

EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2010

People

Well, another Parish Council election, with eight candidates for the nine seats, so we need to co-opt a ninth member.

Three former members decided not to stand for election this time, being Barbara de Bel, Lynne Ferrar and Krystyna Martin. We express appreciation to them for their excellent and dedicated service to the local community, and wish them well for the future.

The two new members joining us are Richard Evers and Kevin Scott. We offer them a warm welcome.

Quality Councils

Everton Parish Council was co-first in Bassetlaw to be awarded Quality Accreditation in 2006. Our four-year term is now up, and we've decided to apply for re-accreditation.

Having a Quality Council sends a message to residents that local corporate governance is of the highest order. And there are other benefits too, such as quarterly newsletters, annual report, information leaflets, etc. One particularly tangible benefit last year was an award of a Local Community Empowerment Grant of £500 to Cheeky Monkeys by Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils, acting as intermediary for Nottinghamshire County Council. Such grants were only available to Quality Councils.

Street Furniture

We've recently worked in partnership with the District Council, who've replaced a considerable number of old street nameplates and introduced some new ones as well.

The County Council, under its Local Improvement Scheme, has offered all parish councils the choice of a notice board or public seat, so we've requested a notice board to replace the one at Carr View.

We mentioned in our last newsletter the possibility of acquiring some new dog waste bins. Well, we successfully applied for the cost of three from the District Council's new Parish Grant. We'll install them when we've decided on suitable locations.

Best Kept Village Competition

We began our Spring 2009 newsletter by saying, "Unfortunately, we've gone downhill in the estimation of the judges since our glittering Best of Notts success in 2006, with a third place in 2007 and not even a short listing last year. Still, we're going to enter Everton again this year, and are looking to everyone in the village to help. Does anyone think we should enter Harwell for the first time since 2005?"

Result: another glittering success for Everton village, but no response, and so no entry by Harwell.

So here we go again with an entry from Everton, but no word from Harwell.

Generally speaking, there are three elements which the judges will be looking at:

Domestic

Homes, gardens, gates, fences, outbuildings, hedges, verges, etc.

Community Facilities

Bus shelters, bus stops, litter bins, public seats, telephone kiosks, playing fields, green spaces, natural features, village halls, churches and churchyards, notice boards and advertisements, public footpaths, roads, etc.

Commercial

Shops, public houses, farm buildings, farmyards, etc.

There are also usually bonus marks for Special Community Effort.

The main thing the judges will be looking for is a clean and tidy village, free of litter, dog dirt, weed-infested pavements, untidy gardens, etc. We're hoping that individuals and organizations' will help us to do well and win prizes.

Old Mattersey Road

Our longstanding application for a public footpath creation order on Old Mattersey Road was considered by the County Council Rights of Way Committee on 21st April, 2010. The Definitive Map Officer recommended approval, but his recommendation was not approved. The landowner, who had objected to the application, has, however, indicated that he had no intention of stopping people using the route on a permissive basis.

The problem is that, if the land is ever sold, permission to use the route could be withdrawn by the new landowner.

This is a most unfortunate outcome, and will be a disappointment to residents of both Everton and Mattersey. The Definitive Map Officer advised that the need for a path had been demonstrated, and the path would add to the enjoyment of a substantial section of the public. However, the Committee disagreed, and didn't think that there was sufficient need. One of the things that may have influenced the Committee was the presence of the footway alongside the new Mattersey Road. Consideration was also given to the effect of creation of a footpath on the rights of the landowner.

Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in the summer, but it's always easy to contact us. You can use the contact details below, and we have a 15-minute public discussion period at the start of Parish Council meetings. We try to keep everyone up-to-date with significant developments using HEDS Together. You can also read minutes of meetings, etc. on our web site: www.evertonvillage.org.uk

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