

## **CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Sadly we must send condolences to Councillor Peter Kidger on the passing of his wife Esther. However, on a happier note we welcome Richard Trayler-Smith as the new Councillor for the St Brides Netherwent ward. Richard has served on this Council in the past so should settle in well and we look forward to working with him.

We know it's a while off yet but the Queen's Jubilee is next year. It has been suggested that we present the children of the area with a cup or mug to mark the occasion. We would very much like the view of residents on this and would be grateful if you would pass your comments on.

On the subject of responses, we are looking for a volunteer to help keep the entrances to each of the play areas tidy, tasks would include clearing weeds etc. If anyone is prepared to do this could they please make themselves known as soon as possible.

We have had several reports regarding low flying helicopters. This has been taken up with the MoD. Unfortunately there are no restrictions over when helicopters can fly, however they should not fly directly over residential areas and certainly not as low as they have been.

There have also been instances of large vehicles travelling along lanes doing damage as they go. If anyone witnesses such occurrences can they make a note of the time, place and registration number where possible so that we can investigate the matter further.

We have now agreed all the names for the Merton Green development and can confirm the agreement to keep Ash Tree Road as it is.

It would appear the MoD look as if they will be finalising the sale of the Old Gym in Lawrence Crescent to this Council at long last. In due course when 85% of the Merton Green development is completed we will obtain funds to improve the building. There may also be the opportunity to carry out other projects in the area and we will be consulting with residents nearer the time to identify these.

There has been great concern regarding the activities of the "Marching Band". Latterly this band has been very successful in national and international competitions and we congratulate them on their achievements. However this success has led to the need for more practice

sessions, a lot of which have been outside, much to the annoyance of some residents of Highfield. We arranged a meeting between the representatives of the "Band" and residents and it has been agreed that outside practice will be restricted to one hour per week to take place in the middle of the playing fields. The "Band" has also agreed to try and obtain a "quieter" base drum. The arrangements will be monitored, and it has been arranged that a follow up meeting be held to see how things are working out. We feel it is essential that a solution is found that enables the "Band" to continue without detriment to the residents - we sincerely hope so.

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