As many of you will be aware, the planning applications for a Greggs and Starbucks drive through outlet on Bostocks Lane were recently considered by the borough council planning committee. The parish council, along with some residents and representatives of Friesland School, strongly objected to the proposals and were represented at the meeting. The applications were subsequently refused by the committee and thanks go to those who helped to get to this resolution.

The County Council has been giving updates on the flooding in the area. Officers reported that there are no significant channel obstructions in any of the water-courses inspected. Extensive jetting and CCTV surveying was undertaken on the drainage network, this was heavily silted and blocked in some locations but is now clear with the drainage system working as it should. The CCTV survey data has been assessed and although not directly causing flooding currently, a handful of minor drainage repairs were identified, and these will be carried out as part of its maintenance programme. Following the recent heavy rain, standing water was seen outside of the Church entrance but this eventually drained. This will be monitored.

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Councillor Mark O'Neill – 07966265807

The Parish Council has changed the day of the meetings to of each month and will meet in the small meeting room of The Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm. The next meeting is to be held on Monday, 21 October 2024.



Welcome to the latest edition of the Parish Council's newsletter. If you need to get in touch for any reason, please contact Sue, the Clerk on . If she is unable to answer, please leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as she can. Alternatively drop her an email on the address given above.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE AND SWITCH ON OF LIGHTS - SATURDAY, 7TH DECEMBER 2024 in The Village Hall commencing at 4.00pm

Stalls – crafts, cards, plants, cakes and more Refreshments Children's activities

Carols around the Tree with the Salvation Army Band Christmas message by the Reverend Phil Selby

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

The Parish Council would like to thank the Women's Institute, All Saints Church and Reverend Selby for their help with the arrangements.

With the help of the County Council's Minor Maintenance grant, the Parish Council will be arranging for remedial work to be carried out on the footpath from Rushy Lane to The Nook in order to make it easier for walkers, particularly during inclement weather. Hopefully work will be carried out over the next few months.

Our village scheme was established in 2019. We now have 230 resident household members which is 70% of the village. We are part of a National Charitable Trust, with c.3million members across England & Wales, who all have access to a wide range of advice and support regarding crime prevention and personal safety & welfare matters.

Risley remains a "low-crime" area with a total of 11 crimes in the last 6 months – 2 RTA's, 1 speeding, 2 drug matters, 1 vandalism, 1 theft, 2 road rage/assaults & 2 abandoned vehicles. Always be vigilant and report anything suspicious or if you witness a crime, to the Police on 101 or 999 and let us know.

PC Molly Teasdale and PCSO Gemma Doar are our dedicated Police contacts. I have regular meetings with them.

Forward suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk. Forward suspicious text messages to 7726 (it's free). If you've lost money or given out personal information as a result of being scammed, report the incident to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or phone 0300 123 2040

We recommend that you install CCTV and/or a video doorbell. They aren't expensive and they are a very real deterrent. Check your window locks &

door locks are secure. Have you got a safety chain or a "spy hole" fitted to your front door? Make sure any side gates are bolted and padlocked. Don't forget to padlock secure your garden shed and garage as well. Burglars use tools from sheds to break into your homes. It is very common for car thieves to break into your house looking for your car keys. Where do you keep yours? Keep them hidden in a safe place, out of view.

You can enjoy all the benefits that the Scheme can offer you for . It is easy to register. Just give us a call or send an email and we'll make all the arrangements for you. receive a bi-monthly Newsletter and free handbook, window stickers & dustbin stickers. Follow us on our Facebook Page, "username" our bi-monthly Newsletter and our monthly articles in which highlight local, regional and national news items.

The Foundation offers educational grants to young people from 18-24 years who live, or whose parents live, in five local parishes including DRAYCOTT who are attending university of college to study for a degree or an alternative study course.

The Foundation meets four times a year to consider all grant applications. Grants are not means tested and are available by anyone meeting the necessary criteria as stated on the application form. For more details and an application form please contact the Clerk to the Trustees – Mrs E Warren on elaine-warren@hotmail.co.uk.