

# Parish District of Churton Cheshire

## Newsletter

Welcome to Churton Parish Council newsletter, it is anticipated that this will be a bi-annual publication to keep those living in the village fully informed of the work of the PC. All parish council meetings are open to the public and all villagers are very welcome to attend. An open forum at the start of each meeting allows those who live in the parish to raise any issues that they believe the council should be aware of. An agenda for each meeting is displayed on the noticeboards by the White Horse and at the junction of New Lane and Pump Lane about a week before the meeting date, and the minutes are always available on the Parish Council website <http://www.churtonparishcouncil.co.uk/>

**The White Horse:** Residents will be aware that the White Horse Public House has been closed and the current landlord is leaving. This once again puts this wonderful village amenity into jeopardy. Admiral Taverns is currently attempting to find a new tenant, but it is likely that a number of solutions will be explored. The PC is very aware that it is one of our last remaining community facilities and will watch closely the progress of these solutions. The PC is also investigating the possibility of nominating the pub as an Asset of Community Value (ACV), that is a property of importance to the community and subject to additional protection from development.

**Dog waste** We are getting a lot of complaints about dog muck on footpaths, particularly Knowl Lane. Please clear up after your dog. There are three bins designated for dog waste around the village (but any waste bin is acceptable), a responsible dog owner always carries poo bags. If you are using bags, please do not hang them in trees, or leave on the ground - carry them with you and put them in the next bin you see.

**Bus Service:** The chair of CPC met with a representative from Stagecoach (the new provider), a member of the local authority and other concerned Parish Councillors from other villages on the C56 route. We were assured that the service would remain on its present schedule until at least the end of the year. Talks are still ongoing about the subsidies paid to the provider. Stagecoach were certainly willing to listen to the views of residents about the timetables and services offered.

**Grosvenor Estates Planning Proposal:** In February 2017 the PC meeting was attended by Rupert Collis, the representative of Grosvenor Estates who informed the meeting of the Estates intention to build 16-18 properties on the land fronting New Lane and Pump Lane. In April a letter was drafted to Grosvenor Estates outlining the PCs objections to the development and in June Councillors Palmer and Cundill met with the estates representative to emphasise the concerns of the village, and to receive an update to the plans. They were informed that there had been a delay to the application process, but their intention was to submit a planning application to CWAC in April 2018. They have not at this point identified a project partner or submitted a proposal. Although the development has been discussed at each PC meeting, no further information appears to be available. Residents can be assured that as soon as there have been any further developments the PC will guarantee their involvement. However, until a formal application has been made to the planning authority no further objections can be made, but as soon as we have any further information the Grosvenor Estates representative will be invited to address the village in an open forum.

**Churton War Memorial:** On the 9<sup>th</sup> June the Churton War memorial was unveiled in a moving ceremony attended by many of the residents of Churton. The memorial is a fitting tribute to the nine Churton men who gave their lives for their country in WW1 and WW2. The Duke of Westminster laid a wreath and gave a poignant address highlighting his long association with the village and our need to remember. This beautifully designed and constructed memorial was only possible due to the years of hard work by Mr John Gallagher and the War Memorial committee.





**Cricket match:** The annual cricket match was played this year and we are delighted to announce that Churton won the contest beating teams from Aldford, Waverton, Eaton and Saughton along the way. We now hold the Cricket Trophy for one year. This would normally be displayed at the White Horse, but due to the closure may now be displayed at the Village Hall. Congratulations to all who played and, in particular those who upheld the 'honour' of our village!

The next Churton PC meeting is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept at 8pm in Churton Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend.

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