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**HERE at Culcheth Life and our sister publication Warrington-Worldwide we love reporting on good news stories – so you can imagine I found it a little disappointing when news of a £200,000 investment to improve the play area on Culcheth Common descended into a political battlefield.**

Being politically impartial I am not going to attempt to attach any blame to either side over who is right or wrong – all that is important is that our children get a village playground fit for purpose and is the money available, enough to ensure it is of the highest and safest standard?

On receiving a press release from members of the parish council announcing the investment, little did I suspect what was to follow – the fact that the photograph only had five Labour members of the council on it didn't ring any alarm bells at the time, as having been a parish Cllr. myself in the past, I thought parish councils were above politics.

Unfortunately, according to local Conservative members, it appears they were not invited to the "at short notice" photo call – or given any credit for helping get funding from the Borough Council – funding that apparently was only around half of what had been promised.

I hope this unfortunate incident can now be a catalyst to improve relations for the future.

I am sure the vast majority of local residents, like myself, don't want to see political arguments and fall outs at a parish level. They are bad enough at a Borough and national

level!

Like me, I am sure the vast majority would like to see ALL councillors, at parish and borough level, working together for the greater good of our community.

Everyone elected to serve on the Parish Council should be team Culcheth & Glazebury, working together for the good of the community.

So let's move the politics out of the playground, roll up our sleeves and all move forward in a positive way – and if the Borough Council has cut funding, work together to fight for more – or reach out to the

community with a funding appeal to make up the shortfall or hold some fund-raising events.

Believe me – when it comes to the parish elections local people will in the main, vote for a hard working councillor who represents the community and its people – not which party they stand for.

Here at **Culcheth Life** we are certainly not influenced by which party anyone represents – we just want to report on the good things taking place in our community.

When the new playground is eventually finished, I hope we can have a community event to launch it involving all of those who have helped make it happen, with a nice handshake between the respective parties at the ribbon cutting!



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# Time for consolidation as Raven Inn team prepare for next big push

**AFTER a few fairly hectic months the cooperative that will be running the Raven Inn, helping save it from demolition, is taking stock and preparing for the next big push.**

The Raven raised £200,000 with its community shares offer, then secured a grant of just over £100,000 from the Community Ownership Fund, which is part of the government's levelling up scheme.

Spokesperson, Peter Sturman said: "So much has happened over the last three months, all of it positive.

"It is a time to refocus then make the dream of our community a reality. It is worth noting that not only was our share offer a tremendous success, but our share prospects was awarded the 'Standard Mark', acknowledging it as the best it could be.

"Following on from that we have been recognised, by the government, with the award of a very prestigious grant.

"The committee responsible for the Raven has always said that we represent and reflect our community.

"The heart and soul of the Raven lies with our local community. We are only where we are because of that support.

"We fully recognise our responsibility in dealing with funds entrusted to us by our community and the government.

"We have been putting procedures and safeguards in place, not only to ensure everything is done properly, but to evidence and demonstrate that is so.

"Those structures are now in place."

Peter added: "We still plan to have the Raven open in time for Easter. We recognise that is challenging, but we prefer a hard deadline. To take a quote from elsewhere, "If you aim at nothing, you will hit it every time."

"It has taken a while for the owners and our dedicated volunteers to ensure the building is structurally secure. That has been of paramount importance. For example there was one wall where you could literally rock it from side to side, by hand.

"All that painstaking, detailed and important work has now been completed. We are now renovating the pub and the kitchen, turning a shell into our community pub.

"Whilst our fundraising is done, we are keeping the Founders & Supporters wall open until just after Valentine's Day.

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# Four weeks of road closures

**HIGHWAY planners are proposing to close a stretch of road at Culcheth for up to four weeks for road and footway resurfacing works.**

The road closure will take place on Broseley Lane from the entrance of Leigh Golf Club to Wilton Lane between the hours of 9:30 am and 3:30pm Monday-Friday.

Warrington Borough Council has given notice it intends to make an Order under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The effect of which will be to introduce a prohibition of driving on Broseley Lane at the bend at the entrance to Leigh Golf Club (Broseley Avenue to Wilton Lane).

The Order will be effective from 31st January 2023 for 4 weeks,

between the hours of 9:30am and 3:30pm, Monday to Friday, as and when the signs are in place on site. Access will be under the control of the relevant Contractor for the duration of the works.

