

Mollington Parish Council Newsletter May 2019

Mollington Parish Council Election took place in May with eight candidates challenging for the seven seats available. We were delighted that so many residents took the opportunity to vote while it was with regret that we lost Phil Crane, our Chairman. We want to acknowledge his work on putting together the village hall loan survey and subsequent loan application. We wish him well. Contact details for the new Councillors:

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The Village Hall

A village hall is one of the most valuable assets of any community both in the sense of the facilities and activities it provides to enhance the well-being of residents and its capital value. Over the years, the job of maintaining an elderly building, past its sell by date, has fallen to volunteers and some time ago there was recognition that either the community would have to pursue funding to rebuild or simply abandon this asset and face the consequences. Recently, all three Parish Councils conducted a resident's survey to determine if the residents would support raising the precept to access a Public Works loan to support the bid to rebuild. This was overwhelmingly accepted, and we are in the process of applying for the Mollington portion of the PWLB loan.

We look forward to opening the new hall in 2020

Broadband

Chris Jones keeps the council informed of the progress regarding obtaining better Broadband connection. Virgin has gone through our village, on route to Saughall and will not be supplying Mollington in the foreseeable future. We are in discussion with Virgin over this decision and are considering an approach to our local MP. The Alternative B4RN project relies on signing up enough rural businesses. At present we are around 200 short of the required target. If you would like more details on the B4RN project please [email Chris here](#).

Chris has been asked to provide a map showing the properties with the worst broadband reception and to advise those properties on the best network providers for reception, as an interim measure.

See your notice board and the Parish Council's website for details.

New Five Villages Interpretive Panel

Work began in the winter of 2018 to create an Interpretive Panel and map for Mollington. Its original purpose was to clarify boundaries, celebrate the best of the Village and map our popular road and footpath walks. However, very quickly, it became clear that by limiting the Map to within the boundary for Mollington, we would miss a large part of our Heritage. No village hall, no church, and no railway line and very few walks that stayed within our boundary. The solution was a collaboration between the three local Parish Councils and the five Villages they serve to produce a Panel to include some of the best features from within

the Ecclesiastical Parish Boundary. The result is a FIVE VILLAGES interpretive Panel. Its final location is yet to be decided.

Painting and Maintaining Village Assets

You may have noticed that the fingerpost and the village pump have had a lick of paint. Thank you to the residents who have again shown an interest and taken action to freshen up our Heritage features. If you are itching to have a go, or feel that a particular feature needs some tender loving care, do let us know and we will do our best to support your efforts or find someone who can, while making sure work is done in keeping with the village's Heritage.

Dog Matters

We have taken delivery of CWaC Dog poo bags and our resident dog walker Christopher Nicholson has offered to be the point of contact for dog owners who need poo bags. You can catch Chris on any of his many walks around the village or contact him on 07703606219 or [Email him](#) here.

Footpaths

Thank you to local residents who have recently helped to clear the footpath at the junction of Townfield and Well Lane. We intend to tackle other footpaths with the support of the landowners and volunteers. Please do contact us if you want to help.

Making contact with Mollington Parish Councillors

You can talk informally to one or more Mollington Councillors at Mollington and Backford District Village Hall during the monthly Friday night POP up Pub evenings. This is a sociable way to mention things that concern you while having the opportunity to meet other residents and the Councillors from across our Five Villages Community. Alternatively, if you would prefer to meet in private, we will be holding surgeries at regular intervals throughout the year. See notice boards or the Parish Council Website for details. Failing that, if you have a pressing issue that cannot wait, do contact any one of us.

The Parish Council used to meet every two months but have been considering meeting more often, say every 6 weeks, either in St Oswald's Primary School Hall or at Mollington, Backford & District Village Hall. Residents are welcome to attend and will have the opportunity to speak about an issue during the first 30 minutes of the meeting. Once the frequency has been established, dates and venues will be published on the Parish Council's website and Notice Boards.

We are considering holding an Open Meeting in the autumn to give the public and local organisations the opportunity to participate in a full meeting. The council will endeavour to produce a quarterly newsletter of the work being carried out and on future plans.

Community Planning

The Parish Council is starting to look at creating a "Community Plan" for Mollington and we hope very soon to be asking residents to help us develop an action plan for our village.