

Chevron

The Jubilee - The weather might not have been all that we would have hoped for but it didn't dampen anyone's spirits over the Jubilee weekend. The Picnic in the Park was very wet but still well attended and good fun. The Lighting of the Beacon was a memorable event and the High Tea combined delicious food and wonderful company to make a really lovely afternoon. There were so many different events taking place in Clare as part of the celebrations, which have also included a stunning performance of the Hollow Crown, the planting of 100 trees, the establishment of a new Clare in Bloom planter and (still to come) the presentation of Jubilee mugs to the children at Clare Primary School and Clare Bears. Our thanks to all who helped to make this time memorable and enjoyable.

Town Council Committees - The Town Council recently reviewed its Committee structure to ensure that it was aligned as closely as possible with the aims and objectives of our four year development plan. This review concluded that the Environment, Finance and Highways Committees should remain largely unchanged, but with a specific remit about delivery of the development plan, and, in the case of Environment, the inclusion of an overview/liaison role for the Country Park once the transfer of ownership from Suffolk County Council has been settled. The major changes are to planning, with the creation of a formal Planning Committee, and the expansion of the Communications Committee into a Community Committee, reflecting our aspiration to facilitate greater community cohesion through events and activities involving as many community groups as possible.

Committees will generally meet monthly and their meeting dates are published on notice-boards and our website, as are minutes. Meetings are public and open to all residents in the Town to attend. We are also seeking to increase the number of lay members across our Committees, so if you have a particular area of interest or expertise and would like to get involved, please contact Claire Ebeling, on clerk@clare-uk.com

Country Park - We are very pleased to report that the maintenance of the green spaces is being undertaken by St Edmundsbury and a steady improvement in the look of the park has increased our enjoyment of it. We are hopeful that in the coming weeks we may be able to negotiate access to the Visitor Centre for some of our young people in Clare who have been very patient but are also very keen to re-establish the Youth Club. We are aware that the river levels have been very low recently and that this has caused much concern to residents of Clare and Stoke-by-Clare as well as visitors. We are encouraging the owner of the sluice gate in the park and the Environment Agency to resolve this issue as a matter of urgency.

As to discussions with SCC about the transfer of ownership of the park, SCC has now set out a timeline which means that no final decision will be made for some months yet. SCC is requiring interested parties to submit very detailed business plans which they will evaluate before entering into detailed negotiations and agreeing contracts. The Town Council will of course be submitting a comprehensive and persuasive business plan.

HGV Update - The Highways Committee continue to work with the HGV group to achieve a reduction in HGV movement through the town and discussions with relevant agencies and authorities continue. Bob Vergusson has established a petition which can be found in the local shops should you wish to add your name to it. Additionally, there are forms available in the library for parishioners to submit reports on HGV incidents to Suffolk CC - mounting pavements, causing damage etc.

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