



# NEWSLETTER

Your Community Connection



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## WOLVEY'S FUTURE – PARTICIPATE IN THE PLAN

Under the Government's 'Duty to Co-operate', neighbouring planning authorities have to work together to fulfil development needs. As Coventry City Council cannot meet their entire housing needs within their own area, Rugby Borough Council needs to allocate sites for an additional 2,800 homes (over and above the Borough's own needs) between now and 2031. Rugby Borough Council cannot identify sufficient land to accommodate these homes within, or adjacent to, Rugby Town. Hence, it has looked to the main villages in the Borough to cover some of the shortfall. The result of this is that Wolvey is required to allocate sites for approximately 100 new homes.

Whilst some residents may have strong feelings about this, it is highly likely that this will happen.

The Parish Council therefore feels that Wolvey residents should guide the process, rather than Rugby Borough Council. To this end, the Council's Neighbourhood Plan Group will gather information on local housing needs and identify suitable sites to allow Wolvey to grow in a way that reflects the views of its residents.

Regular meetings will take place for the foreseeable future, and questionnaires will be sent to all households, and opinions sought. The resulting Neighbourhood Plan will be a statutory part of the local planning process, so it is essential that you participate and have your say.



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## Council Meetings

### Wolvey Baptist Chapel

Monday	21st March 2016
Monday	18th April 2016
Monday	16th May 2016

### Wolvey Village Hall

#### Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday	27th April 2016
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This is not a meeting of the Council but a meeting for all electors in Wolvey.

## LAY — BYE! IT'S THE END OF THE ROAD FOR STOPPING SPOT

As part of its drive to improve and maintain the local environment, the Council arranged for the messy informal lay-by at the top of Temple Hill to be removed. The area has now been returned to grass verge and looks much tidier. The Council is grateful to Warwickshire County Council for funding the work through monies delegated to Councillor Maurice-Jones, the local elected member.



For the minutes of Parish Council meetings and more information, please visit our website:

[www.wolvey.org](http://www.wolvey.org)

## COME ONESIE, COME ALL FOR YC FUN

The Youth Club's 'Onesie and Pizza' party was well attended by all sorts of onesie characters who made a rare sight tucking into the tasty slices and enjoying the fun. This was followed by a great February session



*Howzat! Indoor cricket gets underway.*

that tested out the new indoor cricket equipment with team tournaments and challenges. The Village Hall is a brilliant venue in which to offer these type of games which are great fun, encourage teamwork, friendship, build confidence and allow members to try new things in a safe, friendly environment.

Other recent activities have included cookie decorating for Valentine's Day, and a competition to design a new Club logo for which Simon Myers, a professional graphic designer, gave guidance and kindly offered to work up the winning design for use on our polo shirts, publicity and web-site. Well done to all those who entered and congratulations to the winning entry (voted for by members) of Isobel Carnall-Ruppel who won a cash prize. All these activities were in addition to the established favourites like dodge ball, table tennis and uni-hockey.

There's another trip to Beaumanor Outdoor Learning Centre for bridge-building on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Membership is growing and the number of young volunteers has increased with Will Boyd coming along and helping at the last session.

New members (aged 11 this school term) are always really welcome.

We usually meet every third Monday of the month, 7.15-9pm at the Village Hall. Contact: Barbara Jones, Volunteer Organiser: 01455 220081 or email at: [bjones.design@virgin.net](mailto:bjones.design@virgin.net)

## DUMP THE 'DO' OR FACE THE FINE!

Wolvey Parish Council would like the help of all local residents to assist them in eliminating dog fouling. It has been noted to Councillors that the incidence of dog mess in and around our beautiful village has increased significantly recently.

If you see a dog fouling in and around the village and the owner does not pick up the mess, you could report them. Please note as much detail as you can eg: where the mess was left, the breed and/or size and colour of the dog, the address of the owner and ideally a photograph of the dirty 'do'. You can report any offenders at:

[www.rugby.gov.uk/environmentalhealth](http://www.rugby.gov.uk/environmentalhealth), email [ept@rugby.gov.uk](mailto:ept@rugby.gov.uk), fill out a form available from the village shop, report to the dog warden or email details to [clerk@wolvey.org](mailto:clerk@wolvey.org) and we will do it for you.

The dog owner will not be made aware of the name of the person reporting. Owners face an £80 fine. Let's keep Wolvey clear of dog mess.

**THANK YOU.**

## ALL WELCOME AT THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting for all residents living in the parish of Wolvey. It provides people with the opportunity to raise any concerns and/or express ideas for the future of their local community.

Local Groups are invited to provide information on what they do and how Parish Council grant funding in 2015/16 has helped them. The Parish Council also reports on its activities and achievements during the past year.

Our local Borough and County Councillors will be invited to speak and answer questions. There will also be a presentation on progress with the neighbourhood plan by representatives of the recently formed Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee.

This will be an opportunity to find out more about how the plan can influence planning decisions affecting Wolvey.

