

# **Parish Council Briefing**

Parish Clerk, John Willcox, rounds up the PC's activity in September

This summer, the Parish Council has worked hard to make sure that verges have been cut, not just at junctions but along the sides of our many narrow verges. We know that some residents feel that we have not done this frequently enough but we have to manage costs, environmental sustainability as well as keeping our many roads clear. Wiltshire Council do not cut back these unlisted roads anymore as part of their sustainability and climate emergency strategy. Provision for doing this had been made as part of the budget setting. We are grateful to the Hares Partnership for doing the cutting.

For those on the village Facebook page you will know that there have been a spate of graffiti, some of it inane but others offensive and misogynistic. We are now clear who did these different graffitis and I wanted to personally thank the parents who came to see me with their children to own up to some of this and offer to put right the mess that they made. For the parents of the children who did the more offensive graffiti, and bragged about doing it on the school bus, I would ask that you at least address their behaviour at home. We will be painting over the graffiti in the next few weeks.

Thanks to support from the Tree Council and Wiltshire Council we have been able to run a summer pruning training event to follow the winter pruning training at the orchard at the old school field. Also thanks to Matt and Rachel for mowing the paths around the orchard. For those who have not been, I would recommend a walk around it. We have many different species of fruits and nuts there and you can help yourself to the ripe fruits.

As you know, the Parish Council works very hard with landowners to make sure that the footpaths and bridleways across Corsley are kept open and in good condition for everyone to use. If you find any issues please let us know and we will get them addressed. We are also very aware that we have many stables and riders in the village and hence the temporary horse signs asking drivers to slow down when passing horses. Please do not assume when driving around our very narrow lanes that you are the only user and think about horse riders, dog walkers and others who you may come across.

Finally, many of you will have seen on the BBC news feed that one of our farmers has been fined for stopping the Environment Agency doing their duty ensuring that pollution is not getting into our water course. Many people are worried about raising pollution issues for fear of getting on the wrong side of the polluter. If you do find pollution, or other issues, please let us know at the Parish Council and we will make sure it is addressed as we have done in this case.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 9th September at 7pm in the Reading Rooms. All are welcome to attend.

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