

Clifford Chambers & Milcote Parish Council October Update.

Dear friends and neighbours, we hope this Parish Council update finds you well.

Closure of the B4632 (Campden Rd.) for Gas Pipe Replacement:

We understand that a last-minute decision was made by Cadent national management, overruling the previous local decision to delay the gas pipe replacement. Work therefore started almost immediately in the field adjacent to the Cross of the Hill farm, with B4632 closing at 10:30 am on the 16th of October.

As anticipated, the road closure is causing significant delays on the diversionary routes, particularly through Welford. Undoubtedly, local businesses are also suffering significantly through confusion brought about by poor signage.

We have pushed Cadent to estimate how long the road will be closed. At the moment, all they will say is that they are aiming for four weeks however they will be able to better assess the work required when they have fully exposed the existing pipe. As soon as we receive a more accurate estimate, we will let everyone know.

As you are probably aware, Cadent will be ensuring that the footpath is kept open for the duration of the work.

If, heaven forbid, any of us need to call the emergency services, it might be advisable to remind the operator that the B4632 is currently closed.

Trees and hedges overhanging public spaces:

We would like to pass on our thanks to Paul and Carol, at The Hollies, for taking such prompt action in having the dead branches that overhung the public green removed. We appreciate the work was difficult and required a specialist contractor.

Flooding:

The previous Parish Council successfully applied for a grant for monies for flood prevention work to be undertaken. This work is currently scheduled sometime in 2021 or 22. We have written to Warwickshire County Council to try and gain a more accurate timeline, stressing the necessity that this work should start as soon as possible, before resident's homes flood again. We are also trying to ensure that the work is directed where it will be most effective, replacing the inadequate pipe that services the Nashes and the broken pipe under the Close. We are currently awaiting a reply.

Dog Fouling:

There have been reports of dog mess not being appropriately collected and disposed of – including waste being collected but bags left on the ground. Remember: There's no such thing as the dog poo fairy!

We know that the vast majority of dog owners in the village are caring and responsible individuals who clean up after their beloved pets. Unfortunately, as with many things, it's the small minority who let the side down.

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Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.

Unfortunately, as with many things, it's the small majority who let the side down.' with 'We suspect that most offenders do not live in the village and therefore won't see this note. It may therefore be necessary to put up some signage to remind visitors to keep our village tidy - the plausibility of this will be investigated and other ideas are welcome!'.

If you witness a dog fouling incident please report it to us, providing a description of the dog and their owner where possible, and we will do what we can to trace them and remind them of their obligations...and the law!

Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000.

The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.

If there is anything you wish to bring to our attention, please email us at council@ccmpc.uk or phone Jackie Hall 0798642234 or Jonathan Tribe 07812390525.

Best wishes,

Clifford Chambers and Milcote Parish Council