Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report MArch2024

We now have the data from our SAM2 speed detector on the Coast Road. THE average speed in this 30mph zone was 25.9 and 85th centile 32.3. The average vehicle count was a staggering 1500. So far, the worst area for speeding is Blakeney Hill though our beat policeman thought that might be related to the positioning of the camera on the restriction sign.

Our litter pick was a great success. Huge thanks to everyone who turned up and filled numerous bags with rubbish. We found the usual mix of bottles, cans, fast food wrappers, car parts and, for a change, a street sign.

Cley Parish Council will be writing to health bosses to complain about the proposals offered by health bosses to help those who will no longer be able to get their medicines should Blakeney Surgery close for good. We feel this is misleading as the main question is how we'll manage when GP and nurse appointments are taken away permanently. We are told that healthcare bosses 'consented' to a temporary closure of Blakeney Surgery on infection control grounds and because the premises are too small, but we don't agree and we think that Blakeney Surgery is being closed without due process. We are instead asking for a full consultation on the closure of Blakeney Surgery. If that goes against us, we are asking for adequate mitigation in the form of GP and nurse appointments in Blakeney several days a week, wellbeing services, and transport to one of the other surgeries, in addition to meds collection. The Integrated Care Board is asking for feedback by April 2nd and the decision to close the surgery permanently will be made April 23rd. Please join us in writing to nwicb.contactus@nhs.net with a copy to Sadie Parker (Sadie.parker@nhs.net) to express our dissatisfaction.

We have given away all our Community Support grant. It's great we've helped so many households but we would like to continue. There are other places to go for help (such as the Blakeney Food Bank, check out the 'hardship' page on our website, cleypc.info), but we want to continue looking after our residents. A while ago, the Parish Council had kind offers of donations towards helping the village with hardship support and we were wondering if that was still the case. If you would like to donate to a parish community support fund, please contact Gemma at clerk.cley@gmail.com.

We've received a licensing application for Barn Drift and the Hangar. At the moment the venue applies for a temporary Event Notice each time it holds an event where alcohol is supplied. The new licence asks to permit the supply of alcohol and late-night refreshment till 1am and music till 12 midnight. The community thinks that's late, as do we.

There is a government consultation on extensions to the scope of permitted development which allows certain development to dwellings without requiring planning permission. This includes proposals to allow for larger extensions to be bult under permitted development, increasing rights to build upwards; they are also consulting on demolition and rebuild rights

and the positioning of air source heat pumps. You will find the survey if you google 'permitted development consultation'. Our experience of permitted development hasn't always been favourable so we will be responding.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Thursday April 11th in the Village Hall at 6.30pm. The agenda will be published on the Notice Board, on the website (www.cleypc.info) and we'll mail it out to those on the Parish email list (if you want to be included in this please email the Clerk) and the village WhatsApp group. Please comment on or ask general questions about Agenda items before the meeting by getting in touch with the clerk or myself, or come along and participate. Minutes are posted as usual on the website.

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