

EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2009

Affordable Housing

Thanks to continued pressure from the Parish Council, with continued support from North East Bassetlaw Forum, the District Council, after originally rejecting our case for a small development of affordable housing, have reviewed their case and there is no a possibility of going ahead with this. There are still significant challenges to overcome, but this is now back on our agenda.

Road Safety

Following representations to the County Council about the hazardous situation at the junction of Chapel Lane and Ferry Lane, a give way triangle is to be provided within the next few months.

Street Cleaning

We would like to thank the District Council for all the help it's given us this year in keeping the streets clean. The recent response to the problem of soggy, crushed conkers on Chapel Lane was swift – the mechanical sweeper arrived the day the problem was reported.

Dog Fouling

This seems to be worsening again, so we've asked the District Council to renew the dog fouling notices throughout the Parish.

Waste Disposal

Our new County Councillor, Liz Yates, is continuing to press the County Council over the inadequacies of the household waste and recycling centre at Retford. The County Council tells us that the problem is being examined, but the wheels turn slowly.

Our District Councillor, Annette Simpson, looked into the possibility of having the District Council's bulk refuse collection scheme extended to cover Everton, but without success.

The main problem we're facing throughout local government is that of big cutbacks. Sums in the order of 20% are being talked about, so the possibility of extending service provision is probably remote.

Best Kept Village Competition

The Category C winner's sign has been installed at Carr View, and will remain there for a year, or hopefully longer!

Everton's Green Fayre

You can read all about this initiative in HEDS Together. Please try to visit the Fayre at the Village Hall on Saturday 28th November – any time between 10 am and 2.30 pm. Remember – this isn't just about being environmentally friendly – it's about saving money in the process!

Swine Flu

In the event of swine flu affecting Everton, twelve residents have volunteered to help with our Parish Emergency Plan by assisting other residents in contacting flu lines, collecting medicines, etc.

Local Health Services

We're talking to Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust about the possibility of bringing certain local health services into Everton. One possibility is a vaccination session for the childhood programme if parents with young children have transport difficulties in attending the doctors' practices. Another possibility is health checks for the over 60s.

Tunneltech North

We're fully aware that the stink is as bad as ever. There's been investment at the plant recently, but unfortunately it isn't working as intended. We understand that Tunneltech have consultants on site working on the problem. We're in regular dialogue with Bassetlaw Environmental Health Department over the need to resolve the problem. Hopefully it will soon be fixed.

Bassetlaw Local Development Framework

The District Council is now consulting the public regarding this important issue, which will set the planning scene for many years to come. As a parish council we're in dialogue with the District Council in order to ensure that an acceptable framework is established for the Parish.

New Benches

We've provided benches at Pusto Woods, Harwell Woods and the riverbank overlooking Misson, using a grant from the County Council's Building Better Communities fund.

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
- Annual Litter Pick
- Village entrance signs
- Bottle Bank
- Park and Stride
- Flooding
- Harwell Woods
- Affordable Housing
- Planning issues
- Tunneltech North
- Council Tax
- Grant for Cheeky Monkeys
- Cemetery matters

Summary of the Accounts

We began the year with a balance of £7,832 and ended it with a closing balance of £9,637. The closing balance included an earmarked reserve of £3,634.78 Parish Paths Partnership grant. Income during the year came to £15,618 and expenditure to £13,813.

Total fixed assets amounted to £49,691.

Our auditors have asked that, unlike previous years when our assets have been shown in the accounts inflated to take into account insurance revaluations, in future years assets be shown at cost value and maintained in the accounts at those valuations.

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

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