



Ashchurch Rural Parish Council Newsletter

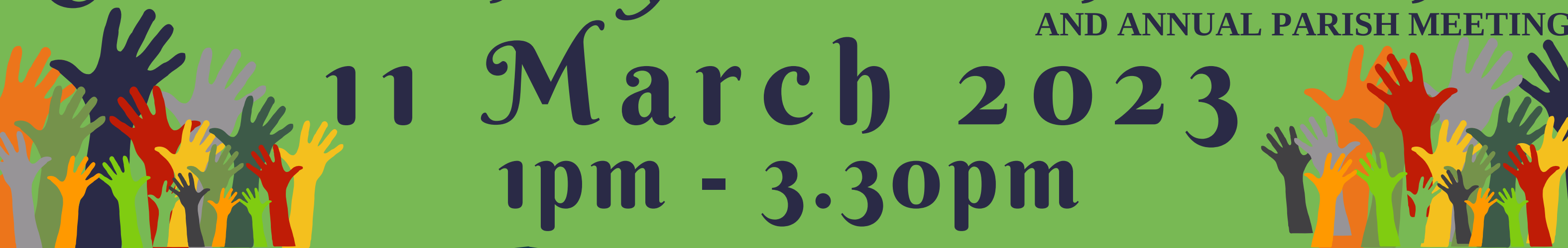
MARCH 2022

You are invited to the Ashchurch Rural Parish Council

Community Action Event

AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

11 March 2023
1pm - 3.30pm



Lets celebrate!!!

Quashing the Bridge to Nowhere

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Ashchurch Primary School

Road Safety Awareness Poster Winners



Or just pop in to find out more about..

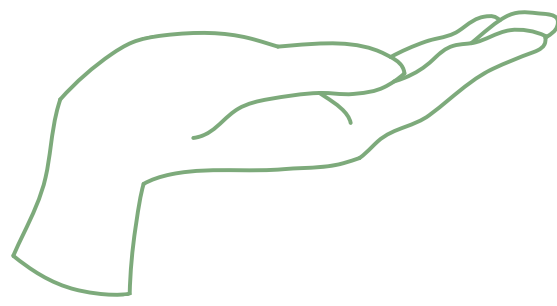
- Have your say on spending! ♥
- What's on in the parish
- Could you be a Councillor? ♥
- Community Speedwatch
- Planning in the Parish ♥
- Meet the Parish PCSO
- Barleyfields Crossing Campaign ♥
- ARPC Projects
- The Garden Town ♥
- Poster Competition Entries
- Neighbourhood Development Plan - What's Next
- ♥ And much more ♥

because together we can make a difference...



The bridge to nowhere...is going nowhere...

In previous editions of our newsletter we have highlighted concerns regarding both the planning permission process of the Ashchurch Bridge Over Rail (ABoR) as well as the affects it could have on local communities, traffic and flooding. With support of Bredon, Northway and Kemerton Parish Councils, Ashchurch Rural Parish Council (ARPC) applied for Judicial Review into the Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) planning process. At first, and to our surprise, this failed in a ruling by Lord Justice Lane on all three grounds of challenge. However ARPC subsequently applied to the Court of Appeal to challenge this ruling and were granted a hearing on 13th December 2022. We are overjoyed to confirm the appeal was granted on all three grounds in what was a damning judgement by all three judges who heard the appeal.



This judgments underpins ARPC's belief that TBC had tried to circumvent their own planning regulations to try to force through their project one stage at a time.; starting with the bridge and intending to submit further planning applications for roads and housing at a later date. As such, salami slicing their way through planning law to force through their plans for a Garden Town piece by piece when by law it should be assessed as one project.

The costs to TBC in both legal terms and the original planning application is expected to run into a total over £500,000. We believe fundamental questions need to now be asked including why the due process was not carried out, who is accountable for this decision and what action TBC will take to stop this happening again! We would like to see the Overview & Scrutiny Committee investigate this question along with a number of other fundamental issues highlighted in the Judicial Review. Should TBC wish to proceed with ABoR, a further planning application will have to address all issues raised in the judicial review (of which there are many) and thus incur considerable additional costs.

Not only has this case gone down in history and will likley be used in case law in the future, but we have proved ARPC are a force to be reckoned with and will stand up against injustices. We will not give in or allow loopholes and nuances in the law, to be exploited for the gain of the borough and at the cost of our Parish.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW WE CAN KEEP OUR PARISH ROADS SAFER

Together we can make a difference!

We need volunteers from all areas of the parish!

Locations listed on directional signs: Fiddington, Aston Cross, Aston on Carrant, Pamington, Claydon, Natton, Ashchurch, Walton Cardiff.

Welcome TUESDAYS

Ashchurch Village Hall

11am - 1pm

POP IN FOR A CHAT ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU!

Pop in and say 'Hi' to Leah!

Do you have a question or a concern you would like to speak to the Parish Council about but can't make our Community Action Event? Well, why not pop in for an informal chat with Leah, one of our helpful clerks! Leah lives in our Parish and is passionate about making it the best it can be! She holds weekly drop in surgeries every Tuesday between 11am and 1pm at Ashchurch Village Hall. She is always happy to see how we can best help our parishioners or point them the direction of someone who can! So, whether you need help to start up a community initiative, raise a concern or find out more about what we do, pop along for a chat! Not able to pop in? No worries, she also runs our Ashchurch Rural PC Facebook page - Add 'Ashchurch Rural PC' as friend and drop her a message!



STAY IN THE LOOP..

THERE ARE LOTS OF WAYS TO FIND OUT WHATS GOING ON IN OUR PARISH

WELCOME TUESDAYS
Pop in to the Village Hall for a chat - Tuesdays between 11am - 1pm

FACEBOOK
Search for us: 'Ashchurch Rural PC'

OUR ARPC WEBSITE
www.ashchurchruralpc.org.uk

ARPC MEETINGS
All residents are invited to attend our parish meetings!

LOCAL NOTICEBOARDS
Most villages have a local noticeboard where we share lots of great info!

DID YOU KNOW..

ASHCHURCH RURAL PARISH COUNCIL RUN A TRAVEL VOUCHER SCHEME

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW?

- Live in Ashchurch Rural Parish?
- Have very limited / no access to a motor vehicle and are reliant upon public transport, taxi's or lifts?
- And Suffer a lack of personal mobility due to disability and / or old age

IF YOU ANSWERED YES ... YOU COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE TRANSPORT VOUCHERS

FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.ASHCHURCHRURALPC.ORG.UK
OR CALL US ON 07305 022766

Take a pew in Pamington

This is not a mirage!! We are pleased to announce the new bench and refurbished noticeboard in Pamington is *finally* complete after it was vandalised last year. Villagers, visitors and dog walkers in Pamington can now have a rest and read the latest Parish news on the corner of Ellendene Drive. Although the noticeboard is primarily for Parish news, if you wish to place any posters in here please email clerk@ashchurchruralpc.org.uk