The alternative route will be via B5207 Broseley Lane, Common Lane, A574 Warrington Road, A580 East Lancashire Road, A572 Newton Road, B5207 Kenyon Lane and Wilton Lane.

The closure is required to allow for the installation of safety kerbs and resurfacing of the carriageway and footway.



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## Plans approved for dog grooming salon at rear of garage

PLANNERS have approved proposals for a dog grooming salon at the rear of a domestic house garage at Winwick, Warrington.

The proposal involves the change of use of the rear part of the garage of a detached domestic garage into a dog grooming salon at premises on Austen Drive, Winwick, Warrington.

The applicant submitted a Noise Management Plan (NMP) that illustrated the layout and equipment to be used and stated that all new customers would be provided with a terms and conditions for the business; this would clearly state:

- A 'vocal' dog will need to be assessed before offering an

appointment.

- All dogs should be leashed on arrival and collection and noise and barking discouraged.
- Excessive and persistent patterns of noise and barking behaviour will be refused appointments.
- Dropping off and collecting vehicles are to park on the driveway.
- Salon Door to be kept closed at all times
- Grooming 1-1 and appointments spaced to avoid meeting conflicts

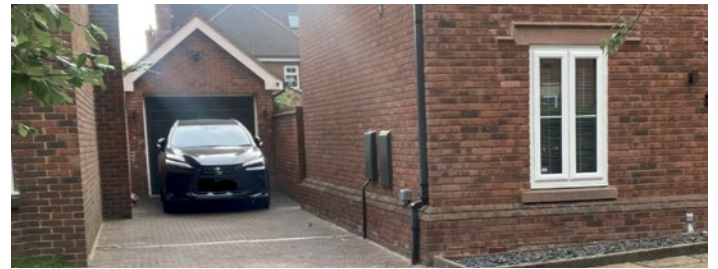
There had been one objection on the grounds of additional traffic affecting all 9 houses in the cul de sac. The cul de sac turning space was well-used and should not be

blocked.

The garage runs along a boundary, with concerns about excessive noise (dryers, barking dogs, traffic).

But planners approved the

application with conditions not to be open to customers except between the hours of 09.00 and 17.00 on Mondays to Saturdays and not at anytime on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays.



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# National speed limit to be reduced to 30mph due to safety concerns following six collisions in five years

**HIGHWAY planners have given notice that the national Speed limit on Alder Root Lane at Winwick is set to be reduced to 30mph due to safety concerns following six personal injury collisions in the past five years.**

Warrington Borough Council highway planners say Alder Root Lane is a rural lane that links Alder Lane in Warrington to Wargrave Road at the boundary with St Helens.

The boundary follows the route of Newton Brook. The characteristics of Alder Root Lane which is subject to the National Speed Limit are predominantly narrow in width, lacking footways and having tight bends either side of a low, narrow bridge beneath the main West Coast Railway line. It also serves Alder Root Golf Club with the club house, professional shop and parking to the west of the road and the golf course itself to the east.

This arrangement generates many pedestrian crossing movements throughout the day. Interrogation of the collision database shows that six reported personal injury collisions have occurred on the route within the past five years, one of which resulted in a seriously injured casualty at the access to the golf club.

In addition, a number of bridge strikes have occurred despite the

existence of a low bridge being signed from both directions. In the interests of safety, it is therefore deemed necessary for the speed limit to be reduced from the current National Speed Limit to 30 miles per hour.

This action will leave a short length of road called Wargrave Road which will still be subject to the National Speed Limit from the Borough Boundary heading in a northerly direction to a point just to the south of Vulcan Village where the speed limit changes to 30mph. For consistency and in order to maximise the safety benefits of the proposed 30mph speed limit, St Helens Borough Council will be continuing the proposed 30mph from the boundary with Warrington through into Vulcan Village and beyond.

Notice is hereby given that Warrington Borough Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 1, 2, 4 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers. The effect of the Order will be to introduce a 30 miles per hour

speed limit on Alder Root Lane from its junction with Alder Lane to the Borough Boundary with St. Helens Borough Council.

Deposited documents may be viewed on-line at [www.warrington.gov.uk/permanent-traffic-regulation-orders](http://www.warrington.gov.uk/permanent-traffic-regulation-orders) or Contact Warrington, 1 Time Square, Warrington, WA1 2NT between 9am & 5pm, Monday to Friday.

