

Everton Parish Council

Newsletter - October 2004

As the Parish Council continues to prepare to apply for Quality accreditation in May, 2006, our next step is to commence publication of quarterly newsletters. As well as providing information on Parish Council activities, each edition will include contact details of Members and the Clerk. Furthermore, one edition annually will include a synopsis of the Annual Report, including a brief summary of the accounts. We have decided that this information will be included in the October edition.

Synopsis of the Annual Report

The Annual Report included reference to the following:

- highways issues - particularly developments relating to the A631 and speed reduction
- motorcycle nuisance at Harwell
- smell nuisance from Tunnel Tech
- the Parish Plan
- dog fouling
- Robin Hood Airport
- scrutiny of planning applications
- registration of Parish land
- Barrow Hills SSSI
- Quality Council status
- Parish Paths Partnership
- Cemetery

Summary of the Accounts

The Parish Council began the year with a balance of £6,714 and ended it with a closing balance of £5,082. The closing balance included an earmarked reserve of £7454 Parish Paths Partnership grant. Income during the year came to £11,1287 and expenditure to £12,760.

Total fixed assets amounted to £49,450.

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Liz Jefferies took over from John Dunn as Chairman of the Parish Council at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May, with Robin Maclagan continuing as Vice-Chairman. It is our policy to rotate the chairmanship annually.

Liz continues as representative on the Parochial School Endowment and Wells Charity. She also represents the Parish Council (with Barbara de Bel) on the new North East Bassetlaw Forum. David Bardsley sits on the North East Bassetlaw Forum as Parish Plan representative.

Two issues that have caused particular concern recently include access to the Metcalfe Recreation Ground and the installation of gates on the Carrs. We have made successful representations to the relevant bodies on both matters. Another ongoing issue of concern relates to the smell problem from Tunnel Tech, which is still a major problem.

On the A631, we're pushing for funding to install permanent interactive speed warning signs in 2005/06. We're also waiting for a beacon to be installed on the new pedestrian refuge.

Planning continues to be a source of considerable interest and concern, and we spend a lot of our time scrutinising planning applications and making representations on them. There is particular concern that the rural nature of Harwell as a hamlet should be preserved.

The Parish Plan has now been published, and every household should have a copy. If not, contact David Wright, Clerk to the Council - details below. Writing the Parish Plan has been a significant exercise, and we hope that it correctly represents the views and aspirations of parishioners. Work on implementation has already begun and will be driven by a Parish Council working group comprising parish councillors and representatives of the Parish Plan action groups.

As part of the Parish Plan we've decided to enter the Nottinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition next year, with Barbara de Bel and John Dunn co-ordinating the Everton entry and Jennifer Marsh doing likewise for Harwell.

The Gainsborough Road letter box is to be removed by Royal Mail on health and safety grounds. We have asked that it be relocated to Mattersey Road, with an enlarged Church Street box being designated for Sunday and bank holiday collections.

That's it until January, but don't forget that we hold bi-monthly surgeries (see below) and that you can 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.fsnet.co.uk

Bi-monthly Surgeries:

Village Hall Saturday 20 November 2004 -
10.00am-11.00am

Saturday 22 January 2005 -
10.00am-11.00am

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