



# Colwich Parish Council

## APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

The Council will consider the 2018/19 grant applications in two funding rounds. The first round will be considered at the Council meeting on 6th September 2018 and the second round on 7th February 2019.

**You must include a copy of your latest accounts** with your application to assist the Council in deciding whether to make an award. Estimates, competitive quotes and specifications should also be included if appropriate. The Council will expect a report on the grant funded activity once it has been completed. A report on any 2017/18 grant received from the Council **should** be included with this application.

- Name of organisation: **A COLWICH COMMUNITY GROUP**
- Address for correspondence: **STREET NAME, HAYWOOD**
- Telephone number: **01889 \*\*\*\*\***
- Organization's main activities: **We assist the younger residents in the parish by \*\*\*\*\***
- Numbers of members in Colwich Parish: **10**
  - Number of members outside Colwich Parish: **2**
- Does the organisation have (delete as appropriate):
 

A committee?	Yes/No	Details: <b>We have 12 members on our Committee including a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer</b>
A constitution?	Yes/No	<b>Copy enclosed</b>
Honorary officers?	Yes/No	Details: <b>We do not have any honorary officers</b>
Paid staff?	Yes/No	Details: <b>We do not have any paid staff.</b>
- Place and frequency of meetings: **We meet every other month at the community hall.**
- What is your project? **We would like to provide \*\*\*\*\* for the younger residents across Colwich.**
- Who will benefit from it? **Our target group is the younger residents of the parish.**
- How will your organisation aim to be inclusive of the different sections of the village e.g. young people, ethnic minorities, gender, disability, sexual orientation etc.?
 

**Our Committee includes X younger residents. The project aims to be inclusive of all younger people including those with mobility impairments.**
- What is the total cost of this project? £5,000
- How much are you requesting from the Parish Council? £475
- How is the balance to be found?
 

**We have approached {organisation} for support as well as holding a number of fund raising events.**
- To whom should the cheque be made payable? **A COLWICH COMMUNITY GROUP**  
(Note: the Council cannot make cheques payable to individuals.)
- Signed (on behalf of the organisation): *Signature*

Please return this form to Revd. Mr. M. Lennon PSLCC, Clerk to the Council,  
Colwich Parish Council, Parish Centre, St. Mary's Road, Little Haywood, Stafford. ST18 0TX.  
Tel. 01889 882665. Email [clerk@colwichparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@colwichparishcouncil.gov.uk) by no later than **31<sup>st</sup> July 2018.**

## PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

The surgery is looking for new members, of all ages, to join the Patient Participation Group. They are particularly keen to see any younger patients over the age of 16 that might like to join.

The PPG meets quarterly, to discuss the plans for the surgery. There is a speaker at most of the meetings. This could be your chance to make a difference to your care.

If you are interested in joining please contact the surgery on 01889 881206 or email [hazeldene.house-surgery@nhs.net](mailto:hazeldene.house-surgery@nhs.net)

## CLLR ANNETTE BLOOR



I am pleased to introduce myself as a newly co-opted member of the Parish Council.

My husband and I have lived in the Haywoods for 50 years; firstly in Great and now in Little Haywood. Our 3 children, who have long-since flown the nest, all attended St John's Primary School, Great Haywood.

I attended Leicester and Birmingham Universities and worked for Staffordshire Social Services specialising in Child Protection work. I am now retired.

I am a member of the Haywood Society and the Colwich & Haywoods Twinning Association and am also an active member of St John's church. I was a Governor of St John's school for 12 years.

My interests are in environmental issues particularly recycling and renewable energy and also the impact which any excessive development in our area may have on the rural character of our villages.

I look forward to serving our community and will do so with honesty and respect for all villagers.

