



# Hatton Parish Post

Welcome to our last issue of 2023. If you thought you had missed it, we did not publish last month as occasionally there are not quite enough new items to write about.

We were pleased to welcome some regular and some new faces who joined us for our last meeting at Hatton Park Village Hall on Monday 27th November for the open forum.

## **Union View and its Roadworks**

As you will be aware, work on the primary access to this site is now under way, and is expected to continue for eleven months.

This work is being carried out by Warwickshire Highways Department and not Taylor Wimpey. Warwickshire County Council (WCC) is anxious to keep residents and users of the Birmingham Road informed of progress, and has already placed advance warnings of the work on the approaches to the site. Residents have been informed by letter.

The one-way stretch will be restricted to 150 metres and we are advised the lights will be manned from 7.00 am to 7.00 pm to optimise the flow of traffic. As with the recent works to replace the gas main, there are significant delays at peak times.

The Planning Approval for this development included a condition by which no dwellings on the site could be occupied before the primary entrance was completed. Taylor Wimpey has applied for this to be revised to allow 40 dwellings to be occupied and use the construction access during the period of construction. The Parish Council has opposed

this variation on the grounds of safety, and the likelihood that the resulting increase in traffic will interfere with the one-way system, thus increasing delays. We are also concerned for the safety of families moving into the development which will have to share the access with plant and construction vehicles.

However, the Highways Department has made certain stipulations concerning the design and management of the construction access which have been met by the contractors, so it is likely the application will succeed.

## **Hatton Park Encroaching Greenery**



One example above of the shockingly overgrown and encroaching greenery taken on Barcheston Drive in Hatton Park which is making the place look such a mess and some of our cycle and footpaths unusable.



We have sent a number of letters to those who own land behind their rear garden fences with not much response. We note, and have received complaints from residents of a number of areas of the park with various land owners which are also shockingly overgrown.

A detailed report has been sent to our Warwick District Councillor in order for this to be brought to the attention and attended to by the Council. A copy of this report can be found on the news page of our website.

### **Hatton Park Play Area**

Again, the play area is another example of Hatton Park in a sorry state. Since our first meeting with Warwick District Council (WDC) Green Spaces Team in June 2021 we continue to work with them to deliver the new play area. It took from July 2022 to June 2023 to complete the project brief. The procurement process has now got underway and three tenders received but we are advised no further work can be done until the legal agreement for our 50% of the project funding is agreed and signed.

The principles of this grant agreement, as it is now called, were agreed by both parties at the end of November 2022 and yet the first draft did not arrive with us until 20th October this year. We have taken legal advice, as in our opinion this document could best be described as not fit for purpose, and were able to return a second draft on 28th November.

As version 2 has gone to WDC legal department we are not optimistic as to when it will next see the light of day. Not the news we had hoped to be passing on to you.

### **CIL Monies**



We have made a modest start with using the funds made available to us. A bench to commemorate the Coronation has been installed by the bungalows on Hatton Green.

Also nearby, two Hawthorn trees, *Cretageus Lavellei* (pictured below) and *Cretageus Paul's Scarlet*, have been planted to replace two that died a couple of years ago. These were supplied and planted by WDC.



The CIL working party is meeting after each Parish meeting to explore other proposals for using this windfall for the benefit of our community and would welcome ideas and suggestions from local residents.

**The next parish meeting is on Monday 22nd January 2024 at 8.00 pm to be held at Hatton Village Hall.**

**Our monthly meetings are open to the public and we always welcome discussion about what matters to you and how we can best support our thriving community.**

**We wish all Hatton residents a very happy Christmas!**

