

Year at a Glance

Last May's local elections brought changes. Nip Martin retired as District Councillor. Being an active District Councillor is very demanding of time. Nip gave excellent service for many years and we wish him well in his retirement. Nip was replaced by Annette Simpson and we are delighted by her support for Everton and her interest in rural issues. Unfortunately only eight people stood for election to the parish council. More need to stand at the next election. Jenny Marsh decided not to stand, but we keep representation from all parts of the village with Lynne Ferrar now representing Harwell. We lost a valued friend and past councillor, Bob Troop, who sadly died last year. We plan to plant a tree in the recreation ground in Bob's memory.

Good news came in May, when Everton, along with Gringley and Misterton, became the first parishes in Bassetlaw to achieve Quality Accreditation, after three years of hard work, mainly by the Clerk. We followed this by winning Category C of the Best Kept Village Competition. We were delighted when we added the Wilko Best of Notts title. This was a stunning achievement and a credit to everyone who made an effort. We got great support from the County and District Councils.

We expect strong competition this year. Our success will depend on the support we get from villagers. Judging takes place in June with a second round in July/August. The judges look for a clean and tidy village, free of litter, dog dirt, fly notices, weed infested pavements, untidy gardens etc. This year we'll have the added help of Mr. Geoff Nelson, who is carrying out our voluntary litter picking, thus supplementing the efforts of the schoolchildren and the Brownies.

Our other big success of the year was in finally securing installation of the second interactive sign on the A631. This road creates many problems for the village but the Parish Council continues to press the County Council for action, and has achieved some improvements.

Parish Councillors recently met with a County Council officer, to discuss issues including safety problems

caused by on-street parking outside the school and on High Street. The dialogue continues. We've tried to get a 20 mph speed limit in the village, but the County Council won't consider this until they get the results of a three-year trial of 20mph limits that they're doing elsewhere in Nottinghamshire.

Plans have been submitted by Lafarge to develop sand and gravel quarries at Sturton-le-Steeple. We raised concerns about the extra traffic this could cause on the A631 when the County Mineral Plan was being drawn up five years ago. We've again lodged strong objections to the transportation of quarried goods by road and have argued for use of rail and river. Thanks are due to Sue Hughes and Councillor Annette Simpson for their help in this matter. County Council officials are currently talking to Lafarge about transport.

Tunneltech has recently submitted a planning application, which has the primary aim of reducing smell nuisance. However, they're also proposing to expand their facilities to increase production. We've responded saying that, whilst we don't object, we want a condition prohibiting increased production until the smell is diminished.

The County Council has decided to close Daneshill Household Waste and Recycling Centre on 31st March 2009. We've protested and requested attendance at a public meeting. National guidelines require us to have a waste and recycling facility within five miles of our homes. The main thrust of our complaint is that Retford is more than five miles from Everton and the change would inconvenience us.

The airport has recently consulted on an Airspace Change Proposal, which is intended to put the airport in controlled air space and to improve air safety. We're happy with that proposal although we're shortly going to consider the impact the airport is having on Everton.

A housing needs survey was carried out with the help of the Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council who've produced the draft report.

Possible merger of small village charities was discussed at the last annual meeting. The Parish

Council is currently working towards having trusteeship transferred to it. The cemetery remains in excellent condition and the contractors continue to do an excellent job. We do suffer problems with loosened gravestones, and are taking action to get them made secure.

Our precept (local council tax) has risen from £9000 to £9300 mostly as a result of inflation.

We feel that it's been a successful year. We're not yet sure what advantages our Quality status will bring to us. The County Council is looking to see if they can provide better service and perhaps a little extra funding. It seems to be a step in the right direction. The Local Government Bill currently going through Parliament could bring big changes in the immediate future. Consultation on this and other issues continues with new documents out for consideration nearly every week.

We're fortunate that we have a well-qualified and dedicated Clerk in David Wright. We need to thank David for all his knowledge and hard work on our behalf.

All the councillors should be thanked for their work. Attendance at meetings is good. Councillors represent Everton on outside committees, and they do physical work around the village.

Many parishioners play an active part in keeping Everton running. The Parish Council gives some money to support 'Heds Together', now in its nineteenth year. It performs a valuable role and we thank the whole Heds team for the part they play and especially Ann Hickman and Tony Connold who do so much else in the village as well. We're glad to offer some financial support to the Metcalfe Management Committee. Thanks go to the Groundsman, Richard Scott, Mick Boulby, Chris Hickman and others for all their work in maintaining the hall and field.

Everton would not be the pleasant place it is without the contribution of so many of its residents. Thank you all and keep up the good work!

Summary of the Accounts

The Parish Council began the year with an opening balance of £6,541.73 and ended it with a closing balance of £8,251.47. Details of receipts and payments are shown below.

The main source of income was the precept, which is the local charge on the Council Tax. Other sources of income included rent for Parish lands, Parish Paths Partnership grant paid by Nottinghamshire County Council, a housing needs survey grant paid by North East Bassetlaw Forum, grants from Bassetlaw District Council in the form of Cemetery grant, concurrent grant and street cleaning grant, and, last but not least, Best Kept Village Competition winnings.

The Parish Council continued to make donations to HEDS Together, the Metcalfe Recreation Committee (support for the Playing Field and Village Hall) and the local first responder teams. A donation was made to 1st Mattersey Guides for the first time, and a one-off donation towards necessary improvements at Misterton Primary School swimming pool, which is used by Everton schoolchildren. Street Cleaning Grant was distributed to Holy Trinity Church (bus shelter cleaning) and the School and Brownies who help to keep the Parish clean and tidy.

Our other main service costs related to rights of way maintenance, upkeep of the Cemetery, the housing needs survey and Neighbourhood Watch.

Receipts

Annual Precept	9,000.00
Bassetlaw Annual Grants	1,469.00
Parish Paths Partnership Grant	1,312.13
Housing Needs Survey Grant	1,000.00
Parish Lands Rent	1,633.00
Best Kept Village Competition	1,125.00
Interest on Investments	74.89
Insurance Refund	44.68
Electricity Wayleaves	12.05
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	15,670.75

Payments

Parochial Christmas Party	80.00
Amenity Expenses	800.00
Payroll	3,760.75
Administrative Expenses	2,851.95
HEDS Together	325.00
Misterton Swimming Pool	300.00
Community First Responders	200.00
1st Mattersey Guides	75.00
Village Hall	650.00
Joint Burial Committee	2,113.00
Housing Needs Survey	1,000.00
Parish Paths Partnership	714.34
Street Cleaning	547.00
Neighbourhood Watch	227.50
VAT on Payments	316.47
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