Cllr Annette C Bloor



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## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

The Colwich CSW Group has been going for some 17 months and currently has 5 active volunteers who have undertaken a total of 22 events. In 2017 the Group were active for some 23 hours with a total of 5,301 vehicles being recorded of which 174 vehicles (3.28%) were logged for excessive speed and one driver was also reported for using a mobile phone. This year, the weather has disrupted a number of planned events but the Group has managed to hold 4, in line with those for 2017. Bellamour Lane continues to remain on top for the number of recorded speeding vehicles at 13.33%, and also holds this year's highest recorded speed at 56mph. Colwich CSW took part in 'Operation Volunteers', held during the week 1st to 8th June 2018, when all CSW Groups were encouraged to hold events supported, where possible, by local police.

Last year the police agreed that permanent signage could be used negating the need for temporary signage to be displayed; these will be co-located with speed limit signs. This will provide both a permanent reminder to drivers to be aware of their speed and will

also remove the inherent danger faced by volunteers when placing temporary signs on narrow country lanes. We have applied to the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership for a grant for the 12 signs required for our area and should hear by mid July 18.

All CSW events are held at predetermined locations on roads with a speed limit of or below 40 mph and which have been risk assessed by the police. Unfortunately, not all suggested locations are suitable. If you believe there is an area that would benefit from a CSW event please contact the Parish Clerk or Cllr Andy Dunn.

More details on the CSW Initiative, including action taken by the police can be found on the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership website: <http://www.staffssaferroads.co.uk/my-community/community-speed-watch>

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who have given their time to monitor the speed of vehicles; help raise the awareness of speed and change the mind-set of drivers and driver behaviour.

If anyone would like more information about the CSW or who has an hour or so a month to help tackle speeding in our community and would like to volunteer, please contact Cllr Andy Dunn. [andy.dunn@colwichparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:andy.dunn@colwichparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## Short Story Competition

The Youth Council is holding a short story competition to commemorate 100 years of the end of the First World War. There are two topic options; "Frontline Combat" or "The Home Front" – see the attached pictures as well as others available on the Parish Council's website. The stories will be judged by the Youth Council in three age groups "7-10"; "11-13"; and "14-16" on the following criteria: Creativity; Vocabulary; Relevance; Plot.

**How to enter:** The story, based on your chosen picture, should be no more than 500 words long. Please write your name, age and parental contact details on a separate piece of paper to the story. Entries should be sent to the Youth Council care of the Parish Office.

**Deadline for entries: 12th August.** The winners will be announced at the Flower and Vegetable show.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**COUNCIL SURGERIES**  
7.00 - 8.00 p.m. :

**Little Haywood: 11<sup>th</sup> July and 10<sup>th</sup> October**

**Great Haywood: 19<sup>th</sup> September**

**Civic Amenity (10.00 a.m. – Noon)**  
7.00 - 8.00 p.m. : 14<sup>th</sup> July and 8<sup>th</sup> September

**Small Grants Applications**  
(closing dates)

**Round 1 - 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018**

**Round 2 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

## NEW OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Queries should, in the first instance, be directed to a Councillor either direct or at a Councillor Surgery. Monday and Tuesday 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. – Noon then 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Friday CLOSED



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INCORPORATING WOLSELEY BRIDGE, COLWICH, GREAT HAYWOOD & LITTLE HAYWOOD

## NEWSLETTER

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## OPEN GARDENS DAY



The ever popular Colwich and Haywoods Open Gardens Day is being held this year on Sunday 8th July.

This is an annual event when many Parish residents open their gardens to the public from 10am until 5pm, providing residents and visitors with a very pleasant day in wonderful surroundings. Refreshments and plants for sale will be available in some of the gardens. Programmes, which list the gardens that are open and admit you to them, cost £4.00 per person and will be available in the week leading up to the event from Roseacre, Canalside Farm Shop, Spar, some other shops in the villages and any garden on the day.

Newcomers to Colwich and the Haywoods are especially welcome at this event either to view the gardens or to open their own and meet some fellow villagers.

The open gardens are not subject to any judging procedure, it is not a competition and remember any garden is of interest to other gardeners! So please consider opening your garden on July 8th – you will be pleasantly surprised at the fun you will have.

