



Newsletter—October 2021

Working for our future....

Because Community Matters

PREPARING FOR THE WINTER MONTHS

With foliage turning from the vibrant greens of summer to the russets and golds of autumn; and with the air feeling that little bit crisper the parish council's thoughts always turn to preparation for the winter months and how we deliver our services.



In the park you will notice summer bedding dug out and winter planting in its place. Equally importantly as the nights draw in the parks opening hours change too. Whilst the park will continue to open from 8 o'clock in the morning from 1 October the park will be locked each evening at 5:30pm.

Towards the end of October British Summer Time changes to Greenwich Mean Time, or in other words 'the clocks go back' and from the 1 November until 28 February the park will be closed at 3.30pm. Please remember that park rangers will not wait for motorists to remove their cars before locking up.

Work is also underway to make sure the parish council's green grit bins are full for winter. You may not know but the parish council is also able to sell grit to local residents. 25 kilogram bags cost just £6 and are available from the Community Office during normal opening hours. Please remember that bags are heavy and you will need transport to take them away with you.

Covid hasn't gone away

We are all very aware that covid hasn't suddenly disappeared. Whilst the vast majority of us are now double vaccinated we all need to be conscious that it may be necessary to introduce some restrictions over the course of the winter to keep the virus under control. This will mean different things for different people who might test positive. At the start of the pandemic the parish council worked with Woodstock In Whitwick to form the **Whitwick Community Crisis Team** to provide assistance with picking up a prescription or just lending an ear. **If you need help you can still call the Crisis Team on 07407 766518.**

Job Vacancies

Have you thought about a career in local government? Or, perhaps you already have experience working in a council or similar environment?

We are now advertising two new part time vacancies working for the parish council. If you think you might be interested or want more details, contact us **now** for details on how to apply, or see the News page of our website.

Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA)

There will be a public meeting taking place at Park Hall on Thursday 14 October at 7 pm to discuss the District Council's SHELAA. These plans set out to identify potential areas of land that may be suitable for housing development sites. Some of these areas are in the green wedge and we feel it is important that parishioners are able to voice their views or concerns. If you are unable to attend but would like to get some more information please contact the Community Office either by phone/ email or pop into the office during opening times.

USEFUL INFORMATION

- **Parish Manager: Mrs Cathy Tibbles**
- **Community Office, 3a Market Place, Whitwick, LE67 5DT (Opening hours: Weds 1.00pm to 4.00pm, Thurs / Fri 10.00am to 1.00pm)**
- **Telephone: 01530 459527**
- **Email: clerk@whitwickpc.org**
- **Whitwick Park Hall, North Street, Whitwick, LE67 5HA (available for hire)**
- **Park Hall Bookings: bookings@whitwickpc.org**

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: 21 OCTOBER AND 18 NOVEMBER AT WHITWICK PARK HALL