

WHIXALL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Autumn/ Winter 2014

Welcome to our tenth edition of Whixall Parish Council's bi-annual newsletter, we produce this to ensure that every household in the parish has up to date contact details for their local councillors and their clerk, should the need to contact them arise. It is also an opportunity to update you on any current topics.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this and for taking an interest in your community.

THE WAGGONERS INN

The Parish Council wish to inform you of the facts to date and the outcome of the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

Back in October 2011 the current owners of The Waggoners had shared some outline plans with the Parish Council for rebuilding the pub. In September 2013 the Community Led Parish Plan document was published, it was put together by parishioners and upheld by the Parish Council: 72.8% of respondents to the questionnaire agreed with the statement 'we need a pub in the village'.

The Parish Council was interested to know whether the current owners' plans were still in progress and the council invited them to provide an update. They gave the council a clear message that they were passionate about rebuilding the pub and had no intentions to sell but that they felt there was a lack of support from planners and a concern about its viability.

The Annual Parish meeting in May seemed a good time to gauge the real level of support for bringing the pub back. The Parish Council wanted to do what it could on behalf of the community to establish a pub in the village. It was aware that powers were limited but had been advised that

they could apply to register The Waggoners as a Community Asset. Once on the register it would mean that if the property were to be on the open market the Parish Council or a committee on behalf of the community would have the right to bid. There is a 6 month period during which the community could try to secure funds and the owner cannot agree a sale until this time has elapsed.

As most people will know, there was a huge turn out to the Annual Parish meeting- over 80 people attended and a further 20 people contacted the Parish Council to state their support. At the meeting there was unanimous support for going ahead with the Community Asset application. So, the Parish Council applied to register The Waggoners as a Community Asset.

The owners wrote to the Parish Council expressing their disappointment at how the meeting was conducted and also objected to the application via their solicitor.

Unfortunately the application was not successful. The reason given for refusal was that it did not satisfy Section 88 of the Localism Act because in the recent past the property was derelict and therefore could not be deemed to further the social well-being or

interest of the community. In conclusion, Whixall Parish Council will continue to seek and listen to the views of the community and should an application to rebuild the pub be submitted for consideration they will endeavour to support it in every way possible.

Sincere thanks to all who took the time to attend the meeting in May and to those who contacted the council to show support.

Your Parish Councillors

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Meeting Notice

All Parish Council meetings will be held at Whixall Social centre.

Meetings are generally held on the second Wednesday of the month with the exception of April which is usually held on the third Wednesday due to it being the end of the financial year.

The Council do not meet in August or December.

An agenda for every meeting will be posted approximately 4 days before the meeting on Parish notice boards (located at the Social Centre, Moss Villas, Hollinwood and Dobson's Bridge) and on the Parish Council web site www.2shrop.net/whixallparishcouncil

ALL RESIDENTS OF WHIXALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Standard agenda items include:

- **Apologies for absence**
 - **Disclosure of pecuniary interests**
 - **Minutes-** *The minutes of the previous meeting to be agreed and signed*
 - **Public session-** *Any members of the public present have the opportunity to address the council.*
 - **Clerk's report**
 - **Financial matters**
 - **Planning issues-** *Applications to be viewed
Planning decisions
Planning enforcement issues*
- Note: Planning applications received too late for the published agenda may be discussed at the meeting, please check with the Clerk if interested in a particular application.**
- **Parish matters-** *The Community Led Plan and associated issues are discussed under this heading*
 - **Highways**
 - **Website**
 - **Correspondence**
 - **Councillor's reports**

For further information on planning issues search Shropshire Council's web site: www.shropshirecouncil.gov.uk

Chairman's Report

Firstly I would like to sincerely thank Jillian Jarrett of Charity Farm for all her hard work as a long standing Whixall Parish Councillor who resigned in August for health reasons.

With regard to the Council's financial matters; I can confirm that the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2014 have been audited and confirmed as being "in accordance with proper practices" (Mazars LLP).

As you know, 2014 marks the centenary of the start of World War 1 so I invite you to attend the Remembrance Sunday service on 9th November which will, this year, be held at Welsh End Chapel. The service will begin at 10:45am. Following the service a poppy wreath will be laid at the cenotaph at Browns Brook. Thereafter, refreshments will be available back at Welsh End Chapel. Hope to see you there.

Clr David Edgerton

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

As a Whixall Parish Councillor you will represent your community and contribute to making important decisions that will affect your neighbourhood.

If you are interested in being a Whixall Parish Councillor then please contact the Clerk by 7th November 2014

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Whixall Parish Council invite all Senior Citizens of Whixall to this year's Christmas party for our annual get-together!



Friday 5th December 2014
6:30 for 7:00pm at
WHIXALL SOCIAL CENTRE



If you need help with transport please contact your local Parish Councillor