

PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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Precept

The Parish Precept for 2011/2012 will be increased from £12,400 to £13,300. In monetary terms this is an increase of approximately £2 per household for the whole year although we appreciate it is an increase of approximately 7% as it will be shown on your council tax bill when you receive it.

Road Safety at Swan Bridge Junction

The Council continue to press for improvements to be made to this junction and are waiting for the matter to be referred to Cabinet Members of the County Council. This was scheduled for their February meeting but was postponed pending budget allocations but now that these have been set we would expect some progress soon.

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. At present the Sealeys Lane site will not be pursued due to the problems with securing a footway and street lighting as part of the development however an alternative site is now being looked into at Church End.

Safer Routes to School Scheme

As a result of grant funding being obtained from Fenland District Council a traffic calming scheme will be installed outside the Payne School by the County Council. The Parish Council hope to see the plans soon and would welcome any feedback regarding the scheme.

Green Communities

The provision of a community allotment garden for residents to grow vegetables and fruit on one of the Parish Council's Riverside Allotment Gardens is being considered. To register your interest in taking part in this proposal please contact the Clerk.

New 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.

Youth Club

Due to cuts by Cambridgeshire County Council funding for Parson Drove Youth Club will cease from them in April 2011. Other sources of funding to try and protect this facility is being investigated and a Youth Club Committee is being formed to assist with raising money. The Parish Council has agreed to support the Youth Club by donating the receipts from the recycling credits it receives from the glass banks on the village green. If you would like to help the Youth Club please ensure you recycle your glass through the bottle banks. If you would like to help the Youth Club to continue please contact Gavin Booth.

MUGA & Skate Ramp

The Multi Use Games Area has been installed on the playing field and many residents have expressed their pleasure at seeing the new facility installed. The remaining section 106 money together with some grant funding secured from Fenland District Council by the Amenities 95 Committee will be used for the installation of a Skate Ramp on the playing field. This project is progressing well and updates will be reported later in the year.

Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in The Cage on Wednesday 13th April at 7.00pm.

The Annual Parish Assembly Meeting will be held in St Marks Church, Main Road, Parson Drove on Wednesday 27th April starting at 7.30pm.

Subsequent meetings are listed below.

Wednesday 18th May at 7.00pm in The Cage

Wednesday 8th June at 7.00pm in The Cage.

Wednesday 13th July 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.