

PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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

A Planning Application for the development of 12 Affordable Homes next to the Doctors Surgery, Main Road, Church End is now being considered by the Planning Department at Fenland District Council. 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. 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.

Preparing for an Emergency in our Community

The Parish Council has been approached by Fenland District Council regarding developing a community emergency plan for Parson Drove. We would like some volunteers who are prepared to assist with co-ordinating the plan with the District Council. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Clerk or Dave Vincent FDC Safety & Emergency Planning Manager on 01354 654321.

Winter Gritting Volunteers Required.

Cambridgeshire County Council will provide training and equipment to run volunteer schemes to grit footpaths not covered by the County Council's gritters. A training session is being held for volunteers on the 7th November 12 -1pm or 5-6.00pm at the March Depot. The Parish Council has provided a grit bin at Springfield Road and is considering purchasing another one for The Bank if we can get some volunteers involved. Please contact the Clerk if you wish to volunteer for this project.

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

Contact Cambridgeshire County Council for highway problems online available at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/highwaysfault in addition you are still able to report faults by telephone on 03450455212.

Care Network

Care Networks' Help at Home service provides practical help for people who are recovering after a hospital stay, unwell at home, or who need a bit of practical assistance to help them remain independent at home. Help at Home volunteers visit people in their homes and provide practical help with tasks like checking someone is ok, shopping and collecting prescriptions. Visits can be one-off or several over 3 weeks, so volunteers are not overcommitted but will know they have been of help to someone in need. Visits can be undertaken in the spare time volunteers have available during the day, evenings or weekends, they just tell Help at Home when they are free. Volunteers are needed in our area so if you would like to find out more about volunteering or can spare some time to help please contact Care Network Cambridgeshire on 01223 714433.

Parish Plan

Our first Parish Plan was completed in 2005 and it is now time to bring this important document up to-date. A working group was established in 2005 to undertake the task and the Parish Council would now like to hear from anyone who is prepared to assist this time. If you would like to know more about what the process involves please contact the Clerk or Gavin Booth, Parish Council Chairman.

Bus Services

We are very sorry to have lost our daily Wisbech bus service and unfortunately there is now only one bus a week provided by W & Fowler & Sons to Wisbech leaving at 9.50 and returning at 12.45 each **Thursday**. Fenland Association for Community Transport operates on Mondays to Saturdays leaving Parson Drove at 10.50, 12.20 and 14.20 and returns from Wisbech at 13.00 and 16.00. To use this facility you must be a member, the annual membership fee is £10. Please telephone 01354 661234 for more information.

Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings will be held in The Cage on Wednesday 14th November at 7.30pm and Wednesday 12th December 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.