

## **WHAT WE DO**

**Try to maintain and improve the wellbeing of village residents. This includes:**

- **Communication**
  - ❖ Newsletters
  - ❖ Notice Boards
  - ❖ Website
  - ❖ Meetings
  - ❖ Representations to other agencies, eg traffic, transport issues
- **Street lighting**
  - ❖ Electricity Bills
  - ❖ Repairs
- **Maintenance of recreation ground**
  - ❖ Mowing
  - ❖ Tree and boundary maintenance
  - ❖ Insurance
  - ❖ Weekly and annual safety inspections
  - ❖ Repair and replace equipment
- **Condition of roads, pavements, verges and footpaths**
  - ❖ Highways issues, eg flooding
  - ❖ Mowing
  - ❖ Hedge trimming
  - ❖ Liaison with District & County Councils
  - ❖ Using eyes and ears!
- **Provision of dog bins**
  - ❖ And ensure emptied!
- **Provision of grants**
  - ❖ Local groups, eg Parish Church, Cricket Club
- **Planning**
  - ❖ Comment on planning applications and monitor developments (PC is consultee, not decision-maker)
  - ❖ 37 applications in 2016-17, from tree works to major developments
  - ❖ Liaise with developers
  - ❖ Assess housing needs and facilitate delivery
- **Liaise with police and act against crime**
  - ❖ Incident reports
  - ❖ Stroat Lane
  - ❖ Traffic and flooding
- **Manage precept**

**MAIN ISSUES IN 2016-17**

- **Recreation Ground**
  - ❖ **First registration**
  - ❖ **Goalposts**
  - ❖ **Toddlers area redesign**
    - **Project led by Cllr Louise Bennett**
    - **Advisory committee set up**
    - **Equipment spec agreed and costed (approx. £35k)**
    - **To be funded by Helical Bar**
    - **Drainage works also needed, to be funded by Linfoot Country Homes**
  
- **Spernal Lane Development**
  - ❖ **Background**
    - **Initiated by Parish Plan 2010**
    - **To provide affordable homes for local people**
    - **Based on housing needs surveys 2010 & 2014**
    - **17 homes to be built, of which 7 to be affordable**
    - **Partnership with WRCC**
    - **Site assessed as best option out of 10 considered**
    - **Proposals subject to public consultation events**
    - **Design & layout adapted in light of feedback**
  
  - ❖ **Activity 2016-17**
    - **Planning application, supported by PC, submitted and passed by SDC Planning Committee**
    - **Developer aims to start work towards end of summer, 18 month programme**
    - **Section 106 agreement under consideration**
      - **Sets out developer's and councils' obligations**
      - **Funding for toddler area drainage**
      - **Conditions on qualifying residents for both affordable and local market units**

- **Maudslay**
  - ❖ **Regular progress meetings with developer: issues of concern raised and dealt with.**
  - ❖ **Building progressing ; shop & show homes complete**
  - ❖ **First resident moved in beginning of May**
  - ❖ **Remaining homes scheduled for completion by end September, and club house by January 2018**
  - ❖ **PC involved in variation of Section 106 agreement re affordable extra care.**
    - **Relates to off-site provision of affordable extra care facility**
    - **Developer to provide cash contribution (assessed by consultants at £5.085m)**
    - **Needs to be safeguard for availability of facility to Great Alne residents**
    - **Ongoing debate between District and County Councils**
    - **Search for suitable site continues**
  
- **Telephone Kiosk/Defibrillator**
  - ❖ **Defibrillator project sparked by talk by Community First Responders at PC meeting March 2016**
  - ❖ **Need to be within 2 minutes of defibrillator to obtain benefit**
  - ❖ **BT announced cessation of payphone service: kiosk available for community use**
  - ❖ **PC has adopted the kiosk to house defibrillator**
  - ❖ **Big Lottery Fund grant secured for purchase of equipment**
  - ❖ **PC working in partnership with Community Heartbeat Trust: Managed Solution to be adopted**
  - ❖ **Funding for additional defibrillator offered by Linfoot Country Homes: suitable site needed.**

- **Stoat Lane**
  - ❖ **Continued problems with anti-social use of 4x4 vehicles**
    - **Posts damaged and removed**
    - **Vehicles accessing adjacent land**
  - ❖ **Posts have been replaced, alternative materials being considered**
  - ❖ **PC liaising with police, County Council and District Council's Rural Crime Co-ordinator**
  - ❖ **Use of cameras being considered**
  - ❖ **Police and Rural Crime Co-ordinator have now raised level of priority**
  - ❖ **Use of Section 59 of Road Traffic Act now being considered**
    - **Includes anti-social use of vehicles off-road**
    - **Police can seize vehicles**

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