

NEWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Council Update

At the Council's last meeting on the 2nd February, in addition to standard agenda items, we also discussed updates on the ongoing flood prevention and drainage issues, speed reduction initiatives and councillor recruitment.

As reported previously, with the **drainage works on Badby Road** now completed, we have pushed WNC to complete the programme of work to tackle the **drainage issues on Daventry Road**. Anyone who has used Daventry Road in the recent wet weather will be aware of the volume of surface water coming down the hill, and the overflowing ditch on the side of the road. At the time of writing, work has started on Newnham Hill and further work is scheduled on 23rd February on Daventry Road. The Parish Council is grateful for the ongoing efforts of our WNC Councillors, Rupert Frost and Charlie Hastie, in lobbying for these works.

We continue to consider the data generated by the speed indicator devices in our meetings. **Traffic speeds** on the Weedon Road approach to the Poets Way junction are still concerning. We are discussing with the police whether random speed cameras are an option, and we are also applying for funding to have a fourth speed indicator in the village.

As mentioned last month I would encourage people to use the '**fix-my-street**' tool (www.fixmystreet.com) for reporting issues such as pot holes or blocked drains to West Northants Council's Highways team. Issues logged are investigated and responded to, outlining the findings and what remedial action will be taken.

We are looking to support the Great British **Spring Clean Initiative** (13th-29th March) with a litter pick in and around the village. I appreciate that some individuals do great work collecting litter on an ongoing basis – take a bow **Chris Cadman and Deidre Mobbs** – so look out for a date to take part in the village spring clean.

If you are interested in doing some volunteering this year or putting something back into this special village then maybe signing up to **become a Parish Councillor** could be for you! By the time you read this, we will have had our 'Parish in the Pub' meeting on the 25th February. If you didn't attend, but you're interested in joining the Parish Council, please feel free to contact myself or the Parish Clerk.

A reminder, if you want to be on the Parish Council Email List to receive topical and current emails, contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

The **next Parish Council Meeting is Monday 2nd March**, starting at **7.00pm in the Village Hall**. The agenda for this meeting, together with all minutes and previous agendas, is available on the Council website newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk

