

PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL

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Precept

The Parish Council Precept for 2018/2019 will be increased from £18,565 to £18,876 which is an increase of 1.7% however in monetary terms it should not result in an increase on your council tax bill as the net tax base has increased this year in view of the new dwellings built in the parish during the last year. In addition to the Precept of £18,876 funding of £617 will be received from the Council Tax Support Grant and a Concurrent Functions grant of £3,807 from the District Council.

Neighbourhood Planning

The Planning Policies for future development in the village continue to be developed, a further public meeting will be scheduled to allow people to see the proposed policy before a referendum is held.

Trees

A few of the trees on the village green will be cut back again in the near future followed by some further work to the trees around the village pond during the next financial year.

Highway Fault Reporting System

Cambridgeshire County Council has an on-line reporting system for highway problems. 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.

Footpath at Sealeys Road

Funding from the County Council has been allocated to Parson Drove for the last 3 years to provide a section of footpath along Sealeys Road. A further application has been made for the next financial year to continue with the footpath and we are waiting to hear if our application has again been successful. As only small amounts of funding are allocated to the Improvements scheme each year we will continue to apply for further funding in future years until the whole road has a footpath.

Bellamy Bridge Junction

We are working with Wisbech St Mary and Gorefield Parish Councils to secure some improvements to the Bellamy Bridge junction in view of the number of accidents occurring on a regular basis. A joint application for funding under the Local Highways Improvement scheme was submitted to the County Council in November 2017 and we are now waiting to hear the outcome of this application.

Reporting non-emergencies to the Police online

Non-emergency situations can now be reported to the police online if people would rather do so than call 101. In October last year Cambridgeshire Constabulary re-launched their website with added functionality to report non-emergencies via specially designed forms or a live webchat. The live webchat option enables people to communicate directly with a member of staff in the control room, just as would be the case when calling 101. Online forms are processed in the same way as a call and the person reporting can expect a response within 24 hours. Due to the high level of demand there are often queues when calling 101. Reporting online is quick, easy and free of charge. To view the online reporting section of the constabulary's website visit www.cambs.police.uk/report/. The live webchat function is available by clicking on the green icon on the bottom right of the page.

Football Club Parson Drove

This information and the wording has been provided by the Football Club Chairman. As many of you have probably already seen there has been many developments with the Pavilion and Playing Field in recent months. It has been the Football Clubs intention from re-starting this historical football club to improve the facilities for everyone. Developments thus far have been refurbishment of the changing rooms in the Pavilion, pitch surround including sponsor boarding and erection of floodlights. The Football Club has self-funded all developments and worked closely with the Amenities 95 Management Committee throughout. None of what we are doing is to restrict or change the facilities use, on the contrary it is to improve the facility. Further developments that are planned are extended shelter, new Dug-outs which will be secured to prevent mis-use, new CCTV and additional bins for dog walkers and users of the facility. Gary Haime, Football Club Chairman, has been co-opted onto the Amenities 95 Management Committee and is already discussing many ways to make the facility better for all. Gary Haime wishes to engage with the community and assist in the facilities use and up-keep. Should anybody wish to discuss the developments please email Gary.Haime@FCParsonDrove.co.uk or telephone 01945 465508.

Parish Council Meetings

Council Meetings will be held in The Cage starting at 7.00pm on Wednesdays 14th March, 11th April, 9th May and 13th June. Members of the public are welcome to attend all 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.

The Annual Parish Assembly Meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.