All representations both in support or objecting to the proposals must be in writing either by post or delivered by hand to

Legal Services, East Annexe, Town Hall, Sankey Street, Warrington, WA1 1UH or emailed to [TRorepresentations@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:TRorepresentations@warrington.gov.uk) by 9th February 2023 and all objections must specify the grounds on which they are made. Please note that all representations received may be considered in public by the Council and that the substance of any representation together with the name and address of the person making it could become available for public inspection.



## £2.93-a-year council tax increase for average Birchwood householder



BIRCHWOOD Town Council is to increase its precept – the local portion of the Council Tax – by just over £2.93 a year on an average Band D property.

This works out at about six pence a week and brings the tax on a Band D property to £120.12 for the coming financial year.

Clare Caddock, deputy-clerk to the council and Responsible Finance Officer, said: "Members of the Town Council are acutely mindful of the current increasing demands on our residents regarding the cost of living and have therefore not increased the local portion of the Council Tax more than they think is absolutely necessary (2.5per cent)

– well below the rate of inflation of over 11 per cent as it was in December 2022.

"The funding received by the Town Council will be allocated to cover general inflation in operational costs and the cost of services supplied to the town council and will enable Birchwood Town Council to continue to provide the current level of services within the area, including the additional grass cuts between those undertaken by the borough council."

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# Tories see red over playgrou

**A political row has broken out after Labour parish cllrs. at Culcheth welcomed £200,000 funding for a new play area in the village – after Tory Borough Cllrs helped secure some of the money from Warrington Borough Council.**

The three Tory Borough Cllrs. representing the Culcheth area, Wendy Maisey, Carole Benson and Valerie Allen, saw red when

Labour Cllrs issued a press release and photograph heralding the funding success – especially after “promised” funding from the



borough council had been cut by nearly half.

In a joint statement they said: “Whilst any funding offered by the Warrington Borough Council (WBC) is welcome, it is disappointing that the funding that was promised has already been cut by half. This was an ideal opportunity for all Parish and Borough Councillors to work together to maximise funding and to get the best possible play equipment for the children of Culcheth.

“It is hypocritical and opportunist of Labour Parish councillors to parade themselves in front of a playground which has received a funding cut from Warrington Borough Council. The decision regarding the funding announced by WBC has yet to be ratified by all ten Parish Councillors or the Borough Councillors and their press release was without doubt premature and lacked consultation from other stakeholders.

“Conservative Borough Councillors were asked by Culcheth & Glazebury Parish Council to speak to WBC on their behalf, as the parish had hit a stalemate and were getting nowhere

with the Council. After several representations, Conservative Borough Councillors were initially promised £140k match funding by WBC.

“After a period of silence, we were notified that only £72k would be made available to supplement the money allocated by the Parish Council. This is a funding cut and yet another example of Labour giving with one hand and taking with another.

“Labour councillors are strangely silent about where the further £68k originally promised from the Borough Council has gone. It seems obvious that Labour Parish councillors do not talk to their Borough counterparts and seem to be completely at sixes and sevens on this matter. They don’t seem to be able to communicate with their own portfolio holders because Labour locally seems factional, divided and utterly dysfunctional. All of this results in Culcheth being awarded less than we are due, and we risk a playground being developed that is not fit for purpose. Labour councillors should stop settling for second best and join local Conservatives in demanding

## Bents helping bring smiles to local children

THE Action for Children charity’s regional team recently visited Bents Garden & Home at Glazebury to collect the many gifts that had been left at the Centre’s dedicated collection point.

The charity collected gifts, including £1000 worth of toys and treats donated by Bents, all of which will help bring smiles to children and young people in the Warrington area.

Action for Children provides practical and emotional care and support for children and young people throughout the year, and at Christmastime, it focuses on spreading a little happiness with its Secret Santa campaign. Bents has for several years hosted a dedicated gift collection point, where customers and colleagues have been able to donate their new and unwrapped gifts.

Charlotte Nichols MP who joined the team for the occasion said: “Christmas is a time for charity,

for giving and for sharing so it’s great to see so much generosity from our local community. Every donation, big or small, will make a huge difference, and will help bring a little happiness to so many young lives in our local area this Christmas.”

Matthew Bent, Managing Director at Bents Garden & Home added: “A big thank you to all of our customers and colleagues who have donated gifts. At this time of year and now more than ever we want to help spread kindness to others and are extremely proud to have been able to support Action for Children once again.”

