

PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL

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Neighbourhood Planning

The working group are now in the process of preparing Planning Policies for future development in the village based on the responses received from the questionnaire. When the Planning Policies are completed a further public meeting will be held to ensure they reflect the views of residents.

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

To report a power cut or make enquiries about a power cut residents should ring 0800 3163105 from a land line and 0333 3232105 if calling from a mobile.

Swings on the Village Green

The Parish Council were successful in obtaining a grant from the Community Grant Scheme towards the cost of replacing the swings on the village green. The new set of swings are now in place and we hope they will be used by the younger children of the village.

Vandalism

Unfortunately we have recently had some vandalism in the village resulting in most of the windows in the bus shelter being damaged as well as broken trees branches on the village green. We would appreciate it if any residents who witness any further incidents report these acts of vandalism to the Police. Unless incidences are reported to the Police they will not be aware of these acts of vandalism and therefore will not visit the village on a regular basis.

Footpath at Sealeys Road

Funding from the County Council was allocated to Parson Drove in the last financial year to start the process of providing of a footpath along Sealeys Road. Only small amounts of funding are allocated to the Minor Highway Improvements scheme each year but fortunately we have been allocated further funding in this financial year to continue with the project. A second section of footpath will therefore be installed during this year together with rectifying the problem of the road sign in the first section of footpath already in place. 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.

Consultation on charging for garden waste collection services from April 2017.

Most households will have received a consultation letter from Fenland District Council on their proposals to start charging £40 for the collection of garden waste from April 2017. We hope residents have responded informing the District Council of their views on this proposal. According to press reports, approximately 7,000 people have already given their views and a petition has been started. The Parish Council have responded to the consultation advising that they are against this proposal as they consider that rural areas do not receive many services from the District Council for the Council Tax already paid. We fear that the loss of this service will increase fly tipping in the open countryside. The Parish Council consider that other areas should be looked at in order to make the savings required for 2017.

Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings will be held in The Cage starting at 7.00pm on the following Wednesdays 14 September and 12th October

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.