

Everton Parish Council

Newsletter - Spring 2005

Councillors' Surgeries

We're pleased to tell you that P.c. Gregson intends to join us at future surgeries, subject to his availability. Don't worry about confidentiality, should you wish to speak privately to a councillor or P.c. Gregson; there are enough rooms in the Village Hall to prevent that being a problem.

Remember, surgeries are held at the Village Hall on Saturday mornings on a bi-monthly basis. If you've any complaint, suggestion or observation about Everton or local services, then come along to a surgery. They're always advertised in HEDS Together and on the Village Hall notice board. The next one is on Saturday 21st May at the usual time of 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

Parish Plan

The additional lighting has now been provided at Carr View, with further outside wall lights promised.

The dog waste bin has been installed on Pinfold Lane, and we understand that residents are very happy with this provision.

We've already published a note in HEDS Together on our research into the possible provision of mains gas into Everton. The results were very discouraging - so much so that a formal estimate of costs hasn't been requested. Discussions with Transco indicate that, very approximately, the situation is as follows:

- A service could be brought in from Sutton cum Lound, but would only extend to the main village area
- 190 householders would first have to confirm in writing that they'd each be prepared to pay £6,000 for a service to be connected as far as their meter
- In order to activate the scheme, 77 of the 190 householders would each have to pay their £6,000 in advance. The scheme wouldn't be activated until all that money was paid
- Once the 77 householders had paid, they'd be connected
- Each of the remaining 113 households would then have 20 years in which to pay and be connected. The scheme would close as soon as the 113 were connected, and there would be no further connections.

Rights of Way

There's a long-established, popular walk along Nutcroft Way into Harwell Woods which doesn't enjoy the status of an official public footpath. We've now begun a consultation process with regard to seeking a public footpath creation order in order to fully-protect this walk.

We'll shortly be submitting our application for a public footpath creation order in respect of the old Mattersey Road to Nottinghamshire County Council.

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Sorry to say that we don't have much good news - at least in the short term. We're still waiting for the beacon to be provided on the pedestrian refuge at the Sun Inn crossroads; the delay has been caused by administrative hiccups at Nottinghamshire County Council. Secondly, we've hit a problem regarding the provision of permanent interactive signs. The bad news is that the traffic flow doesn't meet the criteria for permanent signs. The good news is that new criteria is shortly to be announced which we hope will get us our signs. For the moment the temporary sign is to remain in place, and we're asking Nottinghamshire County Council to move it from one end of the village to the other periodically, as it originally agreed to do.

Although not a highway matter, mention should be made of the demolition by vehicular impact of the bus shelter on the A631, west of Everton, on Sunday 13th March. Nottinghamshire County Council has kindly indicated that it will replace the former brick-built shelter with a modern glazed shelter.

Drakeholes

Part of Drakeholes falls within the Parish of Everton, and we thought you'd like to know that Nottinghamshire County Council is shortly to introduce 30 mph limits on the roads into the hamlet.

Tunnel Tech

Still nothing positive to report, although liaison and monitoring continues.

Community Responder Partnerships

We're now doubly-fortunate in Everton; as well as benefiting from emergency cover from Five Villages Responders, based in Misterton, we've now got an overlap service from Blyth Neighbourhood First Responder Unit. We're donating £100 to each of these organisations this year to assist them in their vital work.

Planning

Nothing changes. Planning will always take up a large amount of time at the Parish Council. Preservation of the rural nature of Harwell as a hamlet has become a major priority and a serious concern.

Harwell Woods

Grave concern continues to be expressed by many people about motorcycle scrambling in Harwell woods, which not only is noisy and dangerous, but also environmentally damaging. A dialogue has been established with the P.c. Gregson and Thornely Taylor Estates, with a site visit taking place recently. Hopefully, through P.c. Gregson's regular presence and barrier work to be carried out by Thornely Taylor Estates, the problem will be overcome.

Council Tax

Our precept (local council tax) has risen from £6,764 to £8,440. This amounts to £25.28 per year on a band D property, and compares favourably with other nearby parishes such as Mattersey £24.29, Scrooby £25.01, Misson £28.35, Clayworth £30.26 and Gringley £62.23. The increase is mainly due to new national pay scales for parish clerks (now based on work carried out as opposed to population), increased donations to village organisations, new donations to the Community Responder Partnerships, and increased overheads generally, coupled with the phased abolition of Concurrent grant from Bassetlaw District Council. On an encouraging note, Bassetlaw District Council has begun a dialogue about double taxation affecting parished areas, and we hope that action will be taken to address this problem.

Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in July, and before that the Annual Report, but don't forget our bi-monthly surgeries. You can also 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 And don't forget that you can attend Parish Council meetings when the first fifteen minutes are given over to public discussion.

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