

## **CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

By the time this Newsletter comes out the Caerwent Village Enhancement Scheme will be well underway. There will have been inevitable delays and disruption and we apologise for that but trust that the end result will be worth it.

Regretfully it has become apparent that some totally incorrect information is circulating regarding the status of the Playing Fields in Caerwent. For the avoidance of doubt the situation is as follows:

The Playing Fields Association has not handed over the Fields to the Community Council. The Fields belong to Monmouthshire County Council who leases them to the Community Council. The Playing Fields Committee administer the facility on behalf of the Community Council for the benefit of the community.

“The land will now be sold off for housing”. The purpose of the application by the County and the Community Council for QE2 status was to protect the site as recreation land. Any building erected on it must be for community use.

In respect of “housing”, the Local Development Plan which covers the next ten years does not include that area. Neither are there any sites of significance in the whole of the Caerwent Ward. If in future any pressure came on the Fields, the QE2 status would protect them and/or require their replacement.

We hope the above is clear.

There have been complaints about dog fouling in the Canon Lane area. Whilst we look at the possibility of a waste bin in that area we urge dog walkers to be responsible and clear up after their dogs.

Progress is being made over the possible replacement of the Village Pumps in Caerwent. MCC Highways are happy with our proposals and currently we are looking at grants to help out with the project.

It has been agreed to erect a sign in Llanfair Discoed to mark the “Best Kept Village 2012” award. This should be in place in the Spring.

The MoD has attended to the blocked pipes and culverts in their control and as a result we hope that a lot of the flooding experienced over the winter will be lessened especially in the Crick area.

On the subject of flooding, Welsh Water continues to work to prevent a re-occurrence of the problems in Centurions Court of late.

Clearly the winter took its toll on our roads, especially in the St Brides area and to a certain extent around the Llanfair Discoed area in general. MCC Highways have had an enormous task dealing with the damage throughout the County and measures are in place to carry out repairs as promptly as possible. If your "favourite" piece of damage takes a while to be repaired, please accept our apologies. We will however report the damage again after a short period when it would be better to let the maintenance crews get on with the job.

Phil Murphy, CHAIRMAN

**The following planning applications were considered by the Community Council:**

**2013/00055 Plot to North of 1 Lawrence Crescent, Caerwent**  
**Retention of Development – Regularisation of 1800 mm High Fenceline**  
This Council recommends ***Approval***

**2012/00086 Five Lanes Farm, Caerwent**  
**Proposed Extension & Internal Alterations**  
This Council recommends ***Approval***

**2013/00118 Northgate Inn, Caerwent (Advertisement Consent)**  
**V Shaped Advertising Hoarding for Housing Development**  
This Council recommends ***Refusal***  
Causes an issue for the latest submitted double garage application at the Northgate (2012/00578)  
Not in keeping with the conservation area.  
Very unattractive sign for a housing development which is not in our area.  
Unacceptable application request to have the sign in situ until 2016.

**2012/00578 Northgate Inn, Caerwent (revised)**  
**Proposed detached garage to now be located to the right of the Inn**  
**Existing shed and fencing highlighted on the revised site plan will be removed**  
**Proposed front boundary wall will be reduced to 1.3m in height (previously 1.6m)**  
This Council recommends ***Approval***  
As previously commented the garage should be in the same material as the wall, ie stone