

EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2010

Quality Councils

Everton Parish Council was co-first in Bassetlaw to be awarded Quality Accreditation in 2006. We're delighted to announce that we're the first Quality Council in Bassetlaw to be reaccredited - for a further four years.

In order to secure continued accreditation, we had to fulfil many requirements, including:

- At least 80% of the members were elected (albeit unopposed) at the May elections.
- Having a qualified Clerk to the Council
- Compliance with 7 criteria relating to Council meetings
- Compliance with 5 mandatory criteria and a minimum of 9 discretionary criteria relating to communications, e.g. newsletter, website, liaison with the media and principal councils, etc.
- Compliance with 6 criteria relating to the publication of an annual report
- An unqualified opinion from the external auditor regarding our statement of accounts, plus other related requirements
- Adoption of a Code of Conduct
- Promotion of local democracy and citizenship in various ways
- Adoption of national terms and conditions of service for the Clerk to the Council, plus other related requirements

- Fulfilment of training criteria for both members and the Clerk to the Council

Some of these requirements were new, and didn't apply in 2006.

There are only four Quality Councils in Bassetlaw: Everton, Gringley on the Hill, Misterton and Ranskill; shortly to become three, as Misterton has decided not to apply for reaccreditation.

Speeding Tractors

We're concerned about tractors travelling too fast along the narrow lanes around Everton – particularly Roe Lane. It would be appreciated if the word could be got round that tractors should slow down in the interests of road safety.

Everton Conservation Area

Bassetlaw District Council has recently extended the Everton Conservation Area. Some people may not be aware that the planning status of their homes has changed. A leaflet will be delivered to every household shortly, but, in summary, the main effect of conservation area status is that there are stricter controls over demolition, quality of new development, and works to trees. These controls are not intended as a hindrance to change, but as positive management to safeguard the character of an area as a whole. With all proposals for development in conservation areas, greater care is necessary to ensure that schemes conserve and sustain the area's special character. Design is of particular importance in this respect.

If a building is in a designated conservation area, householders will need to apply for Conservation Area Consent to do various things that didn't need permission previously. Please contact the Conservation Officer on 01909 533533 for further information.

We've put a map of the new boundary and other information on the notice boards.

Synopsis of the Annual Report

As a Quality Council, we're required to publish a synopsis of the annual report, including a brief summary of the accounts, in one of our newsletters. The annual report included reference to the following:

People and their achievements
Best Kept Village Competition
Surface water drainage
New public seating
New notice board
Dog fouling
Flooding
Everton's Green Fayre
Affordable housing
Planning issues
Tunneltech North
Council Tax
Local health services
Crime and policing
Cemetery matters
Support for local organisations
Quality accreditation
The role of the Parish Council generally

Summary of the Accounts

We began the year with a balance of £9,637 and ended it with a closing balance of £8,954. The closing balance included an earmarked reserve of £3,634 Parish Paths Partnership grant. Income during the year came to £15,667 and expenditure to £16,350. Total fixed assets amounted to £49,691.

Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in the autumn, 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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