

Rothley Parish Rothley Parish Council Council

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Who's who on Rothley Parish Council

Rothley Parish Councillors are as follows: -

**Percy Hartshorn, (Chair),
Roger Gross (Vice Chair)
Andy Brettle, Claire Cole, Mike Ferguson
Graham Hall, Steve Mitchell, Barry Simons
Doug Sutherland**

We are keen to have a full complement of councillors (currently 1 vacancy exist) and would welcome applications from any local resident who feels that they have the time to come and share their views on a wide range of local issues. The minimum commitment would be attending monthly meetings on the third Monday of each month for approximately an hour and a half.

Administration

Rothley Parish Council staff include: -

Parish Clerk	- Gail Newcombe
Deputy Clerk	- Pamela Campbell-Armstrong
Admin Assistant	- Bev Eldridge
Caretaker	- Jennifer Cornish
Caretaker	- Bernadeta Skubala

Parish Clerk

Following her appointment over 2 years ago Gail Newcombe, the Parish Clerk has been awarded "The Certificate in Local Council Administration" (CiLCA). This qualification, which has taken 6 months to achieve, provides a broad knowledge of all aspects of a clerk's work, roles and responsibilities, the law, procedures, finance and planning. Its awarding will ensure that the council is compliant in its activities and finances.



Plant donations



Cemetery plants

Local hardware store Corts have throughout the course of the spring and summer provided the Parish Council with a variety of plants to enhance the floral beds throughout the village. These have been planted up by a small team of volunteers at the entrance to the War Memorial, outside the entrance to the Parish Office, at the Library and at Cross Green flower beds. We would like to express our thanks to Jim and Sharon for these generous donations and to the team of voluntary gardeners.



Planters outside Rothley Centre

War Memorial Improvements

Following the cleaning of the War Memorial further improvements were made during the dry, hot spell of weather in late May when the whole of the wall surrounding the memorial was repointed using a lime mortar mix. This work, undertaken by a specialist memorial cleaning expert, was paid for using Harry Hames Charity Trust Funds.



The final parts of improvements to the war memorial have now been completed. In addition to the memorial being cleaned and lettering re-gilded, the granite sets has been repointed in order to stop the build-up of unsightly moss. The whole area now looks much smarter.



Caretaker's retirement

We wish Steve Tomlinson well in his retirement. He has served as caretaker for over ten years and left his post in early August. A presentation was made to him on behalf of the Parish Council and Rothley Centre users by Percy Hartshorn and a number of other parish councillors in recognition of Steve's services.

New Rothley Parish Council Notice Board in Woodgate



In order to inform the members of the public better the Parish Council has installed an additional notice board at the far end of Woodgate (opposite Bradley's).

This will make it more convenient for local residents as notices currently displayed outside the Rothley Centre will be on this notice board.

Any Rothley society or organisation can ask the staff in the parish office to display one of their notices IF THERE IS ROOM. There are 9 other notice boards in and around the village which are available for local groups to display their notices.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

As part of the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan for Rothley a questionnaire survey of the parish was undertaken in March. In total 485 completed responses were received, some in hard copy and some via the website. We are told by those who have experience of such surveys that this was a very good response rate. The results have now been analysed and a public feedback event will be organised soon. In the meantime here are a few highlights: -

- With respect to future housing development 93% of respondents were 'Concerned a lot' about the impact on the rural nature of the parish.
- When considering small sites to accommodate housing, 92% either 'Strongly Disagreed' (76%) or 'Disagreed' (16%) with building on greenfield sites.
- 68% of respondents considered car parking to be a problem in the parish.
- 97% of respondents felt that there should always be adequate provision of school places within the parish to accommodate children living in the parish.

Full details of the findings of the survey will be made available at the planned public feedback event so please watch out for publicity.