

## EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SPRING 2008

### Parish Plan

Following a response from Everton Primary School to the Parish Council's request for updates to the Parish Plan, a very positive open meeting took place on 28th February, with over 30 people present.

The focus of presentations was modern thinking about the future of schools, bringing these closer to community activities. The vision for Everton Primary School was of the school and the community working together and exploiting synergies to build a sustainable future, e.g. by making better use of shared facilities.

There was unanimous agreement to moving the vision forward, by following previous structures to progress the Parish Plan, and it was agreed to establish a working group.

Some individuals were nominated, and stakeholder organisations agreed to nominate other representatives to attend an initial meeting - subsequently arranged for 15th April. A report will be given in HEDS Together.

Notes of the 28th February meeting can be found on the news page of the village website: [www.evertonvillage.org.uk](http://www.evertonvillage.org.uk).

### Community Speedwatch

We've written to the Chief Constable, asking that Nottinghamshire Police provide personal accident insurance cover for volunteers. We're awaiting a response, but until such time as cover is provided, we're unable to promote Community Speedwatch in Everton.

### Affordable Housing in Everton

We've finalised a Housing Needs Survey report and discussed it with Bassetlaw District Council Housing Department, who agree with us that there's a need for a small development of affordable housing in Everton. We envisage a

development of four or five 2/3-bedroom dwellings, on a rented and/or shared purchase basis.

Bassetlaw's Head of Community Prosperity advises that the District Council would consider a planning application for affordable housing within or adjacent to the village envelope. He suggests that a potential site be identified and discussed with Planning.

We've established a small working group, and our first step is to meet Acis Group (a Gainsborough-based housing association) and Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire (RCAN) with a view to site identification. Acis have experience of working in partnership with parish councils in this area to provide affordable housing, and RCAN is the organisation that carried out our housing needs survey. Updates will follow.

### Best Kept Village Competition

We're pleased to announce that Everton Nurseries have kindly sponsored provision of plants and County Councillor Bullivant has sponsored provision of the surrounds for the new flowerbed at Carr View. Hopefully this will improve our chances in the Best Kept Village Competition.

### Highway Matters

- After an initial hiccup involving a plan by the County Council to carry out pavement improvements on the west side of High Street, we persuaded them to change their minds, with the result that much-needed works have been carried out on the east side of High Street.
- The County Council has responded to our request for attention to Long Meadows by ordering pothole repairs. Consideration will also be given to resurfacing in 2008-09.

- We're working with the school to try to get a safe crossing point on Chapel Lane.
- We've asked the County Council to look at the practicality of providing a cycle track when the planned footpath reinstatement works are carried out on the A631.
- We asked the County Council to lay kerbing on Everton Sluice Lane, between Roe Lane and Northfield Farmstead, in order to protect the grass verge from damage by parked vehicles. Unfortunately there isn't any finance available at the moment.

### Residential Care for Older People

We lobbied hard to save St. Michael's View home in Retford, during the County Council's recent consultation exercise. We're pleased to announce that the original proposal for early closure has been dropped, and a further review of the Retford area is to take place during which St. Michael's View will remain open.

### Planning

We did our best to support Everton Nurseries' bid to provide a general store, etc., but unfortunately the Inspector dismissed the appeal.

### Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in the summer, 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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