If you would like to support this event by opening your garden, contact: **Ann Jones on 01889 621372 as soon as possible please.**

The Garden Open Day is organised by the Katharine House Hospice Colwich and Haywoods Support Group as its main fund-raising event of the year.

Katharine House Hospice provides free hospice care services in Mid Staffordshire for people faced with an illness that cannot be

## 'A PLASTIC FREE COLWICH PARISH'

'Sustainability Matters' – a Stafford Environment Group – have reported that each year about 300 million tonnes of plastic are produced globally – roughly the entire weight of mankind and that by 2050 there will be a greater weight of plastic in the oceans than fish. According to Greenpeace, each year up to 12 million tonnes of plastic enters our oceans, eaten by fish, eaten by seabirds and even finding its way into sea salt – to be eaten by us and adversely affecting the health and wellbeing of us and our children.

Single-use plastic is a huge part of the problem. Something we use for 2 minutes is currently made from a material that takes hundreds of years to break down – if at all.

This topic is very much in the public arena, thanks largely to it being highlighted by Sir David Attenborough in "Blue Planet 2". There is now a widespread willingness to take action. What can we do in our Parish to contribute to this campaign and significantly reduce our use of Single Use Plastics?



cured. Their mission is to enable their patients and those close to them to live their lives as fully as possible and to make the most of the time that they have left together. Each year it costs almost £3 million to fund the full range of their free care services.

Information on a future fund-raising event will be published in the next edition of this Newsletter. In the meantime why not have a look at the website – [www.colwichkhospicesupport.com](http://www.colwichkhospicesupport.com)

### Five Everyday Actions to Reduce Single Use Plastic

1. Use a re-useable water bottle instead of single use water bottles.
2. Take a re-useable cup for takeaway drinks.
3. Sip rather than suck.
4. Avoid plastic cutlery.
5. Refuse plastic bags in shops.

Although necessary, Litter Pick Ups are NOT the real long-term solution. We need to drastically reduce the amount of plastic produced in the first place and the plastic waste discarded – if we are to make a lasting impact on this massive challenge to our environment. As Sir David Attenborough said in his closing speech of "Blue Planet 2":

**"The future of all life now depends on us"**

As individuals and as a Community – we CAN make a difference – by making changes NOW.

View the Parish Website for events and updates on this campaign and if you are interested in becoming involved in a Plastic Free Colwich Parish please contact:

**Sally Collins or Rob Horton on [plasticfree@colwichparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:plasticfree@colwichparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

## IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep sadness and a real sense of loss that we announce the death of our colleague and friend Councillor **Barrie Birt**. We ask for your thoughts and prayers at this time for Cath and all the family.

Requiescat in pace.

Cllr Jim Sarjant

## PICTURE OF THE YEAR AWARD



First Place Peter Williams



Second Place Paul Cooper



Second Place Colin Roe

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

This year it was decided to present a joint prize to Andy and Jenny Lowe in recognition of the tremendous contribution they have made, and continue to make, to the life of Great Haywood through their selfless work on behalf of the Memorial Hall, the local branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Society and the Haywoods Permanent Way Group.

Andy and Jenny have been members of the Memorial Hall Committee for many years and are always on hand to help with any event organised by the committee. They are in the Hall every Wednesday morning, running all the necessary emergency and safety checks, maintaining the building and managing the cleaning to the very high standard to which the users have become accustomed.

In addition to ensuring that all the routine essentials are undertaken, Andy and Jenny are constantly coming forward with ways to improve the facilities to attract more users and to develop the Hall's use as a real community hub. After planning and undertaking the redecoration of the main hall in 2015, the following year they worked full time for 3 weeks stripping out the old kitchen and installing streamlined and efficient modern units. This was preceded by months of detailed planning, visits to suppliers, costing every detail, reporting back to the Committee and gaining their assent so that when they began



work, in August, there was minimal disruption to those using the Hall. Jenny's catering skills came into play in the careful choosing of items to stock a state-of-the-art, functional kitchen which has been much appreciated by the increasing number of groups using it.

