



## Annual Parish Meeting 18/3/10

18-Mar-2010

### Chairmans Report

Report to Wellesbourne Annual Parish Meeting

18<sup>th</sup> March 2010

The last twelve months have been an extraordinarily busy year for the Council. As well as the usual business, a number of new matters have been dealt with, to add to several issues which have been on the agenda for some time, and are now reaching a conclusion.

#### Chedham's Yard

We have achieved Planning permission and the approval of the Heritage Lottery Fund Grant so work on the Restoration and establishment of the Visitor Attraction can commence.

#### Dene Valley

The Parish Council has not lost the ambition of bringing a Leisure facility to Wellesbourne. Discussions are still going on with the District Council to recover the costs incurred by the Parish Council.

#### Draft Core Development Strategy

After two years consultation it seems likely that The District Council will seek to use only the Red Hill site for new housing. The Parish Council's view is that the Village does not have the capacity for further development, but if it is imposed then the Red Hill site should be used. There is a further consultation session on 22<sup>nd</sup> March at the Parish Rooms between 4 and 7pm.

#### Future of the Village Hall

The Parish Council is in discussion with Walton Estate about the future of the Village Hall, seeking to secure car parking facilities for it.

#### Future of the Sports and Social Club building

The Parish Council is also in discussion with the Receivers involved in the building, with a view to ensuring that it remains a community facility available for the Village, especially to support sports.

#### Parish Plan

The lack of a formal Parish Plan has been a difficulty in attracting funding and it presenting a case for the Village to other public bodies. The first steps have been taken to put this right, and we hope to move further next year.

#### Extension to the Burial Ground

We are working with The Parish Church to ensure that those who wish to be buried within

the village are enabled to do so.

#### **Flood protection**

The Parish Council has been working with both County and District Council's, as well as the Environment Agency and John Maples MP to improve Flood Protection across the Village.

Thanks for Wellesbourne in Bloom winning Gold for Wellesbourne, and the Friends of Chedham's Yard for their efforts, the River Dene Action group, as well as all the others who have assisted the work of the Council over the last twelve months

And thanks to my colleagues - we do have a vigorous and active Council, whose members work hard for the benefit of the Village

And lastly can I thank our staff; Lynda Scriven, who has struggled with major surgery over the year, Julia Lipmann who has filled the breach, and Linda Dane who is now working hard on Chedham's Yard.

David Johnston  
Chair

**Wellesbourne Parish Council**

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