

Catworth Parish Council

Our newly established **Footpath Working Party** have already been busy this year and have undertaken 5 walks, checks, bramble trimming (& litter-picking!), whilst having a good chat along the way. We have covered most of our FP network across the parish and we will continue doing this work on a rolling basis ready for you all to enjoy your own country rambles over the warmer months. When out walking please do ensure that you keep to the paths which farmers have clearly marked out and follow the Countryside Code. To join one of our working parties (we have 20 members so far, more are always welcome) or if you notice any damaged structures or overgrowth which needs trimming over the summer please email me on lesley.brazel@catworthparishcouncil.gov.uk or you can contact me via FaceBook Messenger.

We are posting regular news reports about events relevant to our community on the **local FaceBook page** Catworth & Surrounding Villages, if you don't already follow this Page please do consider doing so as it is a very useful local resource for everyone to use.

Apart from this "fun" stuff the Council does of course undertake **more serious business**. We manage the streetlights and grass cutting of public areas in the village, review planning applications, sponsor road safety measures, raise awareness of issues such as litter and dog poo by organising litter picks, liaise with both Huntingdonshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council about the services they deliver within our parish, and we support local events and initiatives. Although as parish councillors, we give up our time free of charge, many of these activities can be costly for which we receive a precept from yourselves. With rising costs we have strived to keep this to a minimum, but you will see a small increase this year of 4% in order to ensure we can continue to serve the community to our best abilities.

We have just one **Council vacancy** left, so now's your opportunity to join us. Full details are available on our website and on the village noticeboard, if interested please email the Parish Clerk: clerk@catworthparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Our next monthly **council meeting** will be held on Wednesday 12th April at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, as always all parishioners are invited to attend when you can make comments or ask questions of the Council. The agenda is

displayed beforehand on the village noticeboard and on our website, for full details please visit <https://catworthparishcouncil.gov.uk>.

Lesley Brazel, Parish Councillor, 15/3/23