In 2017, Jenny planned and organised the refurbishment of the meeting room so that it is a bright, welcoming space for a wide variety of groups.

As part of its service to the community, the Hall Committee decided to hold regular film evenings. When it became clear that local people welcomed these convivial evenings, they bought their own equipment with support from the National Lottery. The equipment was bought on the advice of Andy after much research on his part and it has proved excellent.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Adam Billingsley

As I have just recently been elected as Chairman I would like to say "Thank You" to my fellow colleagues for their vote of confidence. I shall endeavour to do the position proud. Thanks also goes to Cllr Andy Cooper for his leadership of the Council over the last three years, a tough act to follow.

Councillors and my aim for the coming year is for us (The Council) to consolidate the projects that have been in the pipeline and, hopefully, bring some to fruition. Some examples include:

- The link path between the Doctors Surgery and the Great Haywood Memorial Hall car parks. Meetings have taken place with the Surgery management, Great Haywood Memorial Hall Committee, local residents and other interested parties with very positive feedback. Three options of link path design were considered with the favoured option being for steps as this would reduce disruption to the Memorial Hall car park and costs. The Surgery not only serves Colwich Parish but also further afield and the car park and local shopping area is often congested. The link path will, hopefully, alleviate this as extra parking would be available at the Hall.

- New Noticeboards have been agreed and should soon be in place with an additional noticeboard being sited at the Jubilee Playing Field.

- The Council has now selected its preferred contractors for the supply of a new fence to be erected around the children's play area at the JPF. Like the noticeboards, this will be manufactured from recycled plastic, thereby removing thousands of plastic bottles from the environment. The enclosed area will no longer include the pieces of equipment at the top of the slope which are aimed more at older children/teenagers. The Youth Council is considering some additional play equipment aimed at teenagers which will link with this area.

As far as the Parish Council is aware, through contact with the local County Councillor, the scheme by Staffordshire County Highways to remove the chicane from Main Road, Great Haywood has been shelved, but formal confirmation is awaited.

I am sure you will all recall the terrible tragedy that happened at the A51/Main Road junction in Great Haywood last year. The Council has repeatedly expressed its concern and surprise to County Highways that the speed limit is 60mph which is higher than other main junctions on the A51 between Aston-by-Stone and Lichfield. The Parish Council wrote to County Highways earlier this year asking that something be done to make this junction safer. I am delighted to hear that County Highways have listened to our request and are planning to reduce the speed limit from Farley Corner to after the Great Haywood junction.

The Parish Council is looking into the possibility of installing adult exercise equipment at the JPF. Some interest in this idea has been shown and I would like to know how popular this idea would be. We would look to access some of the Section 106 monies, collected by the Borough Council from the developers building the new estates in the parish, to fund this project. Section 106 monies have already been secured for the installation of new toilets at the JPF. I would also welcome ideas for other leisure facilities in the parish for which we can look to access Section 106 monies.

On the subject of communications, the Council welcomes all constructive comments and ideas. If you have any ideas that you think would be of benefit to the community then please contact one of your Parish Councillors either by phone, e-mail or come to a Council Surgery held either at the Parish Centre or Great Haywood Memorial Hall. These Surgeries take place once a month, except August, with times, dates and locations in the "Dates for the Diary" section of the Newsletter as well as on the Council website. Councillor contact details can also be found on the website.

The Parish Council has asked for feedback on what use can be made of the empty shop in Great Haywood on Trent Close. Most of



the received correspondence have been in favour for a fast food outlet of some kind. Ideas such as a burger bar or chicken bar (like Nandos/southern fried chicken) have been put forward and the council would like to be able to pass onto the owners which option the residents would prefer, so please let us know your thoughts.

The Parish Council's 2018/19 small grants programme will consist of two rounds. The first round will run to the end of July, to be considered in September. The second round will run until December and be considered in February. A "sample" application form is included later in this Newsletter.

