



Bicester Hill



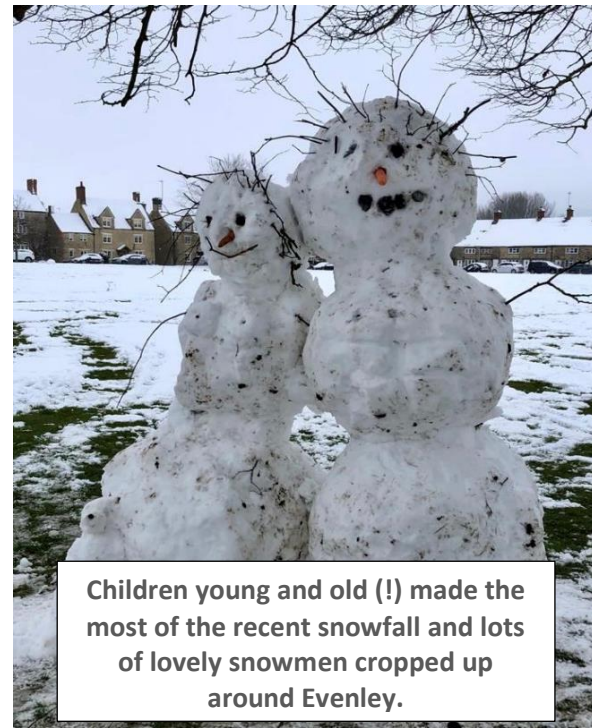
Are you enjoying walking up to Barn Owl Farm Shop, or the Pocket Park on Bicester Hill or further afield?

Many villagers do and will know it is not the safest experience. Traffic levels are still below normal, but even now with no pavement or speed limit many of us are concerned about the speed of traffic travelling to and from the village along Bicester Hill and the risk this poses to pedestrians and cyclists.

In order to change the speed limit to a proposed 40mph, we need to put a strong case to a panel comprising Northamptonshire Highways and Northamptonshire Police. **This is where we need your help.** We need to demonstrate that you support reducing the speed limit and are interested and care enough to do something about it. We cannot apply for a 30mph limit as there are no street lights on Bicester Hill so 40mph is the lowest we can aim for.

A simple way to do this in the current climate is to send an email to Cathy Knott our clerk at clerk@evenleypc.org.uk entitled 'speed limit on Bicester Hill' saying something along the lines of... "I am very concerned about the safety of pedestrians and cyclists on Bicester Hill and support a move to reduce the speed limit to 40mph" with your name and address please.

Thank you.



Children young and old (!) made the most of the recent snowfall and lots of lovely snowmen cropped up around Evenley.

Contact Us

Have a comment to make, issue to discuss or idea to put forward? Then please contact the parish council.
Cathy Ellis (Chairman) 308568, Jeff Peyton-Bruhl 473157, Jean Morgan 703317, Charles Reader, Sue Ricketts 01869 811624, Spencer Burnham 843973.
Our clerk is Cathy Knott clerk@evenleypc.org.uk 423295.
Cllr John Townsend, District Councillor South Northants john.townsend@southnorthants.gov.uk
Cllr Rebecca Breese, County Councillor Northamptonshire rbreese@northamptonshire.gov.uk

2021 Council Meetings

15 Feb, 15 March, 26 April, 17 May, 21 June, 19 July, 20 Sept, 18 Oct and 29 Nov. All start at 7:30pm, parishioners are welcome and may contribute during public speaking session.

The meetings are currently being held via zoom. If you'd like to join please contact the clerk.

Communications

Do you want to be fully informed on village matters and receive quick updates direct to your inbox? If so, please email our clerk, Cathy Knott at clerk@evenleypc.org.uk

If not, don't forget our website at evenleypc.org.uk has all parish council minutes and news and lots of other useful information.



"Your Parish Council Needs YOU"

- to consider becoming a parish councillor
- to help us get the speed limit on Bicester Hill reduced to 40 mph
- to give us your views on street lighting in the village

Ever thought of being a parish councillor?

We are holding elections!

Expressions of interest are welcomed from anyone who is over 18 years old.

As a councillor representing Evenley you will help keep it a great place to live and work. You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training. You should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team.

We promise that although we have some strong characters on the council, we are nothing like Handforth Parish Council!

If you are interested in joining the council, please contact Cathy Knott by 31 March 2021 for more information on 01280 423295 or by e-mail at clerk@evenleypc.org.uk

Evenley Parish Council currently meets on the third Monday evening of the month. If you care about your community and would like to help make a real difference then why not... become a parish councillor!

