

## Everton Parish Council Newsletter Autumn 2006

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.

### Synopsis of the Annual Report

The annual report included reference to the following:

- Quality Parish Council accreditation
- village website
- Best Kept Village Competition
- provision of two dog waste bins at Harwell
- odour nuisance from Tunnel Tech North Ltd.
- low flying aircraft
- planning issues
- various highway matters
- Cemetery
- Council Tax

### Summary of the Accounts

We began the year with a balance of £4,834 and ended it with a closing balance of £6,541. The closing balance included an earmarked reserve of £1,208 Parish Paths Partnership grant. Income during the year came to £13,623 and expenditure to £11,916.

Total fixed assets amounted to £48,551.

### Best Kept Village Competition

Most people will be aware that Everton is the winner in Category C – population 300 to 700. We now have a chance of winning the Wilko Best of Notts Award, to be announced on 16th November.

Credit is due to everyone who did their bit - a stunning achievement at only our second attempt! The winner's post and sign has been brought from Gringley to Everton by Retford Young Farmers, and positioned at the junction of High Street and Carr View for the next 12 months and hopefully longer. There will be an unveiling ceremony at noon on Saturday 4th November, followed by a limited buffet in the Blacksmiths Arms – provided at cost as a community gesture by Debbie

Anderson – thanks Debbie. Please come along and give the village a cheer and join us at the Blacksmiths Arms while the food lasts!

Regular winner, Oxton, was runner-up for the second year running, and so will be trying even harder to regain its crown next year, as of course will last year's champions, Gringley!

### Aircraft Overflying Everton

Councillor Chris Stringer, of Misson Parish Council, and the North East Bassetlaw Forum representative on the Robin Hood Airport Community Sub-Committee, attended our October meeting to give advice on the current situation regarding flights from the airport affecting Everton. He gave a very interesting presentation, during which he made the following main points:

- The airport is not currently in controlled air space, but could be eventually.
- Evidence obtained locally indicates that aircraft taking off in an easterly direction are tending to fly mainly over Everton. Time and fuel conservation are issues for pilots.
- The airport does not have the authority to instruct pilots where precisely to fly, although written guidance is published which unfortunately does not mention Everton as a settlement to avoid overflying.
- He believed that people had been misled when told previously that aircraft taking off in an easterly direction would fly between Everton and Mattersey.
- The airport has planning permission to operate 24 hours a day, although training flights are not permitted after 9.00 p.m.
- Local pressure should begin to be applied in order to influence the airport over control of air traffic movement, to avoid overflying Everton

Councillor Stringer agreed to prepare a bullet point action plan for consideration by the Parish Council, although it would take a few weeks to carry out the necessary research.

### Street Cleaning

We're having no success in finding someone to litter pick Mattersey Road and the A631 through Everton. Because of this, we may find it necessary to relinquish the street cleaning grant that we receive annually from the District Council.

### Road Safety

We continue to be concerned about the parking situation on High Street, near its junction with the A631, and have asked the Police to keep an eye on the situation. We're also concerned about recent accidents at the junction of Chapel Lane and the A631, and have asked the County Council whether school signage can be provided. We're still awaiting installation of the second interactive sign on the A631.

### Dog Waste Bins

We've now got a second dog waste bin in Harwell – kindly emptied by local residents. If residents in any other areas of the Parish are willing to do likewise, we're prepared to consider provision of more bins.

### Horse Racing

Clerk to the Council, David Wright, has recently completed a longstanding ambition to visit every one of the 60 racecourses in Great Britain. He started at Market Rasen in 1971 and finished at Epsom this August Bank Holiday Monday. Could this be another first for a parish council in Bassetlaw – or England?

David nominates Goodwood as the finest racecourse for all-round excellence, but says that, for a day's jumps racing, it's hard to beat local track, Market Rasen.

### Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in the winter, 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](http://www.evertonvillage.org.uk)

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