

Everton Parish Council Newsletter - Autumn 2005

As well as publishing the annual report by 30th June each year, we're also required to publish a synopsis of the annual report and a brief summary of the accounts in one of our newsletters. We decided last year that we'd use the autumn edition for this purpose.

Synopsis of the Annual Report

The annual report included reference to the following:

- highway issues – particularly developments relating to road safety on the A631 and Mattersey Road
- motorcycle nuisance at Harwell
- smell nuisance from Tunnel Tech
- dog fouling
- scrutiny of planning applications
- registration of parish land
- Barrow Hills SSSI and Pusto Hill
- Quality Council status
- Parish Paths Partnership
- Cemetery

Summary of the Accounts

We began the year with a balance of £5,082 and ended it with a closing balance of £4,834. The closing balance included an earmarked reserve of £542 Parish Paths Partnership grant. Income during the year came to £14,252 and expenditure to £14,500.

Total fixed assets amounted to £47,911.

Website and email address

Please note that we have new website and email addresses. The website is being managed for us by BCVS, and its address is www.evertonvillage.org.uk

Email address is theclerk@evertonvillage.org.uk

People

We're sad to report that Bob Troop has resigned from the Parish Council because of health problems. His services to the Parish Council, Joint Burial Committee and the community generally are greatly appreciated. We wish him and Val the very best for the future.

A631

The County Council has recently erected the replacement bus shelter near the Harwell Road junction, and very nice it is too.

We're making a bid to the County Council under its Building Better Communities scheme for lighting at the Harwell Road junction.

High Street

Because of our concerns for road safety at the southern end of High Street, we're making a further bid under the Building Better Communities scheme for pavement widening and an associated traffic priority scheme.

Rights of Way

We're sorry to report that a large, five bar timber gate has been stolen from Polly Bell Bank. The gate was a replacement for a gate stolen from the same location a couple of years ago. Each time this happens it costs the local taxpayers several hundred pounds. We're hoping that the police will apprehend the culprit before we replace the gate.

Cemetery

We're to hold a civic service in the Cemetery at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 13th November, 2005, to mark the 60th anniversary of the ending of World War II. The brief service will include a two-minute silence and the laying of a wreath at the war memorial by the Chairman.

Residents and village organisations are invited to participate and to lay wreaths if they wish. Please arrive by 10.50 a.m. at the latest.

One negative comment regarding the Cemetery. Last year we had a problem with someone depositing used nappies in the flower bins. We solved that one, but we've now got someone dumping bags of garden refuse in the bins.

Planning

We're still locked in correspondence with Bassetlaw District Council about recent planning decisions at Harwell, but it's very difficult to enter into a meaningful dialogue with them. We've written to the Chief Executive telling him we've no confidence in the Bassetlaw planning process. Because we know that other parish councils experience similar difficulties, we've asked North East Bassetlaw Forum to consider the matter.

Best Kept Village Competition

Unfortunately, neither Everton nor Harwell made it into the final round of the competition despite a lot of people putting in a lot of hard work. However, it's great to report that Everton has been awarded a certificate of merit in respect of the Metcalfe Recreation Ground – congratulations to all involved - only three certificates were awarded in the whole county. The presentation will be made at the AGM of Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils at Southwell in November.

As regards the main competition, we'll learn from the experience, and we're talking to the organisers about what we need to do to improve next year. One thing they've already suggested is that Everton goes it alone, without Drakeholes (part), in order to drop Everton into the 300 – 700 population category, making it easier to judge us against similar sized villages. We've agreed to do this. Harwell remains in the up to 300 category.

The intriguing thing about Everton being in the 300 to 700 category is that we will be up against the new local superstars just up the road, Gringley on the Hill, who not only won the 300 to 700 award this year, but also won the best new entrant award for the whole county. Furthermore, they've a chance of winning the Best of Notts award as well. Our two Parish Councils share a Clerk, David Wright, and so next year he'll be working hard to help Gringley retain their title whilst fighting for Everton to relieve them of it! Confusing?

Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in the winter, but don't forget our bi-monthly Saturday surgeries at the Village Hall (the next two are on 19th November and 21st January from 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.), or our 15-minute public discussion period at the start of Parish Council meetings. 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.org.uk

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