

Everton Parish Council

Newsletter - January 2005

Councillors' Surgeries

We've been running bi-monthly Councillors' surgeries on Saturday mornings for a year now, and yet we've only had one visitor - presumably everyone's happy? Some might say surgeries are a waste of time, but the thing is that we've got to run them as part of a package of measures necessary to get us Quality accreditation next year. We want accreditation because it's the best way of trying to secure parish government in Everton. With over 10,000 parish councils in England and Wales, it's a certainty that the Government will soon wish to see if changes can be made.

Remember, if you've any complaint, suggestion or observation about Everton or local services, then come along to a surgery. They're always advertised in HEDS Together and on the Village Hall notice board. The next one is on Saturday 19th March at the usual time of 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

Parish Plan

The Parish Plan Working Party is now up and running, under the chairmanship of David Bardsley. A wide range of matters are being worked on, and achievements to date include:

- A631 improvements - publication of achievements in HEDS Together
- "Crime Evening" - held, with various suggestions being passed through to the Parish Council
- Broadband - available locally from 19th Jan.
- Spanish Class - commenced at the Everton Primary School
- YHEDS Newsletter - launched and ongoing
- Street Lighting - additional lighting at Carr View promised
- Dog Fouling Signs - provided throughout the Parish
- Dog Waste Bin - being provided on Pinfold Lane for use by dog walkers - to be kindly emptied by local residents

A special mention needs to be made about the possibility of having a community shop in Everton. A presentation was recently given to the Parish Council by Mr. Chris Fitzpatrick, Rural Retail Officer at Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council. The next

step will be a visit to an existing community shop - probably in Derbyshire. A community shop is a possibility, but would require a firm, longstanding voluntary commitment. Watch this space.

Rights of Way

The old road from Eel Pool Road to Mattersey was stopped-up by the County Council some years ago. Unfortunately, the County Council failed to create a public footpath along the route at the time, although it had intended to do so. The Parish Council, supported by Mattersey Parish Council, has now begun the process of seeking a public footpath creation order in order to legally re-establish this well-used and much-needed right of way.

A631

Although we've achieved a lot insofar as road safety is concerned, we're still waiting for certain things. Firstly, the beacon has not yet been provided on the pedestrian refuge at the Sun Inn crossroads. Secondly, we're pressing for the provision of permanent interactive signs this year. The County Council has recently agreed to replace the faulty cats eyes on the Scaftworth bypass.

High Street

Parked vehicles near the junction of High Street with the A631 continue to make passage along High Street difficult, especially for large vehicles. We continue to press the County Council to introduce double yellow lines. The scheme is being considered, but we're told that it will have to take its place in a long queue of similar schemes throughout north Nottinghamshire.

Tunnel Tech

This issue rumbles on with odour nuisance still a problem. New Government guidelines have recently been published, and liaison meetings continue. Nothing positive to report at this stage though.

Five Villages Responders

The Parish Council, along with other local parish councils, is now financially assisting the Five Villages Responders, who work with the emergency services to provide an emergency medical response service.

Land for Sale at Broomfield Lane

A USA web site: www.buyengland.com is advertising 142 dwelling plots for sale on Broomfield Lane, most of which the web site tells us are now sold. There is

no planning permission in place for this development, and Bassetlaw District Council has recently taken the step of issuing a Direction to remove permitted development rights at this site, the effect of which will be to prevent the site being divided up with pegs, stakes, fences, etc., or the creation of hardstandings.

Planning

As ever, Planning takes up a large amount of time at the Parish Council. We continue to be particularly concerned over the need to preserve the rural nature of Harwell as a hamlet.

Nottinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition

Remember, we've entered Everton and Harwell in this competition, and we're relying on everyone to do their bit. Barbara de Bel and John Dunn are co-ordinating the Everton entry and Jennifer Marsh is doing the same for Harwell.

Clerk of the Year Competition

Finally, as already mentioned in HEDS Together, Clerk to the Council, David Wright, has been awarded the runner-up prize in the national Clerk of the Year Competition, after being jointly nominated by Everton, Gringley on the Hill and Misterton Parish Councils.

Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in April, but don't forget our bi-monthly surgeries. You can also use the contact details below if necessary. 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.fsnet.co.uk

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