Parish Council News – February 2025

The Annual Parish Meeting: this will take place on Tuesday, 6th May at 7:00 PM at the Methodist Church Hall. This meeting is an opportunity for residents to hear updates on parish activities, ask questions, and discuss local issues. It's a chance for the community to come together, share concerns, and celebrate achievements over the past year. The Clerk will post the agenda onto the notice boards and social media closer to the date.

VE Day 80th Anniversary: The Parish Council is making plans to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, honouring this historic occasion and those who served. As part of the commemoration, a new bench will be installed to replace the existing wooden one by the bus stop on Barlaston Park. This special bench will serve as a lasting tribute to the sacrifices made for peace and freedom.

Parish Council Vacancy - Barlaston Park Ward: Are you passionate about your community? A casual vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council for Barlaston Park Ward, and we are looking for an engaged and enthusiastic resident to join us. This is a great opportunity to get involved in local decision-making and help shape the future of the parish.

If you're interested, please contact the Parish Clerk before 11th March for more details. We encourage potential candidates to attend the next Parish Council meeting on 11th March to see how we work and ask any questions. We'd love to hear from you!

Public Footpath Concerns: Concerns have been raised about the condition of the public footpath leading to the Downs. The Parish Clerk will be forwarding photos and a report to the County Council's Rights of Way department. In addition, Parish Councillors will be inspecting the footpaths to assess their condition and report any necessary improvements.

New Youth Forum: Cllr Lloyd is working on an initiative to engage local young people by forming a Youth Forum. This initiative aims to give young residents a voice in the community and provide a platform for their ideas and concerns. If you're interested in getting involved, we'd love to hear from you.

Downs Car Park/The Green: Residents will be pleased to hear that work has been completed at The Downs car park. Additionally, the blocked culvert has now been cleared, helping to improve drainage and reduce the risk of flooding. These maintenance works are part of ongoing efforts to keep our parish infrastructure in good condition. If you notice any issues around the village, please let us know!

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