your village.

Not only is the carnival a great day out that brings the village together, it also raises significant funds for local clubs, organisations and groups in Stoney Stanton.

Come along, join our team. You can do as much or as little as you like. Our next meeting is the

**Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 8.15pm, The Bull's Head.**

Some committee members will be in the bar before the meeting so you can have a more informal chat about the carnival and what we do. We would love to see some new faces from our wonderful village.

**Not Quite Finally... Keep up to date on the Parish Council website and facebook pages. The next PC meeting is Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm in the Community Library, all welcome. LITTER LINE: 07891 249023.**

## INVESTING IN OUR VILLAGE

The Parish Council sets aside a sum each year to award grants to support village groups upon application. Since 2017 it has supported the following:

**2017-** £500 to the Youth Club towards equipment and a climbing wall event x £800 towards a defibrillator situated on the Pavillion at the playing fields x £500 towards to 40 new sets of plates, bowls, cups etc for Beaver camps.

**2018 -** £500 to Stanton All Stars for assistance with kit x Community Library, a grant of £475 to purchase additional seating x Evergreens group, a grant of £200 towards a day trip.

**2019 -** Good Neighbour Scheme - £315 for insurance & DBS checks x Lawn Tennis Club - £400 towards new toilet facilities x £150 to Sakura Judo Club to help train their volunteers x £900 to 1st Stoney Stanton Scouts for new camping equipment.

If you are involved in a village community group and would like to apply for a grant please contact Roz Ward, Clerk to the Council, details at the bottom of the page.



## INTRODUCING THE NEW BDC CHAIRMAN

I am Iain Hewson one of your District Councillors and also your Chairman for Blaby District Council this Civic year 2019/2020. I have been your District Councillor for eight years, working on various communities relating to all aspects of council business ensuring our residents receive value for money.

As Chairman of the Member Development Steering Group, which works hard to develop the skills of members, I was very keen to reduce the amount of paper use for council reports, thus persuading members to use modern technology such as tablet devices during Council and Committee meetings at their own cost, this move has saved the council 10's of thousand pounds.

I was a member of the Scrutiny Commission and later a Scrutiny Commissioner which is where decisions are made at Council and Cabinet meetings are scrutinised and challenged where appropriate.

As Portfolio Holder for Community Services I ensured that service support and financial decisions are focused correctly for all our residents. I took a keen interest in services for vulnerable people of all age groups, ensuring help and assistance is provided wherever possible.

I was one of the former members who was actively involved, improving the Council's planning department to the extent that it is now one of the most improved departments in the Country.

I have also been Portfolio holder for Health, Leisure and Regulatory Services which was one of Blaby District Councils major projects, ensuring that the new 10 year contract with Sports and Leisure Management, was competitive and gave value for managing our Enderby and Pavilion sports and leisure facilities, ensuring that we offer, a choice to our residents for their Health and Leisure wellbeing.

During my Civic year I wish to promote health and leisure, which includes my Charity Walk in September at Glenfield, plus other events throughout the year supporting my charity "Community First Responders"