Kerry Roe-Ely, regional manager for the North West at Action for Children, said, “We are so grateful for the generosity of Bents Garden & Home and their customers. Because of you, many children will wake up on Christmas morning to a wonderful surprise.”



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# and funding

that full match funding is reinstated.

"Children from Newchurch Primary School spent a lot of time drawing pictures of their desired new playground, resulting in a list of the top 10 items they wanted to see in their new playground. The Children of Culcheth have been waiting far too long for a decent replacement playground and deserve a playground that is fit for future generations to come.

"The amount being contributed by WBC falls far short of what is needed and is far less than previous playground budgets locally.

"Questions need asking and they certainly will be! Why?"

In response to the criticism, Cllr Neil Johnson, Chair of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council said: "Any initial discussions that took place between WBC and the

Parish Council were prior to the economic and financial turbulence that has impacted all in recent months. Ultimately, the decision over the size of funding provided by WBC for the play area was a decision made above Parish Council level and we acknowledge the difficulties all councils have had with their budgets in recent years.

"We are grateful for the funding that has been provided and the additional agreement for the borough council to pay the project management fees, which can be substantial. There is no "cut" to funding for the play area, because there were no monies allocated or confirmed by WBC at the start of this process. Monies granted have only recently been agreed upon and awarded to the project."



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## PARISH NEWS

### Planning Concerns

The Parish Council is consulted on planning applications. If you have an opinion on an application, please let the clerk or councillors know as soon as possible within the 21-day consultation period.

### Defibrillators and Phoning 999 for Location and Access Details

The Parish Council have bought and installed three Defibrillator machines over the last few months. One at Esso Garage, Culcheth, one at Victorian Tea Rooms, Glazebury and a replacement for the one at the Scout Hut, Culcheth. These machines are on outside walls so accessible 24/7. The procedure for accessing a defib machine is firstly to phone 999 and ask for an ambulance. Tell them your location and that you have a patient who appears to be in cardiac arrest or has severe chest pains. The administrator will check the system to find the nearest Defib machine to your location and will give you directions and a code to open the cabinet to access the defib machine. They also will ensure an ambulance is actioned.

### Residents' Voice: Warrington Local Policing Unit

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### Planting Trough Outside of Library

Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council would like to acknowledge the commitment and effort that John and Jean Riley have demonstrated by keeping the Trough at the front of Culcheth Library planted with seasonal flowers. They have maintained this floral display at their own expense for over 20 years. The Parish Council thanks them for their effort to brighten and enhance the community space.

**Next Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 14th February  
at 7:30pm at Glazebury Methodist Church**

### Publication of Information

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# Puppy “meet and greet” area rejected by planners

**BOROUGH Council planning chiefs have thrown out an application for a new building to provide a puppy “meet and greet” viewing area at a Croft farm.**

The scheme involved demolition of an existing agricultural building – said to be in a significant state of dilapidation - at Brookside Farm, Lady Lane, Croft.

It would be replaced by a new building with a mixed use of agricultural storage and the “meet and greet” viewing area.

Applicant Kelly Fenney has been told the scheme has been refused because it is considered inappropriate in the Green Belt and that there are no very special reasons outweighing the harm it would cause to the openness of the Green Belt.

Nine objections were received by the borough council on the

grounds that a retail business was operating at the farm without permission, that a significant number of vehicles were visiting, that no provision was being made to expand parking space and that on-street parking in the area would be hazardous.

Planners said there had been a number of other objections which were not relevant because they were not planning issues.

One objection was received from Warrington Animal Welfare.

The “meet and greet” area was said to be needed to enable potential purchasers to see puppies in the presence of their mothers.



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## Contemporary-style home extension aims to be architectural award-winner

PLANS to refurbish a Victorian terraced house to create a high-quality contemporary-style family home have been submitted to Warrington Borough Council.

The scheme involves a property in Twiss Green Lane, Culcheth, near to Leigh Golf Club – and the applicant hopes to create an award-winning piece of architecture.

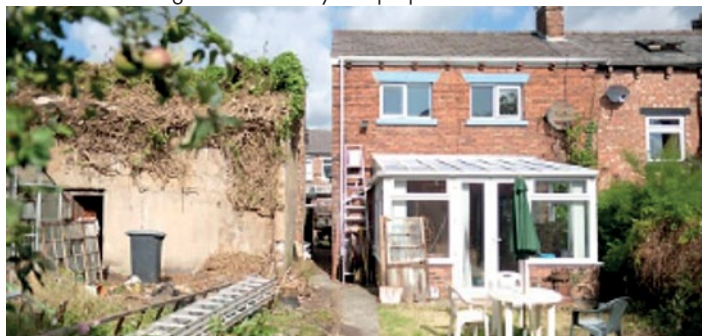
Documents submitted to the borough council’s planning department say the scheme involves extending the house by

linking it to an existing workshop building which would be extended and refurbished.