The Parish Council encourages applications from groups that are looking to work with, or encourage, young people to join their organisations. It is important to the parish Council that established groups have a sustainable future.

I hope you all have a lovely summer and hopefully I will have more to report in the next issue.

Cllr Adam Billingsley

## FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW

The Show includes, on Sunday 9th September at the Colwich and Little Haywood Village Hall, so much more than flowers and vegetables. Other categories include Fruit; Flower Arranging; Baking; Breads; Art & Crafts; Preserves; a Junior Section and Spud in a Bucket. There really is something for everyone.

Entry forms, available from mid-July in many local shops, must be returned by noon on Saturday 8th September.

Jubilee Park and toilets. The toilets are inspected and cleaned and then a litter patrol is carried out on the park areas and the playing field. The recycling area is also checked and tidied where needed.

Between April and November, the main priority is grass cutting. The Lengthsmen are responsible for the grass areas at both Colwich and Great Haywood ends of the Parish, Abbeyfields, Trent Close, the grass in the children's play area and around the Skate Park and BMX track, the Parish office and smaller areas around the villages.

The hedges at Abbeyfields, Oldfields Crescent and around the Jubilee field need to be kept in check as well as other hedges in the Parish which encroach onto footpaths. Grass verges also need to be trimmed back where they encroach footpaths. The verge alongside the footpath on Coley Lane was chopped back last year to increase the width and this needs to be constantly maintained. The footpath along Meadow Lane is very

narrow and the hedges were cut right back last year so it could be used safely.

Weeds are a constant problem in the growing season and the Lengthsmen try to keep on top of them whenever possible. The weeds on Essex Bridge and Weetman's Bridge need to be removed manually because of the river but other areas are treated with weedkiller.

Between November and March, the Lengthsmen's hours of work are shortened and duties are mainly maintenance. Litter picking takes up a majority of the time and also, hedges can be cut right back at this time of year. Work can also be carried out on maintaining the notice boards and benches around the Parish.



## DIARY OF A LENGTHSMAN

The Lengthsmen are also available to spread salt during times of extreme weather where it is safe to do so.

## PHIL RUSSELL



Colwich Parish Council's Lengthsman Phil Russell, recently competed in a strongman competition; the event for first timers to the sport was hosted by Viking Power & Strength in Doncaster on April 22nd. A strong field of 30 competitors assembled and despite being the oldest in the competition at 49, Phil acquitted himself well over five gruelling events to finish in a creditable mid-table position even attaining a top 10 position in the 'Deadlift' and 'Atlas Stones' events. The sport of strongman has been gaining popularity in recent years and competitions at all levels are regularly held all over the country. "It was an awesome experience to compete even though I was never going to win. My goal was to complete all the events and stay in one piece, which I did, so I'm happy with my performance, especially beating my mentor and trainer on the day. It's not an easy sport to take up, there are a lot of heavy training sessions and you consume about 6000 calories a day but at least growing a beard to look the part was easy."

## CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

A new award was launched this year. Called the Chairman's Award it recognises a contribution to the life of the villages by any member of the parish, including those prohibited from the Citizen of the Year award by virtue of being related to a serving Councillor. The Chairman was delighted to announce that the inaugural winner was Mrs Cath Birt.

For over 40 years Cath has volunteered with Hazeldene House. Cath is an active member of the Best Kept Village (Colwich Parish in Bloom); Friends of Katharine House and the Open Gardens as well as supporting three generations of Parish Councillors in her family.

## ALAN MORRALL BENCH

Jodie and Chloe Morrall formally unveiled a bench dedicated to their father, Alan Morrall, on Sunday 6th May 2018. Alan was born in Little Haywood in February 1951 and sadly passed away, after a long illness, in November 2014. Alan was a long time and respected member of the Parish Council who contributed much to our community. He is greatly missed by family and friends. A true gentleman of the Parish.

