

News from Gresford Community Council - July-August 2018

Gresford Community Council represents the communities of Gresford and Marford and works hard behind the scenes to make sure Gresford and Marford remain attractive, inclusive and safe places to live. Please find below an update on some of our most recent priorities.

Gresford Lake

An interpretive information board has been installed at the lake with information about the diverse range of flora, fauna and wildlife. Councillor Jenny Dutton led on this project with support from Sue Cleaver and Brian Formstone of IMAGE, and this utilised some of the bequest to the 'Friends of the lake' by Mrs Gwyneth Evans, for residents continued enjoyment of the lake. The lake clear-up will take place as usual in September as organised by Mrs Marion Williams. The Community Council will arrange for disposal of any rubbish collected by the clear up.

Replacement Footway lighting.

The Community Council is undertaking work leading to the replacement of all footway lighting with LED. Several columns that need replacing have been identified in a lighting condition survey carried out recently by WCBC. This will be carried out shortly. The Carbon Trust have identified that by replacing the street lighting with LED, there will be a 60% reduction in energy costs. They have also recommended the Council look to 'trim and dim' lighting in certain areas. This will save further costs. These cost savings will in turn pay back the costs of the lighting replacements. The Community Council is therefore considering a dimming programme for all footway lighting except for High Street, Pant Lane and Hillock Lane.

Telephone Kiosk

Work has now been completed to refurbish the telephone kiosk which we purchased from BT for a £1. Inside, it will house a local information board and a defibrillator. Sadly, someone saw fit to steal the defibrillator that was recently installed, but we are pleased to report it has now been found. This equipment is intended to help save lives and will be reinstalled shortly.

Inclusive Play at Allington Park

The Community Council is currently considering quotes received for the installation of an inclusive roundabout, which will be suitable for all abilities. Dependent on costs it is hoped to install one in both play areas. Due to a local development in Gresford, Allington Park will benefit from a payment received through 'local planning obligations'. It is hoped this will help meet some of the costs for this location, along with a grant received from Wrexham Council's Play Insufficiency project.

War memorial

The Community Council is working with the local British Legion aiming to install a Commemorative Memorial, at a site near the lake. This will coincide with the 100 years anniversary of the ending of World War One. We will be consulting with residents in due course. In the meantime, Councillor Beryl Blackmore is also applying for a grant to provide 'Silhouette soldiers' for the village. If the application is successful, these metal silhouettes will be available for use in clubs, schools, churches and other organisations who may have planned events to commemorate the sacrifices made by the armed forces.

Gresford Health Centre: The Council remains opposed to this proposal and information on the action we have taken can be found on the website and Notice Boards.

Please refer to minutes of meetings which are published on the website (www.gresford.org.uk), and the Noticeboards for more information on the work of the Council.

Have your say: - If you would like to comment on any of the items outlined above, please post a comment on our website: <http://www.gresford.org.uk/contact-us.html>, or contact the Clerk.

