**Chairs Report**

There have been two meetings of the Parish Council since my last report, and quite a

few issues are moving forward. Following the “Speedaware” survey in September, the County Council (WCC) reported back to us on the traffic speeds through the village. If any villager would like to see their report, please contact me, any of the councillors or the clerk. The main conclusion was that there was not a case for major traffic-calming measures, and the Council has agreed the funding for some minor improvements to the signage in the village. This means that the bulk of the grant obtained some years ago for road safety can now be allocated to other things. The Parish Plan had identified the need for a new path up to the church - to continue the newly-improved one in Main Street. We have asked WCC to draw up plans and cost this, together with additional kerbing in Leamington Hastings Road. We are also pushing for improvement of the jetty, especially the steps, between Main Street and Back Lane.

The dead trees in Main Street are to be replaced, and the stumps have already been

ground out. We are also hoping to plant some more bulbs on village verges. If you

have any spare bulbs or know how we could obtain some, please let any of us know,

and we will plant them – hopefully with some help from others!

Councillor Carol Cartwright resigned from the Council for personal reasons at the

October meeting and a vacancy has been declared. Since an election has not been

requested (by the required minimum number of electors), we are seeking nominations

for co-option from any villager who would like to join us in this very worthwhile

work. Notices about this have been put up on the PC noticeboard, in the Club and at

the church.

We are seeking volunteers from people willing to help plan and organise Diamond

Jubilee celebrations next summer. There will be a meeting of all those wanting to be involved 7.00pm in the Birbury on Wednesday 17th January 2012 - everyone welcome.

The PC also has plans to provide all the children in the village with a Jubilee gift. In

order to discover how many children there are in Birdingbury and also to plan other

activities for youngsters we shall be sending round a very short survey to all families

with children. Please do help us by completing this.

Councillors have made visits to a number of properties associated with planning applications; no objections have been lodged with Rugby Borough Council for most of these. Compliance with previous Planning Permissions was also taken up.

The ancient pump on the verge outside Malt Barn in Marton Road is in a seriously

poor state. The PC is keen to hear views about whether this is worth saving, and if so,

what should be done. Any thoughts – or perhaps volunteers?

The PC had to decide this month whether to seek an increase in the Parish Precept

(part of the Council Tax specially for this village). Although our predicted income

barely meets our planned expenditure for the coming year, it was felt that this was not

the time to raise the precept. This may well not be the case for 2013/14.

Copies of the full agreed Minutes of the Council – and since October, the draft minutes of the most recent PC meeting - are displayed on the PC noticeboard opposite the Club. If you have any questions or points you would like to make, please don‟t hesitate to contact me (633755) or any other councillor.

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