



Judy's Jottings

I am sure many of you will have been away on holiday by the time you read this and hopefully had some pleasant sunshine and time to relax. The last article I wrote was for the Spring issue and we were experiencing chilly winds, frost and snow. Now we are sizzling in the heat with temperatures in the 80's/28C for the younger readers! I hope you all kept well hydrated – it certainly helps reduce that “wilting feeling”.

There has been a plethora of forms to fill in this year regarding boundaries, general governance of the two councils etc. Hopefully some decisions will be made soon, and we can come to terms with whatever the future holds. It is almost like a local “Brexit”! Residents have certainly had plenty of opportunity to make their views known, and should not complain about lack of consultation.

The two PCSO 's assigned to the village are engaging with the public by visiting Costa Coffee where they are happy to talk with residents about matters which concern them. Such a pity the Police let the village down by leaving the premises in Station Road, as we very rarely see a police vehicle parked now, and that used to act as a deterrent. See info. regarding visits by the PCSOs on the parish website or Facebook.

It is good to see the Jubilee Centre being used regularly. I have seen three films recently and each time there has been a good attendance. The short mat bowling sessions on a Tuesday afternoon are well supported and cater for all levels of ability – I am a novice and not very good, but it is a friendly atmosphere and good fun.

Finally, a note for your diaries. The switching on of the Christmas lights will be on Nov. 30th. Some extra entertainment for the children may take place after the switch-on. Keep an eye open for posters nearer the time.

Judy Lea, Vice-Chair

Balsall Parish Council

COUNCIL BUSINESS

In May and June the Parish Council held 3 Planning Committees and a Finance and General Purposes Committee. Planning Committee made comments on 25 planning and licence applications and appeal hearings.

Finance and General Purposes Committee will review the Council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Council's Grant Awarding Policy. It approved grants of £295 to Fiveways Café, a project to support the well-being of young people being run at the Lant and £200 for the Library for a year of children's activities.

The Council has established a Facilities Sub-Committee to manage all the Council's assets and their first meeting was on 12th July 2018.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting on 16th May saw Councillor Mark Tattum elected Chairman and Councillor Judy Lea as Vice-Chair for a further year. The meeting dealt with the annual review of procedures, governance, accounts, risk and assets. The Council published the Notice for the Exercise of Public Rights and Governance and Accounting Statement.

A Parish Assembly was held on 31st May in the Jubilee Centre with 31 members of the public attending.

The Council submitted its views on the Community Governance Review in time for the decision on options made by SMBC Governance Committee on 27th June.

The Messenger

Community Grants for Balsall

Did you know that Balsall Parish Council has a fund of money to give to community projects in the area?

The Council are keen to support projects which will be of benefit to the whole community or a significant number of residents within the Parish.

Applications can be up to £2,000 or sometimes more in exceptional cases. Apply anytime and hear the outcome in a few weeks.

Why not look on our website balsallparishcouncil.gov.uk or email balsallparishcouncil@gmail.com to find out more.



This is Temple Balsall Cemetery Lych Gate put up in memory of those lost in both World Wars

11th November 2018

WWI Centenary of Armistice Day

Do you have any ideas how Balsall parish should mark this important day? Send them to the Council at balsallparishcouncil@gmail.com



West Midlands Police are promoting their Active Citizens Fund in Solihull.

The Active Citizens Fund combines three previous streams of funding using money seized from criminals. Small grants may be used to help the community to purchase equipment or may be used to support a one-off community event or initiative.

For how to apply for funding and see which themes of active citizenship are being promoted visit their website or speak to a member of the local neighbourhood policing team.

<https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/key-issues/active-citizens-fund/solihull/>

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