

PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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Village Green

The trees on the village green are to be cut back and this work will take place during February and March. Unfortunately EDF will have to turn off the electricity whilst some of the work is being completed and we apologise for any inconvenience this will cause nearby residents.

Road Safety at Swan Bridge Junction

Thank you to all residents in the parish and also to those from adjoining parishes who signed the petition in support of our campaign for improvements to the junction at Swan Bridge. The petition will now be submitted to Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Department together with supporting information for their consideration.

Precept

The Parish Precept for 2010/2011 will be increased from £10,650 to £12,400. In monetary terms this is an increase of approximately just under £4 per household for the whole year although we appreciate it is an increase of approximately 16% as it will be shown on your council tax bill when you receive it.

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.

Exception Sites for Affordable Houses

Two sites were put forward by land owners for consideration by the Parish Council as exception sites for 8 to 10 affordable houses. The site at Swan Bridge Farm, Fen Road was considered to be unacceptable due to concerns over highway safety at the Swan Bridge junction. The site at Sealeys Lane, whilst not ideal, has been selected as the Parish Council's preferred site and is now being considered by the Planning Department at Fenland District Council.

New Community Fairs - Neighbourhood Forums

The community fair held in Parson Drove Village Hall on Saturday 17th October was the best attended of all six events in the area with 128 members of the public attending.

Woad-inc

This company located at Woad Barn, Rawhall Lane, Beetley, Dereham NR20 4HH has reintroduced woad production in England, colouring fabrics and textiles. They have a shop and exhibition room where they do workshops and educational visits with a good display of material and information. The company wish to expand on this further and as Parson Drove had one of the last working Woad Mills they would like more information or memorabilia that any parishioner could let them have for a reasonable remuneration. Contact can be made by letter at the address above or by telephone on 01362 860218 or email ian.howard@woad-inc.co.uk.

Sure Start Children's Centre

Sure Start Children's Centres are at the heart of a ten year government strategy to tackle poverty and improve outcome for all children. The centre established at Murrow is a new way of supporting families with children under 5 and offers easy ways to access health and family support, information about local childcare and early education and finding employment or training. Although based in Murrow the services are available to nine villages including Parson Drove. The Children's Centre is open Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm and if you would like to find out more about what it offers call 01945 701237 or email wisbechruralchildren@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Parishioners Surgery

The next surgery for parishioners will be held on Sunday 7th February at 11.00am to 12 noon in The Cage attended by Councillors P. Spriggs and P Everett.

Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in St Marks Church on Wednesday 10th February at 7.00pm

Subsequent meetings are listed below.

Wednesday 10th March at 7.00pm in St Marks Church.

Wednesday 14th April at 7.00pm in The Cage.

Wednesday 12th May at 8.00pm following the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting at 7.00pm in St Marks Church.

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.