



PARISH NEWSLETTER

We were very sad to lose two long term members of staff, Kerri Kilby (Assistant Clerk) and Ian Swales (Groundsman). Both have moved onto new challenges and we wish them well.

Introduction to our New Staff

Dan Procter joined us as Groundsman/Facility Maintenance Person in August 2017. Since joining he has taken on new projects including clearing unused allotments, painting and maintaining play equipment.

Suzanne Cowie joined us at the end of November as Assistant Clerk. She has a background in Local Government and will be pleased to assist you with any queries. She has already been pro-active with the annual Horticultural Show and preparations for the 100 Year commemoration of War World I.

CENTRAL BEDS LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Central
Bedfordshire

The Parish Council felt the best way to respond was to seek expert consultant advice and work with the consultant team to mount an effective objection case to Central Beds Council. The Council's full response to the plan is on our website www.bartonleclayparishcouncil.com and Facebook page [Barton-le-Clay Parish Council](https://www.facebook.com/Barton-le-Clay-Parish-Council).

The document outlines the Council's objection to both the HA1 (*Luton Road and Higham Gobion Road*) and SA1 (*North of Luton development*) policies. These objections are primarily centred around the erosion of the Green Belt, where the Parish Council did not feel that the exceptional circumstances required for building homes in the Green Belt had been met, and the failure to adequately address the capacity and transport issues that the addition of 666 homes in Barton would cause. The Parish Council additionally felt that the community were best placed to help decide where development should take place in the village. Our response includes the recommendation to Central Beds Council to withdraw Policy HA1 and replace with more communally agreed development plans, i.e. Neighbourhood Plans, to include local policies for good leisure provision and minimal impact to the environment.

Our response also makes clear that the Luton Road site which is currently leased to the Parish Council will not be available to develop without the Parish Council's consent. **To be clear: The Parish Council did not submit the Luton Road site or any other sites for consideration in this Local Plan.**

Now that the consultation has closed the next step will be for the plan to be submitted and examined by the Planning Inspectorate, and we await the outcome of that process like everyone else in the village.

BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE OpVision

Bedfordshire Police OpVision were in Barton Library Car Park on Saturday 17th February between 11am - 4pm. A number of PCSO's, Specials and Police Officers were on hand to speak to residents, offer advice and give leaflets on crime prevention. On the day a number of residents attended and reported crimes to the Police, these had not been reported previously. To help the Police tackle crime in our area it is important that residents report the incident on the Police's non-emergency number 101. It is also useful if crime is reported by several people so it highlights the problem and it can be investigated. Don't assume someone else has reported it and

SEE IT.
SAY IT.
SORTED.

REMEMBER TO:

SEE IT - Trust your instincts if something doesn't look right
SAY IT - Ring the Police
SORTED



BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

We currently have 3 vacancies for Parish Councillors. Although unpaid being a Councillor can be rewarding working on behalf of your community. If you think you have something to offer i.e. skills, experience or enthusiasm and a commitment to attend



please contact us. Parish Council meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month, with committee meetings being held on other available Monday evenings. To stand as a Parish Councillor, you must be aged 18 or over, an elector, and have been a resident or worked within 3 miles of Barton for the past year. Further details are available from the Parish Clerk or by visiting our website

www.bartonleclayparishcouncil.com



NEW PARISH BLOG

The Parish Council have listened to your views and were pleased to launch its first *Blog* on Facebook on 16th February. The purpose of the blog is to keep residents informed on local issues, the role of your Parish Council and what we're working on each month.

Visit our Facebook page:

[Barton-le-Clay Parish Council](#) or our website:

www.bartonleclayparishcouncil.com

**DO YOU HAVE GREEN FINGERS,
ENJOY BAKING OR CRAFT MAKING?
Why not enter Barton's Horticultural Show??**

Saturday 8th September



*Classes include: Vegetables, Flowers, Crafts
Cookery & Photography plus Classes for Children*



Schedules available at the end of May from:
The Parish Office or Parish Website
www.bartonleclayparishcouncil.com or
Telephone: 01582 883990

Get Planting NOW !



AVAILABLE ALLOTMENTS

Are you interested in having an allotment?

We have plots available now to let.

5 and 10 pole plots from £12.50 per year.
Parking and water on site

Call the Parish office to add your details to the waiting list on 01582 883990 or email: theparishclerk@bartonleclay.co.uk



What we are Spending & Why? 2018/2019



Each year Barton-le-Clay Parish Council sets aside funds to provide local services in the community. There have been difficult decisions to make, balancing the cost of providing services with keeping Barton-le-Clay roads safe. After much consideration it was decided to continue with the 5 Year Traffic Calming Plan and make provision towards replacement of playground equipment.

PARISH PRECEPT 2018/19

Annual Parish Budget 2018/19	£164.332.00
Council Tax (Band D)	£84.01
Increase on 2017/18	£2.00 (2.4% which is below inflation)

<u>Increase represented by:</u>	Playground equipment provision	£1.28
	Grounds maintenance contracts	72p



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