

# PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER

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### **Precept**

The Parish Precept for 2012/2013 will be increased from £13,300 to £15,310. In monetary terms this is an increase of approximately £4.50 for a band D household for the whole year although we appreciate it is an increase of approximately 15% as it will be shown on your council tax bill when you receive it.

### **Road Safety at Swan Bridge Junction**

The Parish Council continue to press for improvements to be made to this junction and are hopeful that funding will be provided by the County Council in this financial year. Plans are currently being drawn up by the County Council's Highways team with their suggestions for improvements.

### **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**

The Council are still trying to progress an Exception Site for Affordable Houses in Parson Drove on a site next to the Doctors Surgery at Church End.

### **Safer Routes to School Scheme**

As a result of grant funding being obtained from Fenland District Council and funding from the County Council a new traffic calming scheme will be installed outside the Payne Primary School by the County Council Highways authority during February.

### **Highway Fault Reporting System**

Cambridgeshire County Council has an 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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> February. 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.

### **Victim Support**

Victim Support is the independent charity that helps victims and witnesses of crime. They offer a free confidential service to victims of crime, their family, friends and anyone else affected. They give information, emotional support and practical help. The crime does not have to be reported to the Police and support can be provided at any time, whenever the crime happened. To access the support services please phone 0845 4565 995.

### **Queens Diamond Jubilee**

We have only received a few suggestions on how we should celebrate this event in June 2012 and are struggling to find a suitable way to commemorate this historic occasion. The idea of a Jubilee Wood has been looked into but as we have been unable to locate and secure the use of any land we will not be progressing with this suggestion.

### **Council Meetings**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in St Marks Church on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.

Subsequent meetings are listed below.

Wednesday 8th February at 7.00pm in The Cage.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in The Cage

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm in The Cage.

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.