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Exception Site for Affordable Housing for People with a local connection.

The Housing Association, Circle, Anglia has now prepared draft proposed designs for the development of an Exception Site for Affordable Housing next to the Doctors Surgery, Main Road, Church End.

The aim of affordable housing is to provide homes for people on modest incomes, who can't afford to buy or rent a home on the open market. The term includes rented and low cost home ownership properties. New affordable homes can help sustain communities by offering local families, couples and single people the chance to stay living in the place where they have strong connections.

The term local means a person who has been living in the parish for at least 1 year, persons with a strong family connection to the parish or who have previously been a resident in the parish, or a person who has been working within the parish for at least a year.

A public consultation meeting for local residents to view the draft layout plans for the proposed site together with other information about Exception Sites for Affordable Homes is being held in the **Village Hall on Wednesday 26th October at 7.30pm**. A representative from the Housing Association and the District Councils Housing Strategy & Enabling Officer will be attending the consultation meeting to answer any questions about the proposed scheme.

It is important that we receive all views on this proposed scheme and so if you are unable to attend the consultation meeting but would like to comment on the scheme please contact the Parish Council Clerk.

Bus Shelter

The Parish Council intend to install toughened glass in the remaining 2 openings in

order to increase the effectiveness of the bus shelter. It is hoped that this work will be completed in the coming months before the onset of winter.

Parson Drove Street Pride Group

The competition for the best front garden organised by the group and sponsored by Sheila Vialls was won by Mr & Mrs L Fyson. The group's next committee meeting will be held in The Cage on Wednesday 19th October at 7.30pm. and new members are very welcome to attend.

Reporting Crime

Please make sure that all crimes are reported to the Police as we have had several recent reports of crimes, particularly anti social behaviour and vandalism but the Police have not been told about them. If crimes are not reported then the Police will not be aware of any problems in our area and will concentrate their resources elsewhere. Crimes can be reported anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or Cambridgeshire Constabulary on 0845 456 4564.

Highway Fault Reporting System

Cambridgeshire County Council has introduced a new interactive on-line reporting system for highway problems which will ensure the person reporting a fault is kept fully up to speed with its repair. The online service is available at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/highwaysfault in addition you are still able to report faults by telephone on 03450455212.

Care & Repair

The Fenland Handyperson Service for people aged 60 years or over and people with disability or long-term ill health is supported by Fenland District Council. The scheme covers home security, smoke detectors, general repairs and odd jobs, minor plumbing and electrical work and home energy improvements. Grants are available for some types of work, for more information contact Care & Repair on 01553 616371.

Allotment Gardens

A vacancy has arisen for an allotment garden at Riverside Gardens, residents wishing to apply for the tenancy should write to the Clerk by the 10th October. Whilst preference will be given to applications from residents who reside in the Parish of Parson Drove consideration will be given to applications from neighbouring villages.

Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in The Cage on Wednesday 12th October at 7.00pm.

Subsequent meetings are listed below.

Wednesday 9th November in The Cage at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 14th December in The Cage at 7.00pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings and have the opportunity to raise any parish matter during Public Participation for a 15 minute period near the start of the meeting.