

# THE WALCOTE WORD

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## WE HAVE A CUNNING PLAN

Well almost...

Having concluded our own consultation, the Parish Council has submitted the draft Neighbourhood Plan to Harborough District Council who are now conducting their own consultation, so you still have a chance to have your say. It can be viewed at: <http://www.harborough.gov.uk/consultation> . The plan can also be viewed at HDC's offices in Market Harborough or at the library in Lutterworth, although access may be restricted for social distancing.

The consultation ends on 7 October 2020 and, once a final review has taken place it will go before an examiner to make sure it complies with all the rules and regs. The last stage is a referendum, hopefully in May 2021, when you can vote on it.

## A HARVEST GET TOGETHER

It seems a long time since the parish was able to come together but it's harvest time and St Leonard's Misterton is holding a combined communion and harvest service on Sunday 13 September at 11:00 am. No singing I'm afraid and some distancing with a one-way system in operation, but it gives us a chance to celebrate the bounty of our farms and gardens.

Afterward, instead of a Harvest Supper you are invited to a Harvest Picnic on the Franks Road playing field at 12:30 pm. Bring your own food, and if the weather looks threatening, maybe your own gazebo, although the Memorial Hall has a canopy and will erect the village gazebo for additional shelter. Due to Covid-19 restrictions there won't be the usual auction, but there will be a collection of food and funds for the Lutterworth Food Bank.

## WELCOME

Welcome to this edition of The Walcote Word, a quarterly newsletter sent out electronically by the Misterton with Walcote Parish Council. If you have any news or photos that would be of interest to others, want to help or just unsubscribe, please contact: [clerk@mistertonwithwalcote.org.uk](mailto:clerk@mistertonwithwalcote.org.uk) Hard copies will be placed on the Parish notice board and in the pub but if you know someone who can't access these or a computer, please let us know.

## A LITTLE EXTRA HELP NEEDED?

### THERE ARE LOCAL CHARITIES THAT MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST

#### Winter Fuel

If you have lived in the Parish for at least two consecutive years, are over 60 years of age and can demonstrate that you are experiencing financial hardship, then the Misterton Charities can help with a grant towards the cost of winter fuel. The deadline for applications is 31 October 2020. Please contact the Clerk to the Misterton Charities, Terry Hueck, by email [clerkmistertoncharities@gmail.com](mailto:clerkmistertoncharities@gmail.com) or phone on 07762 611507.

#### Student? Apprentice? In financial need due to special circumstances?

The Misterton Charities can help with funds towards the cost of books and equipment for further education. The Charities can also lend a hand towards the cost of such things as medical or surgical aids and travelling expenses for medical appointments or visiting a close relative. If you've lived in the Parish for a minimum of 2 consecutive years and can demonstrate in writing the nature of the need, then please contact the Clerk, Terry Hueck, (details above). Applications can be made at any time. Receipts may be necessary.

## AND NOW SOME UPDATES:

#### Speed Cameras

The decision on their retention has been delayed from LCC's June Cabinet meeting until the Autumn. We don't know the exact date. We have urged LCC to retain them and, perhaps, the erection of an additional camera at the East end of the village is a good sign. We hope so.

#### The Memorial Hall

The opening of the Hall is being reviewed on 7 September 2020 and, following Government guidelines, the Trust is hoping to re-open the Hall by the end of September.

#### Lutterworth East

The outline application for the proposed development at Lutterworth, and the full application for the "spine" road, was approved by 5 votes to 4 on 29 July 2020, although confusingly HDC's website still says that the decision is pending.

#### Next PC meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 10 September 2020 at 8:00 pm. It will be held "virtually" on Zoom, but you can still join in. Details and a link to the meeting will be published on the Parish Council website: <https://www.mistertonwithwalcote.org.uk/>