A rear extension would provide additional living space.

Overall, the development would be of a high quality, contemporary design, which would improve the character of the existing property and provide a long-term family home.

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# Plan to replace shopping centre car park with mixed commercial and residential development

**A PLAN to replace a shopping centre car park at Culcheth with a mixed-use commercial and residential development has been submitted to Warrington Borough Council planners.**

The proposals by Shavit Haminin Capital Limited involve replacing the existing CPS car parking area at the junction of Jackson Avenue and Common Lane with a two-storey mixed-use building consisting of commercial units at ground floor level and three residential units at first-floor level, new public realm and ancillary works.

The existing area contains 22 car parking spaces, two of which are designated for disabled users. The existing vehicle route allows vehicles to enter from Common Lane and exit onto Jackson Lane.

The Proposed Development would require the removal of all of the 22 car parking spaces. In their place would be a two-storey building. The building line on to Common Lane would correspond with the existing eastern extent of the Sainsburys Supermarket. On the Jackson Avenue frontage, the building line would respond to the extent of the existing building, the furthest extent of which is the entrance to the solicitors.

The southern and eastern extent of the proposed building would reflect the existing commercial units that front onto the car parking area. The building would be sited to allow for a pedestrian walkway between the Proposed Development and these existing commercial units.

The proposed walkway would be approximately 8.3m at its widest point. The route would be well landscaped with areas of soft landscaping and trees. The intention is for a public space for people to interact, and benches would be provided.

At the ground floor level would be two Class E-commercial units. Unit A would be 108 sqm in area and have frontages onto Jackson Avenue and Common Lane, as well as the newly created walkway. Unit B would be 66sqm in area and would have one frontage onto Jackson Avenue and

two onto the pedestrian walkway. Between the two units on the Jackson Avenue elevation, there would be a bin store

At first floor level there would be three residential units accessed from a central hallway. Unit 1 would be a 1 bedroom 2 person (1B2P) unit measuring 51sqm. It would be dual aspect with a balcony measuring 5sqm. Unit 2 would be a 1B2P unit measuring 50sqm. It would be triple aspect and have two balconies of 5sqm and 3sqm. Unit 3 would be a 2B3P unit measuring 75sqm.

Whilst the Council considered that the scheme presented at the pre-application stage would detrimentally affect the vitality and viability of the

Culcheth Village Neighbourhood Centre this is disagreed with by the applicant.

They say the loss of car parking has been demonstrated to not cause a problem for those wishing to use the existing car parks.

They also say the Local Plan seeks to reduce dependence on car use anyway, and there is public transport access to the CPS Centre, adding that the new public space would enhance the existing CPS Centre rather than detract from it by creating a space for people to walk and sit.

The application is pending consideration by Warrington Borough Council planners.



## Croft WI vote on National Resolutions

THE January meeting of Croft WI concentrated mainly on voting for the NFWI Resolutions for 2023 and members were asked to vote on which of the Resolutions they wished to be adopted.

Members voted on one resolution, the results go to National Federation. The results of the vote were not announced at the meeting.

These consisted of:

Resolution 1 - Save our water – every drop matters

As global temperatures rise, there is a risk drought will become more frequent in the UK. This will place increasing strains on the UK's water supply and endanger our natural world. The NFWI calls on government and water companies to work together to develop robust plans that would ensure the UK's long-term water security, including addressing water leakages from pipes. The NFWI calls on WI members to take immediate personal actions to value and conserve water.

Resolution 2 - Women to women – turning over a new leaf in the lives of women tea workers

While in the UK we enjoy our daily cuppa, the mostly women tea workers who produce our tea struggle to access living wages, decent housing, sanitation or education for their children, due to the low prices paid to producers for tea. The NFWI calls on UK tea companies and retailers to take action to fix the broken tea buying system to enable plantation owners

to give women tea pluckers a fair deal, so they can live the healthy and prosperous family life they deserve.

