

EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER WINTER 2008-09

Conservation Area

We provided details in our last newsletter of protected trees in the village. That prompted some residents to ask for details of the conservation area. We are, therefore, enclosing a map with this newsletter, showing the conservation area.

For those who didn't read the last newsletter, anyone proposing to cut down, top or lop a tree in the conservation area is required to give the District Council six weeks' notice, in order to give it the opportunity to consider whether a tree preservation order should be made.

Furthermore, whether a tree is in the conservation area or not, the consent of the District Council is required to cut down, top, or lop, a tree which is protected by a tree preservation order. The principal exception to this is where a tree is dying, dead or dangerous, in which case notice should be given to the District Council before carrying out the work.

The conservation area is not just about trees, though, so anyone thinking of carrying out work to a property within the conservation area needs to talk to the District Council Planning Department about the special rules which apply to conservation areas.

Affordable housing

We're continuing to work with local housing provider ACIS to identify a possible site for a small development (about five units) of affordable housing in the village.

Flooding

Mr. Ian Davies, an engineer at the District Council, attended our December meeting to discuss current arrangements for identifying and addressing flooding issues. He explained the historical background to the matter, and recent improvements with regard to co-ordination, information, resources, responsibility and response. He intends to address all flooding issues affecting the Parish, no matter what the source of the problem. The District Council now has a Local Command and Control Centre, and a multi-agency Bassetlaw Drainage Co-ordination Board has been established.

Mr. Davies is keen to work with the Parish Council to identify flooding problems, and has already begun work by touring the village with us in early January. We should stress, however, that curing all flooding problems is a different matter to identifying them

Cheeky Monkeys

As a Quality Council, we're entitled to consideration for a grant of up to £500 from the County Council's Local Community Empowerment Awards Fund. We're delighted to report that our application for funding to equip Cheeky Monkeys Playgroup has been successful, with a full grant of £500 awarded.

Village Entrance Signs

Residents are aware that several local villages now have attractive signs at their village entrances. Some years ago we consulted the village on this issue, but the feedback we received was limited and negative. However, funding for such schemes is now more-easily available (although not certain), and so we're looking again. Locations would be Bawtry Road, Gainsborough Road and Mattersey Road. If you've any views, please tell us.

Bottle Bank

Thanks go to the management of the Blacksmiths Arms, who have, in partnership with the District Council, located a bottle bank on the pub car park. There are three containers, for clear, brown and green glass.

Robin Hood Airport

The airport is currently in consultation with Doncaster Metropolitan District Council over its proposal to fly jumbo freight aircraft between 11 pm and 7 am. If you've any views, you should make them by 31st January if at all possible, to Plans Processing Unit, Development and Planning, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, 2nd Floor Danum House, St Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster DN1 1UB, quoting Application No. 08/03469/CON.

The Parish Council has secured an extension in order to make its comments, and will consider the matter at its next meeting at the Village Hall on Monday 2nd February at 7.15 pm. Residents are welcome to attend the meeting, and we have a 15-minute public discussion period at the start of the meeting if anyone has any comments.

Council Tax

We're pleased to be able to peg our 2009/10 precept at 2008/09 levels, whilst fully maintaining services provided.

Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in the spring, 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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