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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 8th October 2024**

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES:

Cookhill Village Hall – Update

- *Electric Charging Points* – To be installed in the coming months.
- *Yoga* – There will be a new yoga group starting at the Village Hall on a Sunday, from 4.30pm
- *Panto* – There will be a pantomime hosted by Auntie Jen's Productions on Thursday 19th December, more information to follow.

Clerk's Report

Dog Bin – A suitable location for a new dog waste bin has been agreed for installation at Platinum Meadows. This should hopefully encourage dog walkers to clean up after their dogs.

Unsuitable for HGVs – A report had been received on the amount of HGVs taking unsuitable routes through the village. Worcestershire County Council have carried out an assessment and an 'Unsuitable for HGVs' sign will be installed at the entrance to Mearse Lane, from the A422.

Cookhill Allotments Update

- There are now 39 plots at the site, with a potential for 4 others.
 - The Allotment Association held its AGM on 28th September. The Parish Council Best Kept Allotment Award went to the tenants of 10a. Overall the site has never looked so neat and tidy, which is a credit to the tenants.
 - A big thank you to committee members and those tenants that have assisted with maintenance tasks.
 - The mains water has now been turned off and tenants are being encouraged to collect as much rain water as possible in water butts and containers, ready for next spring.
- Please contact Mr David Claydon, the Allotment Association Chair, on 01527 894317 if you are interested in viewing one of the available plots, or in joining the Waiting List.*

Platinum Meadows

The grass tracks have been mown and the area is generally neat and tidy. In the coming weeks the grass around the crocuses will be cut so that they are visible when they flower in the early spring.

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Most of the saplings planted several years ago are growing well, but it is disappointing to see that some damage appears to have been done to others.

Three new fruit trees will be added to the orchard in the corner of the meadow.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME!

There have been some reports that litter and drinks' cans are being thrown over onto the allotments, from the public right of way that leads around the perimeter of the site.

Please can we remind you to either take your rubbish home with you, or to use the waste bin provided at the entrance to the allotment site. You will also find a dog waste bag dispenser here, if you have forgotten your dog waste bags. Thank you!

Bogus Callers – ADVICE

There were reports of 'bogus' callers in Cookhill last month. The workmen told residents that they were calling on behalf of Severn Trent Water and, although they showed identification, the lack of prior notification caused some concern, particularly as they were requesting access to property. These visits were reported to the Police, who investigated and ascertained that the callers were, in fact, **genuine**.

Unfortunately, this is not always the case, so West Mercia Police have issued the following advice, should you be suspicious;

- Anyone who calls at your door should have some form of identification. You are well within your rights to ask for this and make a note of their details.
 - Never give out banking or personal details to anyone you're unsure about. If you can't be certain if a visitor is genuinely who they say they are, ask them to come back at a later date. This gives you time to verify their identity and perhaps also arrange for a relative or friend to be there.
 - Remember, it's ok to tell visitors you're not interested or ask them to leave if you aren't comfortable. Legitimate visitors will understand.
 - Finally, if you suspect fraud, please contact the Police.
The methods fraudsters use can be extremely clever - there's no shame in having been caught out!
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Planning: *the Parish Council has asked Wychavon District Council (WDC) to send notification to us of all planning applications that fall within the parish boundary, these are then discussed at a parish council meeting and the ensuing comments are submitted to WDC. All these applications and comments can be seen online via www.wychavon.gov.uk*

The following applications were considered for comment:

W/24/01860/HP Ferndale, 29 Lower Cladswell Lane, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5JY

Proposed: Two storey side extension

Decision: The Parish Council recommended that the application be APPROVED.

Wychavon Planning Authority decisions: None received since the last meeting.

Next **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** is scheduled for
TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2024 at 7.00PM

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 to the rear.

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