

PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL

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Elections May 2015

There was no Parish Council Election in May as only five nominations were received leaving two vacant seats. These two vacancies were subsequently filled in June by co-option and we now have a full Council.

Neighbourhood Planning

The working group prepared a questionnaire and this was delivered to residents for them to express their views on future development in the parish. The working group will now collate the results of the questionnaire and report back the results.

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, playing field, footbridge, allotment gardens roadway and 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. You may also see some posters around the village designed by children from the Alderman Payne Primary School encouraging people to clean up after their dogs.

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.

Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach Sessions

The next Outreach Session for Parson Drove is on Thursday 14th January 2016, 10.00am to 12 noon in the Pavilion on the Playing Field.. There is no need to make an appointment to attend the session.

Parson Drove Youth Club

The County Council have made significant funding cuts over the last few years affecting some of the services provided, one of those being Parson Drove Youth Club. The Youth Club now only has enough funding to continue until February 2016 after which it may have to cease unless some further funding can be obtained. The Parish Council has already given the Youth Club a grant earlier in the year and unfortunately does not have any surplus funds to assist further in this financial year. Parents who have children regularly attending the Youth Club will be disappointed if it ceases to operate after February 2016 as will the children and the Parish Council. If you are able to help in anyway to raise some funds for the continuation of Parson Drove Youth Club please contact the Parish Council Chairman.

Riverside Garden Allotments

We have some vacant Riverside Garden Allotments, anyone wishing to apply for a tenancy should contact the Clerk by the 9th December 2015.

Local Minor Highways Improvement Scheme

Last year we applied to the County Council for a footway along Sealeys Lane unfortunately at the time we were unsuccessful but was first on a reserve list. We have now been informed that our application will be progressed later this year or early next year, although funding will not be available to provide a footway along the entire road it will be a start. In view of this development we are applying for a further section of footway to be provided in the financial year 2016/2017 and hope that this will also be approved.

Bottle Banks on the Village Green

The two bottle banks on the village green have recently been removed as they were not being used to a great extent and the Parish Council were no longer receiving any revenue from the District Council. All your glass bottles and jars can be put in your Blue Bins for recycling which are collected every 2 weeks by the District Council.

Village Clock in the Cage

We are looking for a volunteer to wind the clock in the Cage every week, this involves climbing up the ladder to the clock tower so please take this into account if you are prepared to help, if interested please contact the Chairman or Clerk.

Council Meetings

Future Parish Council meetings will be held in The Cage starting at 7.00pm on Wednesday 9th December, 13th January, 10th February and 9th March 2016.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings and have the opportunity to raise any parish matter during Public Participation for a 15 minute period near the start of the meeting.