

SHOTTESWELL Parish Council



Chairman's Annual Report May 2010

Your Parish Councillors are

A warm welcome to our new and existing residents

A year in review

Highways: Late Autumn, early Winter saw extensive drainage improvements to our village. We are extremely grateful to the County Council for the investment in our parish. This investment has seen new drains installed in Bakehouse Lane; new pipe work laid in Chapel Lane and a French drain laid in the Back Hill, adjacent to Sunny View. All drains were flushed and cleaned. Gullies were also dug on the Second Turn to reduce the ponding and on the Mollington Road verges to prevent localised flooding.

This has taken many months of negotiations with the County Council.



New Road: We are delighted to report that the road widening scheme has been completed in New Road. This has been made possible following negotiations instigated by the Parish Council with the County Council and Orbit Housing Association. This scheme has alleviated the problems of utility lorries being able to access properties.



Playing Field

The Parish council were fortunate to secure further funding by way of external grants to improve the play area.

Year	Grant Rec'd	Sum Paid	Vat Refund	Actual
2008/09	£13,500	£15,082	£1,967	£13,115
2009/10	£10,000	£11,939	£1,557	£10,382
Totals	£23,500	£27,021	£3,524	£23,497

You will note that this was spread over two financial years. The latest equipment to be installed consisted of the Zip Wire, The Rocking horse and several pieces of Xerscape (exercise equipment). The field has become very popular and has established itself as a focal point in the

community. Wedding receptions, children's parties, BBQs and the Village Hall & Church annual fund raising events have all been held in the field.

We ask that you help us to keep the field tidy by removing any litter, report any problems you may experience and also to keep the gates closed please.





Fire Station

In October, Warwickshire County Council announced a proposal to close seven fire stations throughout the County. Fenny Compton our nearest Warwickshire Fire Station was nominated for closure. The response time for rural areas must be within 20 minutes. If the closure of Fenny had taken place then our next nearest Warwickshire station would be either Southam or Wellesbourne both of which are 19mins 58 seconds away

Fenny Compton Fire and Rescue could reach Shotteswell within 10 minutes. Although Oxfordshire would send an appliance in the event of an emergency, if they had one available, priority would understandably be given to their own county.

The Parish Council therefore became very involved with the campaign to save the Fenny station, £100 was donated to Fenny Compton Parish Council's campaign, in line with the response from many other neighbouring parishes served by Fenny Compton. The decision on Fenny's future has been delayed, in order to allow the County Council time to consider alternative proposals put forward by Shotteswell Parish Council. The document can be viewed on line at www.fennyfiremen.co.uk or is available to borrow in hard copy.



Telephone Box

We are extremely grateful to Stratford District Council for once again supporting the Parish Council's campaign to retain our telephone box. This will be the third time that the Parish Council has defended the removal of the box.

Winter gritting Despite the heavy snow in January, on the whole, Shotteswell fared tolerably well. The Council gritters came through on average at least twice per day and the snow plough once. WCC did not restrict the salt supplies to the village and these were replenished promptly, following a call to the council. Shotteswell is very fortunate to have the amount of salt bins that the parish council have provided over the years and with the good will of residents in spreading the salt, no one suffered unduly. Thank you to all who helped out

Planning: Aside from the normal planning applications pertaining to this parish. The Council took the unprecedented step of commenting on two applications at Warmington. These were the proposed greyhound track on the Warmington/Farnborough road and the gypsy site on the Mollington Road. At the request of Warmington Parish Council, Cllr Ingram and I



attended the planning meeting at Stratford and also made representations when this reached the appeal stages.

Notice Board: The new notice board on the Mollington Road was purchased with the proceeds of a successful grant application.

School buses: At the request of the Parish Council the school buses have been made to adopt a one way system to avoid damage to the verges. May we request that residents avoid parking on the verges because this breaks down the verge and eventually impacts on the road surface.

Speed review: Following an informal meeting with the County Council last year regarding the possibility of a speed review, nothing further has been possible due to the budget for this dept being cut and priority given to higher category roads. Following complaints regarding speeding, the police were contacted and special notices were issued to those alleged to be speeding. We are pleased to say that no further reports have been received since. We will of course continue to monitor the situation.

Churchyard wall: Following the collapse of another section of wall, the Parish Council made a further donation towards the repairs bringing the total donated to £800

Election: During the year an election took place for a new parish councillor, the final cost to the parish for this election was £898.73.



Finance: The Council brought forward a balance last year of £4,235 and carried forward at the end of this year £4,793. This amount includes a successful application towards repairs to the bus shelter amounting to £750. It is our intention to restore the bus shelter this year.

You may be wondering why the Parish Council asked for an additional £1,000 this year. The reason for this is because we face additional audit fees, which currently stand at £2,115. In the previous year our audit bill was £141. Let me assure you that the robustness of the accounts has never been in question. These additional fees have been generated by questions to the External Auditor.

Thank you to all who continue to support the Parish Council and for all the assistance given so freely by villagers mowing, litter picking, footpath clearance, snow clearance and generally keeping the village in good order.

Thank you to all my fellow Councillors for all of the work that they put in over the year on behalf of the parishioners.

Les Faulkner -

Chairman of Shotteswell Parish Council

Can Shotteswell be the first to declare? Help us make Shotteswell safe:-

Following meetings with Warwickshire Fire & Rescue, one of their main aims is to see every household fitted with a smoke detector.

We are conducting a pilot survey on their behalf. Therefore, we are asking each household to report to the Parish Council whether you have smoke detectors fitted in your home. We would also like to know if you are interested in a Home Fire Safety check to ensure you have the right detectors fitted in the correct places. We can achieve this in one of two ways, either by arranging for a visit to your home, or we can arrange for the fire service to come to the Village Hall and give you general advice. This advice would include advice on types of smoke alarms, where they should be installed, closing doors at night, regular chimney cleaning etc and working out escape routes. We consider this to be a priority to ensure our residents are protected. Please, therefore, either complete the tear off slip or if you prefer ring the information through.

Please identify your house; state whether you have at least two alarms fitted and whether you would like to receive fire safety advice at a meeting in the hall or a home visit.



Most fire fatalities occur between 2am and 6am—when people are asleep and their natural “fire sensing equipment” is least effective. These deaths are caused by the inhalation of poisonous gases or smoke, which reach victims before the flames.

Many suffocate without ever waking or even becoming aware of the fire. They die because they had no warning.

A smoke detector can sense a fire and sound an alarm while there is time to escape safely.

Property Name:

Smoke Alarm fitted on each floorYes/No

If No would you be interested in having smoke detectors fitted.....Yes/No

Would you be interested in a home fire safety checkYes/No?

Would you be interested in attending a meeting, in the village hall, conducted by the Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service on how to best prevent and protect your family from the risk of fire?

.....Yes/No

Remember to check batteries in smoke detectors on a regular basis

Push the button not your luck. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation and let's hope that Shotteswell can be the first to have a 100% of its homes fitted with detectors.
