

Everton Parish Council

Newsletter – Summer, 2005

People

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May, John Dunn was elected Chairman, with Robin Maclagan continuing as Vice-Chairman.

John, David Bardsley and Liz Jefferies, continue to serve on both the Parish Plan Working Party and the Quality Working Party.

Liz continues to serve on the new Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils Northern Area Committee, and, together with Barbara de Bel and David Bardsley (David is the Parish Plan representative), on the North East Bassetlaw Forum (NEBF).

As regards local charities, Liz continues to serve on Wells Charity, with Barbara being appointed to represent us on the Parochial School Endowment.

Robin Hood Airport

Now that the airport is operational we've got representation on the Robin Hood Airport Doncaster/Sheffield Consultative Committee through our membership of NEBF, so we will be kept informed of developments. Bassetlaw District Council and other local organisations are also represented on the Consultative Committee.

Quality Accreditation

We won't be the first parish in the County to attain quality accreditation, that accolade having gone to Eastwood Town Council, and hearty congratulations to them. Bingham and Cotgrave will soon be applying as well. We're ready to go, but are having to wait until after the May elections next year, simply because at the 2002 elections only seven councillors 77.77% were actually elected, with the other two being co-

opted later. The target is 80%. It's most unfair that, when the government in 2003 introduced the Quality Scheme it was made retrospective, but, there's rules to tiddlywinks and there's rules to this, and so we have to wait.

If you want to help the Parish, why not think about becoming a councillor next May. The Clerk or current councillors will be pleased to discuss this with you.

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At long, long last we finally have the beacon on the pedestrian refuge at the Sun Inn crossroads; if you're wondering why it's lit constantly, the reason is that it's a legal requirement. There's excellent news regarding the permanent interactive signs, which have been promised by the County Council by March next year at the latest.

Hopefully we'll get the replacement bus shelter near the Harwell turn-off soon.

Rights of Way

The County Council is now working on the proposal to create a public footpath on the old Mattersey Road. A lot of support was also received from Mattersey residents. We should have some news soon.

Thornely Taylor Estates are having a think about our suggestion of creating a public footpath from Nutcroft Way into Barrow Hills, through the area of woodland known as 'The Shroggs'.

Cemetery

We're pleased to say that the Cemetery is now in really good condition. The hedges were cut in the spring, and work has recently been carried out on the clearance of elders, wild roses, etc. which are growing into grave surrounds. The contractors are doing a good job on the grass cutting. There is, however, still a problem with visitors leaving dead flowers, etc. in the

Cemetery instead of using the bins provided. This detracts from the overall tidiness of the Cemetery and causes a nuisance.

Planning

You'll probably have read in HEDS Together about recent planning decisions at Harwell which leave us with little confidence in the Bassetlaw Planning system – not only the decisions on planning applications, but also the decision-making machinery. We've entered into a dialogue with Bassetlaw on this matter and, at the time of writing, are still awaiting a response to a series of questions relating to the decision to grant planning permission for four houses at the junction of Sluice Lane and Pinfold Lane. To say that we're disappointed with Bassetlaw is to put it mildly, and we're keeping the local MP informed of our concerns!

Best Kept Village Competition

Unfortunately, neither Everton nor Harwell made it into the final round of the competition despite a lot of people putting in a lot of work. However, it's great to report that Everton has been awarded a certificate of merit in respect of the Metcalfe Playing Field – congratulations to all involved. Only three certificates were awarded in the whole county. As regards the main competition, we'll learn from the experience, and we're asking the organisers for advice on what we need to do to improve next year.

Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in the autumn, but don't forget our bi-monthly Saturday surgeries at the Village Hall (the next two are on 23rd July and 17th September from 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.), or our 15-minute public discussion period at the start of Parish Council meetings. 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 PTO

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