Wrockwardine Parish Council Newsletter 23 February 2021



An update from the Chairwoman, Cllr Elaine Anderson

As I write this newsletter the evenings are becoming lighter and the weather a little milder. However, we are still in lockdown and those of us who are extremely critically vulnerable have been informed that shielding should continue until at least the end of March. The last few months have seen the community pulling together, ensuring that food, medicines and other essentials have been delivered by an army of volunteers to people who could not leave

their homes. This work is still on-going but we are beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel and we hope things will now progressively improve.

With that thought in mind, please remember that, due to Government instructions, the adult gym on Admaston Green remains closed and the equipment should not be used. However, the children's play areas in Admaston, Walcot and Wrockwardine are still open. It is fact that play is important for children's mental health and this is especially important whilst schools remain closed to most of our young people. We are fortunate that within the Parish boundaries there are these three play areas where children and their parents or carers can have fun. Some of the play equipment at Pemberton Road Play Area is due to be refurbished and, weather permitting, this work will take place between 1-9 March 2021. Please stay off the equipment during this time and whilst it is cordoned off. The Parish also offers open spaces at Admaston Green, Long Yard Meadow and the Community Orchard alongside the allotments, with areas to sit and reflect or, for the more energetic, walking. If you are interested in an allotment, there is currently a waiting list but please email: <u>allotments1@wrockwardine.org.uk</u> for more information.

In February, Telford and Wrekin Council, as part of their Pride in our Community initiative, and in conjunction with Balfour Beatty plan to begin footpath work in Admaston. They will be patching and resurfacing the pathways and this work is part of an ongoing scheme of works.

The Parish Council is the closest to you, the electorate. Being an effective councillor requires commitment and hard work and can be a very rewarding role. We have recently welcomed Cllr Kim Tonks to the Parish Council after she was co-opted on as a councillor at February's meeting.

To end on another positive note, the vaccine is here, reports around its effectiveness are encouraging and hopefully within a few months we will be able to live a more "normal" life. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped in the community and finally to all the "key" workers who have had to keep working.

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