**This year's meeting is to be held on Wednesday 27th April 2016 at 7.30pm in Wolvey Village Hall.**

**All electors of the Parish are invited to attend and take part in this meeting.**

**Refreshments will be available.**

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## WEG SPRING INTO ACTION AFTER WINTER WASHOUT

The wet winter has been a difficult one for anyone wanting to work outside and has severely restricted the WEG Group doing almost anything anywhere. However, work is progressing on the new bridge build, an access path has been made, and hopefully we can start construction soon, so that when summer arrives, there will be a new circular walk through The Wetland for all to enjoy.

The village is beginning to look very cheerful as the days slowly lengthen. The daffodils and snowdrops are already in bloom; a sign of spring that make us all feel good. The buzzards are circling overhead, and the robins and blackbirds are singing, and ducks, geese, even swans are on the move (flying in formation they are reminiscent of a Spitfire squadron) a lovely sight to see.



If you would like to join our group, details of meetings are on the village notice boards or you can ring Ruth on **01455221324**.

## Bozena Bows Out

Bozena Kuncewicz has left the Council after a decade of sterling service to the Council and the local community.

The Council wishes to place on record its appreciation for her considerable contribution to Council work during that period.

As well as serving as Chair of the Council, Bozena has been the driving force behind many initiatives including the Wolvey Plan and this newsletter. She also took a leading role in enabling the setting up of the youth club, the annual Christmas tree lights Big Switch On event and presenting the Council as an open and democratic organisation with a clear corporate identity.

Thank you Bozena for your enthusiasm, energy and hard work. On behalf of the whole village, we wish you well for the future.

## TWO PERCENT INCREASE, BUT LESS TO SPEND?

Most residents will by now have received their council tax bill for the 2016/17 financial year. You will have noticed that the bill indicates a 2% increase in the precept set by Wolvey Parish Council. However, this does not mean that Council spending will rise by the same amount in the coming year. In fact, Council spending will increase by less than 1% next year. This is because there has been a real terms reduction of almost £1700 in the actual amount of money raised under Rugby Borough Council's precept formula. In addition, Rugby has cut the council tax support grant by £1000 and Warwickshire County Council has cut the Lengthsman Scheme funding by £500.

New areas of spending include the neighbourhood planning process (most of which will eventually be funded through Government grant

payments) and complying with regulations on pension provision for the Clerk to the Council.

In order to keep the precept increase to a minimum, the Council has looked carefully at spending in a number of areas. Amenities like street lighting maintenance and upgrades, grass cutting and work undertaken under the Lengthsman Scheme have been protected. Most of the reductions in spending are in the areas of professional planning advice and grants and donations to local organisations.

Nevertheless, the Council will continue to support local groups to the tune of £5000, however, Government austerity measures mean that, like other public sector organisations, the Council will remain under considerable financial pressure for the foreseeable future.

**Interested in being a Parish Councillor?**

Contact: Jackie Essex, clerk@wolvey.org or 02476 016337

## CLERK'S CORNER

### DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

Rugby Borough Council has recently published its draft Local Plan that sets out how Rugby will meet its development needs over the next 10 years. Wolvey is one of seven villages in the borough which has been identified as a 'Main Rural Settlement', meaning that the Borough Council thinks that it has facilities which can sustain further new development. Each of these seven villages has been allocated a development of up to 100 new houses. This will have a major impact on the village, and both the Parish Council and its recently formed Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee will play an important role responding to the consultation process and any future development that occurs in the village.

### COUNCIL IMPRESSES COUNCILLORS

It's always a pleasure to attend meetings at Wolvey School. Particularly impressive is the School Council where pupils are able to give their views on any issues affecting the school and their education. The pupils' approach is always enthusiastic and challenging. The Head is there to help, but allows the youngsters to debate and formulate ways forward.

### VACANCY

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council which is to be filled by co-option. If you are interested in representing your community and taking part in decisions affecting the village, why not consider applying to be co-opted onto Wolvey Parish Council? There are interesting and challenging times ahead for Wolvey and the Parish Council will play a vital role in the village's future. Visit our website at [www.wolvey.org](http://www.wolvey.org) for the application form or please contact me for further information.

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 27 April 2016. There is more about this meeting elsewhere in the Newsletter, one of the

presentations will be made by representatives of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee, so why not come along and find out more about future plans for Wolvey and how you can get involved.

### GET IN TOUCH

For any information about the Parish Council please contact me by email on [clerk@wolvey.org](mailto:clerk@wolvey.org) or by telephone on 024 7601 6337. Although I do not live in Wolvey, I am not far away but please remember I only work part-time. You can leave a message if I am not available and I will get back to you at the earliest opportunity.

### ADVICE FOR NEW RESIDENTS

The Parish Council has compiled a warm Welcome Pack for new residents. It has a host of useful information to help new arrivals to settle in to village life.

Contact the Parish Clerk for your copy.

This half term, students are looking at raising money for disadvantaged children, how to improve behaviour policy and how to start their own newsletter. The School has also set up a brand new computer suite, and is developing a fantastic wildlife area for the children to learn about nature; who knows, Wolvey Environment Group may get some new younger members.

#### MOBILE POLICE VISITS

Baptist Chapel,  
School Lane

1.15pm — 2.45pm

Wednesday	30th March 2016
Sunday	1st May 2016
Wednesday	18th May 2016
Wednesday	8th June 2016
Sunday	10th July 2016