For more information, please visit the community website: <http://www.evenleypc.org.uk/home.html>



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Police Liaison Representative

Evenley Parish Council has been asked to appoint a Police Liaison Representative. This is someone in the parish who could liaise with the parish council, establish contact with the neighbourhood policing team and disseminate news and information in the parish as appropriate. If you are interested in fulfilling this role, please give Cathy Knott a call or email her at clerk@evenleypc.org.uk

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Parking problems

There have been many instances of parking problems outside Forge Coffee and post-office that have caused distress to residents and caused damage to the Green.

Many people find it difficult to use the two laybys outside the shop because either residents or visitors have been parked there, often for long periods. This can result in damaging the verge or blocking residents in their driveways. The two laybys were paid for by the original owners of the shop to assist their customers.

Accordingly, Evenley Parish Council will be erecting signs to advise that both laybys are for shop customers only and residents are respectfully asked to not use them. In return, the shop has promised to ask customers to park responsibly, not on the grass and not blocking in residents. Your kind assistance with this measure will be much appreciated.

A lot of bollards have been replaced and extra ones added to protect the Green.



Did you know you could be fined from £80 up to £1000 if you don't clear up after your dog? The biggest complaint Evenley councillors and the clerk receive is about dog poo. It doesn't matter how many notices we put up, there are people (who obviously can't read) who think it is acceptable for their dog to defecate anywhere and everywhere. Apart from being disgusting and creating a health hazard, it gives other dog owners a bad name. If you see someone who thinks they are above the law, please remind them of their responsibilities!



West Northamptonshire Council

On Thursday 4th April, West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) and North Northamptonshire Council will be formed. These are the new unitary authorities that have been created from the old Northamptonshire Council which in early 2018 became insolvent.

Government inspectors decided that problems were so great at the council it should be abolished and two new small authorities created.

The new leader for WNC, in which Evenley falls, will be Ian McCord and its chief executive, Anna Earnshaw. Our district councillor, Rebecca Breese, will be portfolio holder for finance at WNC and its first budget has been announced. It has already proposed that council tax is increased by 4.99%, adding an extra £7million to its coffers. This means an average band D level of council tax will be £1,566.39, an increase of £74.42. Rebecca told EPC at a recent meeting; "This will be a fresh start for the county. A lot of work has already happened, making Northamptonshire one of the highest performing counties in England. Reserves are building up again and the budget will be set on a stable foundation".

From 1st April 2021 WNC will serve Daventry District, Northampton and South Northants.

Mothering Sunday 14th March

Each year on Mothering Sunday, St George's Church supports Baby Basics, a county-based charity who works with mothers and their new babies. When families are referred to Baby Basics, they receive a Moses basket of essential items for the birth of their baby. The charity particularly needs the following, so if you wish to donate please either deliver items to Carrie at 15 Church Lane or there will be a box in St. George's Church porch from 8th March.

Items: nappies (birth to 3 months), baby shampoo, talc, lotion, baby clothes (birth to 3 months), also items for Mum such as shampoos, shower gels, body lotions & sanitary products. For more information, please call Carrie on 702300 - thank you.

Streetlights

Several residents are concerned there are dark spots in the village, where lighting seems inefficient. Evenley Parish Council has been asked to look at these areas with a view to adding more street lighting. We would like your views please. Would you like to see more lights in the parish? Or do you feel there is enough street lighting in what is a rural village and that adding more lights will increase light pollution and use more electricity? Whatever your view, we would like your thoughts please. We cannot promise to act immediately as obviously there is a significant cost associated with street lighting but your views will help the parish council plan ahead.

The Red Lion - <https://www.redlionevenley.co.uk/>

February 25th marks 11 years since we reclaimed our pub for the village, and whilst we are unable to celebrate it now, we will be doing later this year. Thank you for your support over the last 11 and here's to the next 11 (maybe). We are open for takeaway food and drink, Wednesday through to Sunday, 5 till 9 and 12 to 5 on Sunday. You can email redlionevenley@me.com or phone 704113 your orders through.

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CENSUS 2021

National Census 2021

Coming soon.... in March 2021 there will be a national census. The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. Local councils, charities and many other organisations use census information to decide how to spend billions of pounds on services every year. This includes spending on transport, education and healthcare. To make sure this money is spent where it's most needed, it's important that the census counts everyone.

By taking part and encouraging others to do the same, you'll help make sure your community is counted in decisions on services and funding. For the first time, you will be able to fill in the census digitally.

Census information is anonymous, it's held securely and it's not released for 100 years. However, it is a legal requirement for everyone to complete the census - there's a £1000 fine for non-compliance.

The first modern UK census was in 1801. It collected everyone's name and address, and some age data but the first thorough survey of England was in 1086 when William the Conqueror ordered the production of the Domesday Book. This detailed inventory of land and property was a massive undertaking at the time, taking many years to complete.

In 2011, the census captured more than 94% of people in England and Wales. The population on Census Day was 56,075,912