



## **Great Warford Parish Council**

### **Newsletter - Autumn 2018**

Dear Friends and Neighbours

It is to the credit of the folk that live in Great Warford and especially those who engage in Village life that Great Warford continues to be a good place to live. If you think of all the things that might blight our community then we are indeed blessed. However, we must all be aware that without a programme of continuous improvement in Great Warford, we will be threatened by unwelcome change.

We have worked over the past 18 months to organise a structure to support the establishment of a Neighbourhood Plan that will become a legally binding document that influences future village development. After a series of positive meetings with Nether Alderley Parish Council, who were to partner us in this venture, they have informed us that their desire is to go forward with their own plan.

We had chosen to partner with Nether Alderley because of the need to have a team of at least 6 dedicated part time volunteers, who are necessary, to commit to any Neighbourhood Plan undertaking and we in Great Warford had struggled with the critical mass for our own team.

Our Neighbourhood Plan and therefore our programme for long term structured legally binding change is again awaiting the resources of the inhabitants of Great Warford. If you believe you can help us complete a plan which many other communities have completed and benefit from, please contact our Parish Council Clerk ([clerk.greatwarfordpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.greatwarfordpc@gmail.com)).

Speeding and traffic displaying poor driving judgement continues to be an issue for us all and to that end we have again met with the Cheshire Police who gave their support by undertaking Community Speed Watch Training. We now have thirteen trained volunteers who can be equipped with our own speed gun and a process provided by the Cheshire Police, facilitating a local programme to get drivers to take care whilst driving through our village. If any resident wishes to support this programme please contact our Parish Council Clerk (see above).

To support our issue of general road safety we met with Cheshire East representatives, together with our Ward Councillor and over a period of a few days compiled a report of where we saw the dangers in our local road infrastructure. This comprehensive report, supported by photographs, was sent to Cheshire East who commented positively on its clarity and focus, with their commitment to respond to our needs. To date we have had some pothole and road markings work completed but still await the fulfilment of Cheshire East to our roads improvement plan.

Many residents and non-residents have commented on the fact that for two years Great Warford has not enjoyed the pleasures associated with our village picnic. The news is another event is planned for **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019**. Next years event described as a **Fun Day** will be the result of work by the newly constituted Great Warford Residents Group supported by the Parish Council. Please "Save the Day" and note that all communications in this regard will be by email and residents are asked to contact [warford@cybase.co.uk](mailto:warford@cybase.co.uk) to stay in touch.

We have welcomed Dr Lawrence Murray-Curtis as a new member of the Parish Council which completes the team. This makes us a good mixture of new and experienced members with diverse backgrounds providing both stability and fresh approaches, which should benefit us all.

We list some of responsibilities of a Parish Councillor focussing on just a few to make a very important point.

- **To participate fully in the formation and scrutiny of the Parish Council's policies, budgets, strategies and service delivery**
- **To keep up to date with significant developments affecting the Parish Council at local, regional and national levels**
- **To promote the economic, social and environmental well-being of the Parish taking account of the strategic effects on other communities and the Parish Council as a whole.**
- **To represent effectively the interests of the ward for which the Councillor is elected and deal with Parishioners enquiries, representations and complaints**
- **To represent the whole electorate; listen, and then represent the views of the whole community when discussing council business and working with outside bodies**
- **To take an active part in the Parish Council's arrangements to build community capacity and promote measures that contribute to the Parish Council's Vision.**
- **To fulfil the statutory and locally determined requirements of an elected member of a Local Authority and the Parish Council, including compliance with all relevant codes of conduct and maintaining high ethical standards, (including not disclosing confidential information and not using council resources for political purposes or for any other reason unless agreed by the Council)**

Members of any Parish Council are unpaid representatives of the community who strive to make a positive impact upon the Parish within a strict framework of regulations. It is worth noting that Parish Council decisions, if they are to pass through to other authorities, are on a report and request basis e.g Cheshire East, Cheshire Police etc. To endure, all Councillors must participate in their responsibilities with enthusiasm and diligence. However to maintain the wellbeing of this good community they need your support, understanding and commitment to your community.