

**COOKHILL**  
Parish Council

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Summary from the Cookhill Parish Council Meeting held in the conference room at SE Davis, Sandhills Farm, Edgioake Lane on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES:**



**"Your Parish  
Council Needs  
YOU"**

**Notice of Casual Vacancy**

**Notice is hereby given that a casual vacancy has arisen in the Office of Councillor for Cookhill Parish Council.**

If by 19 January 2024 a request for an election to fill said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at Wychavon DC by TEN electors for the said Parish, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

*Could you be a Parish Councillor?*

Becoming a councillor is a most rewarding experience. It gives you the opportunity to help your local community and be part of a dedicated team providing key services for your area.

Being a Parish Councillor is a great way to gain political experience and useful skills in public speaking, debating and problem solving. New Parish Councillors are good news for the community – they inject fresh ideas, new perspectives and enthusiasm which benefits the community.

*To find out more please visit [www.cookhillparishcouncil.com](http://www.cookhillparishcouncil.com)*

**Cookhill Village Hall**

*Can you help?*

The Village Hall Committee are asking for volunteers that would be interested in assisting with events at the hall or for anyone who would be interested in joining the committee and becoming a Friend of Cookhill Village Hall.

***Please contact Anne Sumner on 07891 732888 if you can offer any assistance!***

**Cookhill Parish Councillors**

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### **Community Legacy Grant**

The next round of the Wychavon Community Legacy Grant opened on 8<sup>th</sup> January. The grant is aimed at innovative, ambitious projects that will have a significant and lasting impact on one or more of Wychavon's strategic goals - particularly health and wellbeing, supporting people most in need, tackling climate change, access to local transport and links between places or improving the natural environment.

While applications will only be accepted from parish and town councils, Community Legacy Grant funded projects may be led or delivered by a community group with the full support of the relevant parish or town council. All details are on the Wychavon website as of 9<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Cookhill Allotments / Parish Council Fields**

- *Plots & Tenants* – There are currently 3 vacant plots, if you are interested in taking on a plot please contact David Claydon on 01527 894317 to be shown around the site.
- The persistent heavy rain has meant that the site is very wet and some plots are covered with pools of water. The additional drainage works undertaken mean that the internal grass tracks have recovered more quickly, which is a significant improvement on previous winters.
- Tenants have been reminded to take advantage of any dry weather over the coming months to give their plots some attention by removing perennial weeds / grass and to dig or lightly turn over the soil and add some manure or mature compost.
- Any tenant who intends to give up their tenancy at the end of March has been asked to notify the Allotment Association as soon as possible so that any remedial work can be planned.

### **Trees Call to Action Project**

Heart of England Forest are promoting an initiative for community orchard projects. The Trees Call to Action Project (TCAP), alongside Wychavon and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, partnered with Heart of England Forest, are offering schools and community groups the opportunity to access trees to plant an orchard.

*For more information about the initiative please visit [heartofenglandforest.org](http://heartofenglandforest.org) or contact [TCAP@heartofenglandforest.org](mailto:TCAP@heartofenglandforest.org) for tree planting advice.*

### **Footpaths**

A water leak reported on the footpath from Edgioake Lane to Botany Bay may have been identified as a natural spring. The Public Rights of Way Team are investigating the issue and liaising with the landowner.

*If you notice any issues whilst using the footpaths around Cookhill please contact the clerk, who will report them to the Parish Paths Warden for investigation.*

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Next **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** is scheduled for  
**TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 at 7PM**

Meetings are held in the Conference Room at SE Davis, Sandhills Farm, Edgioake Lane, B96 6BG. Please park at the entrance to the yard and proceed to the Conference Room at the rear.

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**Please check the Parish Council website for up to date information regarding meetings as dates and times may be subject to change!**

*Read the Agendas, Minutes & Parish News at [www.cookhillparishcouncil.com](http://www.cookhillparishcouncil.com)*