

# PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL

## NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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### **Clerk**

We are pleased to welcome Mr Erbie Murat as our Parish Council Clerk following the retirement of Mrs Yvonne Reader, who has held the position for more than 20 years.

The new Clerks contact details are telephone number 01945 465530, postal address 148 Elm High Road, Wisbech. PE14 0DW.

Email [Theclerk@parsondrove-pc.org.uk](mailto:Theclerk@parsondrove-pc.org.uk). Website [www.parsondrove.net](http://www.parsondrove.net)

### **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The Neighbourhood Development Plan has been referred to an Independent Planning Examiner for approval before we then progress to the final stage of a parish referendum.

### **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](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/highwaysfault) in addition you are still able to report faults by telephone on 03450455212.

### **Fenland District Council's Green Dog Walkers Scheme**

As you may have seen recently in the local press Fenland District Council is promoting a community scheme called Green Dog Walkers. The scheme is a non-confrontational and friendly way to change attitudes about dog fouling and encourages responsible dog ownership whilst reminding others that they need to pick up after their dog has fouled and keep them under control. Several Towns and Villages have already signed up to the scheme. We have a few residents who have shown an interest in running the scheme in Parson Drove but if we are to take this forward we need more volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering to be part of the scheme or would like to know more about the scheme please contact the Clerk or Chairman of the Parish Council.

### **Footpath at Sealeys Lane**

Another application has been made to Cambridgeshire County Council under the 2020 Local Highways Improvement Bids for a further section of footpath along this road and we are waiting to hear whether our application has been successful again this time. We will continue to apply for funding until the whole road has a footpath.

### **Get involved in the Big Conversation about how we shape our NHS**

Local residents are encouraged to have their say on the future of local NHS services as part of The Big Conversation. Funding for healthcare across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is under pressure. More people are using NHS services locally and resources are limited. At the moment the local NHS is buying more than it can afford which means that some difficult decisions need to be made about the services it can afford to provide in the future. The Big Conversation has been created to help Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group who buy the healthcare services in the local area, to understand what is most important to the local community. Feedback received will be used to create a set of principles that will inform the future plans and help shape our local NHS. Local residents can give their feedback by attending one of the events taking place across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough or by completing a short survey online at <https://bit.ly/NHSBigConversation>.

### **Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership**

Parson Drove Parish Council have agreed to support the Scam Partnership Scheme with the help of Parson Drove Silver Surfers Group. A Scam Awareness session covering postal, doorstep, telephone and other scams is being held in the Village Hall on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020 from 10.00am to 12 noon when refreshments will be available.

### **Bus Services**

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority are asking residents to complete a survey regarding bus services in the region in order to create a vision for future bus travel. They are looking for responses from people who use a bus and those that do not. Everyone who completes the survey will have the choice to enter a prize draw to win £100 of high street shopping vouchers. The survey can be accessed via this link [www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/FutureBus/](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/FutureBus/) and starts on the 4<sup>th</sup> November for 6 weeks to the 15<sup>th</sup> December. Surveys can also be completed over the telephone by calling 07377001512 (9am to 5pm Monday to Friday).

### **Grants available to help residents keep warm at home.**

Homeowners are being offered help to reduce their energy bills this winter thanks to a new grant scheme from Fenland District Council. Grants are available from the Council's Better Care Fund to install first time gas central heating or to cover some, or all of the cost of repairing or replacing broken or inefficient household boilers and electric storage heaters. The scheme is available to Fenland residents who own and live in their property and have benefits registered to that address. Homeowners must also receive means tested benefit to qualify for the scheme. To find out more about the grant scheme and to check if you qualify, visit [www.fenland.gov.uk/heatinghelp](http://www.fenland.gov.uk/heatinghelp) or contact the District Council on 01354 654321.

### **Parish Council Meetings**

Council Meetings will be held in The Cage starting at 7.00pm on Wednesdays the 11<sup>th</sup> December, 8th January and 12th February 2020. 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.