

PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL

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Councillors

We are pleased to welcome onto the Parish Council Martin Hammond and George Watson.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Parish Council has endorsed the plan prepared by the working group ready for public consultation starting on the 25th November and finishing on Monday 21st January 2019. This is your opportunity to make comments you may have on the plan, have them recorded and taken into account as the plan is finalised. A full copy of the Neighbourhood Development Plan can be viewed on the Parson Drove website. There will be three open sessions during the consultation period where you will be able to meet the working group and raise any issues or make any comments. These sessions will be well publicised in advance.

Trees

Work to some of the trees on the village green has now been completed, further work required to the trees around the village pond will take place in the near future.

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 in addition you are still able to report faults by telephone on 03450455212.

Bellamy Bridge Junction

The County Council are proposing to install some additional road markings to improve the Bellamy Bridge junction in view of the number of accidents occurring on a regular basis.

Footpath at Sealeys Lane

Funding from the County Council has been allocated to Parson Drove for the provision of an extension to the footpath along Sealeys Road. Unfortunately there has been a delay in this section of footpath being installed but following discussions with the North Level Internal Drainage Board regarding the drainage requirements we are hopeful that this will now soon be completed. A further application has been made for the next financial year to continue with the footpath and we are waiting to hear if our application has again been successful. As only small amounts of funding are allocated to the Improvements scheme each year we will continue to apply for further funding in future years until the whole road has a footpath.

Reporting non-emergencies to the Police online

Non-emergency situations can be reported to the police online if people would rather do so than call 101. Online forms are processed in the same way as a call and the person reporting can expect a response within 24 hours. Due to the high level of demand there are often queues when calling 101. Reporting online is quick, easy and free of charge. To view the online reporting section of the constabulary's website visit www.cambs.police.uk/report/.

Speed Watch

A Speed Watch group has been set up for Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary Ward and regular successful sessions have been held by the volunteers. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Gavin Booth, Parish Council Chairman.

Parking on the Village Green

We are disappointed to see that despite signs asking people not to park on the grass vehicles are still parking on the village green. The village green is a public open space for recreational use and should not be used for car parking. Wooden posts are already positioned at intervals around the village green to try and deter vehicles from parking on the grass. Vehicles parking on the green increase the risk of damaging the grass and causing ruts, particularly during the winter months, therefore if this inappropriate use continues the Parish Council will consider installing additional posts using up valuable resources that could otherwise be used for other village improvements.

Street Pride

The group are in the process of placing an additional feature at the far end of the village green and have recently completed installing edging around the War Memorial. A replacement hedge is being planted on the playing field on the 1st and 8th December weather permitting.

Electricity Power Cuts

With the onset of winter extreme weather can disrupt the electricity supply, anyone experiencing a power cut can call 105 to report cuts and damage or 08003163105 from a corded phone or mobile phone if you have no power.

Parish Council Meetings

Council Meetings will be held in The Cage starting at 7.00pm on Wednesdays 12th December, 9th January, 13th February and 13th March. 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.