Resolution 3 - Online gambling harm: time for action

Online gambling has substantially increased, resulting in a growing number of people being exposed to the risks of gambling-related harms. Current legislation is inadequate in addressing the harms caused by problem gambling and in providing protections to those affected. This resolution calls on decision makers to introduce updated legislation and regulation to address these issues and for increased support to be made available to those affected

by problem gambling, particularly women and children.

Resolution 4 - Clean rivers for people and wildlife

Water quality in our rivers is shameful. Legally, designated bathing waters must be regularly monitored for pollution. The NFWI urges its members, the wider public, local authorities and Government to make, support and promote applications for official designated bathing sites on appropriate stretches of rivers in their area. This will be as instrumental to the clean up of rivers as it has been for water quality at coastal beaches.

On a lighter note, after the official business was completed,

the ladies enjoyed a tasting session deciding which food product from three leading supermarket own brands, plus a leading brand tasted the best. The foods included Bread, Mature Cheddar Cheese, Milk Chocolate, Ready Salted Crisps and Ginger Biscuits. The own brands were; Asda, Marks & Spencer, Lidl and a leading brand in that category. The winners were; Bread - Asda Cheese - M & S, Chocolate - Cadbury, Crisps - Lidl, Ginger Biscuits - Lidl. There were one or two surprises!

The competition was won by Doris Friar, 2nd Louise Geekie, 3rd Lesley Lloyd.

## Fascinating talk on Sports Technology

MEMBERS of Culcheth & Newchurch WI were given a fascinating talk on Sports Technology by former Culcheth High School pupil Professor Steve Haake of Sheffield Hallam University.

Starting with ancient Greece, he showed the first starting lines of marble and the weights for standing long jumps. Then came football's beginning with the leather balls in the medieval town ball games, the first film of a racing horse in 19th century America, and early films of pole-vaulting, tennis and swimming with heavy wool suits worn by men and women.

This brought him to the

Australian Annette Kellerman who wore close-fitting swimsuits. From 1905 she became rich from public displays of diving in England and the USA and from filming. The 1912 women's Olympic teams wore silk swimsuits based on Annette's. Men's swimwear also became lighter as new textiles were used, leading to Lycra and Fastskin. Now water treadmills test new fabrics to reduce turbulence and skin friction and Steve's team tests new equipment for many sports. June Cope thanked Steve for a truly entertaining talk and for his wonderful slides and even videos of his team at work.

The business meeting began

before tea, as members had to choose between four Resolutions for the 2023 general meeting of the NFWI. After tea there was some sad news of the death of Pam Morris, then the greetings to the "Birthday Girls" and thanks to Gill Berry for the table flowers. Arrangements for the Celebration Dinner at the Village Club on 26th January were completed and President Eileen Griffiths announced that the speaker on February 21st would be June Allison, talking about "Two Cornish Gardens". The competition was to be "A Pot Plant". After the raffle she wished everyone a safe journey home.

# Call for council update on transit site for travellers

**A councillor has called for an update on the latest situation regarding a transit site for travellers in Warrington following the latest illegal encampment on Silver Lane at Risley.**

Cllr Wendy Maisey has written to council leader Cllr. Russ Bowden, requesting an urgent update on the progress of a transit site in the town.

Cllr Maisey said: "I received a call from Parish Cllr Sue Bland advising that an illegal encampment of caravans has again sprung up on Silver Lane and reported this immediately to the Police and Warrington Borough Council.

"This is the third encampment in Warrington since the New year. Silver Lane is a hot spot for this activity and a decision is needed by Warrington Borough Council as to the location of the permanent traveller transit site. I feel that progress is not being made quickly enough, there is no meeting set this year for the committee to reconvene and Councillors are not being updated on the status of the transition site.

"I've written to the Council Leader requesting an urgent update. It's false economy to keep kicking this issue into the long grass. The cost of clearing up and other damage

far outweigh the cost of the transit site, the funds for the site have been ring-fenced for many years.

"I've repeatedly asked Warrington Borough Council for the cost of clear up at Silver Lane since 2021 but have never received this information. We need to all work together to resolve this matter once and for all for the residents of Warrington".

The council has ring-fenced money to set up a permanent travellers site in the town but has been unable to find a suitable site, despite extensive searches.

A Warrington Borough Council spokesperson said: "We are fully committed to the delivery of a suitable transit site within the town and recognise the benefits for both the travelling community and our residents.

"We are continuing to work with our partners to identify a suitable traveller transit site in the borough. The need for this is fully established in the submitted proposed local plan that was subject to examination in public in September."

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