

PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2014

Chairman

G. Booth, 3 John Bends Way, Parson Drove. Telephone 701157

Vice Chairman

P. Spriggs The New Oaks, 7 Riverside Gardens, Parson Drove. Telephone 700548.

Councillors

C. Bellamy, Brewers Retreat, Brewery Close, Parson Drove, Telephone 700195

G. Bellamy, Brewers Retreat, Brewery Close, Parson Drove. Telephone 700195

J. Cook, Beau Rivage, Fen Road, Parson Drove. Telephone 701324

P. Everett, 8 The Bank, Parson Drove.

A. Kraus, 17 Newlands Road, Parson Drove. Telephone 701049

Clerk Mrs Y Reader, Sunrise, Back Road, Murrow. Telephone 700501.

email Theclerk@parsondrove-pc.org.uk

Website www.parsondrove-pc.org.uk

Exception Site for Affordable Housing.

The building of the 12 Affordable Homes next to the Doctors Surgery, Main Road, Church End was completed during the summer and the houses are now all occupied.

Highway Fault Reporting System

Contact Cambridgeshire County Council for highway problems online available at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/highwaysfault in addition you are still able to report faults by telephone on 03450455212.

Trees & Hedges

Residents regularly complain about over grown trees and hedges obstructing the footpaths and obscuring the street lights and road signs particularly along Main Road. 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.

Care Network Cambridgeshire

Finding information can be hard. Need Help? Community Navigators are local volunteer who help older people find information on enjoyable activities and useful services. No question is too big or too small. Information is tailored to needs and can be about both fun and the practical. It could be anything from finding leisure activities to where to get financial advice, or help to stay independent at home. Contact your Fenland Community Navigator Coordinator, Kathy Cornell on 01354 694413.

Just knowing what support is available can make older people feel safer, more connected to their community and able to stay independent and healthy for longer. Care Network is looking for people from Parson Drove with a desire to help their community. You can get involved by volunteering; you only need give a few hours each month. Training, support and expenses are provided. Please contact Kathy Cornell on 01354 694413 or email Kathy.c@care-network.org.uk.

Fen Allotments

We now have five 1 acre allotments vacant, anyone interested in applying for a tenancy please contact the Parish Council Clerk by the 30th November 2014.

Local Highways Improvement Scheme

The Parish Council has submitted an application to the County Council Highways for a footpath along Sealeys Lane for the next financial year. The scheme limit is £10,000 for each project so it will take several years for a footpath to be provided for the whole length of Sealeys Lane. Bids for the scheme are made by several parishes throughout the County so there is no guarantee that we will be successful. A joint application is also being made by Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary Parish Councils for improvements to the Bellamy Bridge junction.

Swings on the Village green

A recent inspection by ROSPA raised concerns over the safety of the swings on the village green and therefore they have been removed for the time being. The Parish Council are looking into either repairing the swings or if necessary replacing them with a new set.

Registering to vote is changing

The new system is called 'Individual Electoral Registration'. Most people who are already registered have been transferred automatically to the new register. Some residents need to take action to join the register, even if they were registered in the past and there are also people in the area who are not registered to vote at all. During August Fenland District Council wrote to residents about the change. If you received a letter inviting you to register, it's important you respond. Previously, the 'head of household' was responsible for registering everyone who lived at an address, but now every individual is responsible for their own registration. People can now register to vote online at www.gov.uk/yourvotematters you will need to provide your National Insurance Number and date of birth. This helps make the electoral register more secure.

Neighbourhood Planning

The working group has held its first public meeting and is now progressing to the next stage of public consultation. People have asked if they can contribute to the cost of the Neighbourhood Plan and the answer is yes. Any donation would need to be paid to the Parish Council, who will process the invoices for costs incurred. If you are interested please contact either the Clerk or Chairman of the Council.

Council Meetings

Members of the public are welcome to attend 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 dates for the forthcoming meetings to be held in The Cage, Station Road, Parson Drove are Wednesday 12th November and Wednesday 10th December 2014.