

PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL

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Councillors

Councillor C Bates resigned from the Parish Council in November 2016 and as no election was called by parishioners David Markillie was co-opted onto the Parish Council in January 2017.

Precept

The Parish Council Precept for 2017/2018 will be increased from £17,330 to £18,565, in monetary terms the increase will result in an increase for a band D household of approximately £2.80 for the whole year although it will be shown as a 7.1% increase on your council tax bill when you receive it. In addition to the Precept of £18,565 funding of £1,235 will be received from the Council Tax Support Grant and a Concurrent Functions grant of £3,807 from the District Council.

The Precept has been increased again this year as a substantial number of our street lights will require replacing in the next 2 to 3 years. The estimated total cost over the next 3 years to replace these street lights is in excess of £30,000.

Neighbourhood Planning

The draft Planning Policies for future development in the village based on the responses received from the questionnaire have now been submitted to the District Council. Once the Planning Policies have been approved by the District Council a further public meeting will be held to ensure they reflect the views of residents before a referendum is held.

Trees & Hedges

Residents regularly complain about over grown trees and hedges obstructing the footpaths and obscuring the street lights and road signs. We would be very grateful therefore if home owners could bear this in mind and cut back their trees and hedges if they are likely to be causing an obstruction.

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.

Dog Fouling

Whilst we appreciate that the majority of dog owners clean up after their dogs, we still receive complaints about dog fouling on the village green, the playing field, the allotment gardens roadway and on the public footpaths through the village. Please note it is an offence not to clean up after your dog with fines of up to £1,000 and we will be asking the dog warden from the District Council to carry out regular checks.

UK Power Networks

UK Power Network has launched a new national power cut phone line – 105 - to help people contact the company that looks after their electricity network. This number will enable you to report or get information about power cuts as well as report damage to electricity power lines. As well as calling 105 you can find more information on the website <http://www.powercut105.com>

Footpath at Sealeys Road

In the last 2 years funding from the County Council was allocated to Parson Drove to start providing a footpath along Sealeys Road. 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 Minor Highway Improvements scheme each year we will continue to apply for further funding in future years until the whole road has a footpath, although this could take several years to achieve.

Neighbourhood Watch

Please note that Dave Risley, 96 Main Road is the new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Main Road, Parson Drove and can be contacted on 07967800778.

No Cold Calling Zone

No Cold Calling Zones are set up to discourage cold callers and give residents the confidence to say 'no' to uninvited sales people, helping to prevent people falling victim to distraction burglars and rogue traders. The zones were originally introduced by Cambridgeshire Trading Standards but it is recognized that community led action is much more effective in protecting local people. Springfield Road is a No Cold Calling Zone but needs a local co-ordinator who lives in Springfield Road or close by to deliver information and look after the residents. If you feel you can help with this please contact Elaine Mountfort, Community Protection Officer on 01954 286006 or 07810153604 or email elaine.mountfort@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings will be held in The Cage starting at 7.00pm on the following dates, Wednesdays 8th March, 12 April, 10th May and 14th June. 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. The Annual Parish Assembly Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th April at 7.30 in St Marks Methodist Church.