

PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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Parish Council Elections

As a result of the Parish Councils Elections held on the 5th May there are two new Parish Councillors and contact details for all of the elected Councillors are shown above.

Reporting Crime

Please make sure that all crimes are reported to the Police as we have had several recent reports of crimes particularly anti social behaviour and vandalism but the Police have not been told about them. If crimes are not reported then the Police will not be aware of any problems in our area and will concentrate their resources elsewhere. Crimes can be reported anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or Cambridgeshire Constabulary on 0845 456 4564.

Exception Sites for Affordable Houses

The Parish Council is still trying to find land to build affordable homes for the people living or connected with Parson Drove Parish. To help us please register your interest NOW! If you are a local family or individual who are struggling to stay in the village, you need to register on the Housing Register which is now called "Home-Link" Go to www.home-link.org.uk or any Fenland At Your Service Shops to complete a form. Alternatively you can obtain a form from Parson Drove Post Office or from the Parish Council Clerk. Please note that it is very important that question 37 relating to the Rural Local Connection is answered.

Parson Drove Street Pride

The group has entered the Anglia In Bloom competition again this year and the judges will be visiting the village on Thursday 7th July. Most of the plants used for the various flower beds have been donated by R. Delamore Limited and we are very grateful to them for this very kind donation.

Safer Routes to School Scheme

As a result of grant funding being obtained from Fenland District Council a traffic calming scheme will be installed outside the Payne School by the County Council. The Parish Council will be discussing the plans drawn up by the County Council at their Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 13th July at 7.30pm in St Marks Church, please attend this meeting if you wish to make any comments on the proposed scheme.

Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in June 2012.

A public open meeting is being held in St Marks Church on Wednesday 27th July at 7.30pm to discuss how the parish will celebrate this special occasion. Please attend the meeting if you have any ideas or suggestions for consideration or wish to be involved in helping to organise these celebrations.

Fenland Association of Community Transport

FACT is a not-for-profit organisation in the Fenland area which offers a door-to-door service for people who cannot access local bus routes due to age or disability, people living in rural locations with limited or no access to local bus routes or those without access to a car. Once you have registered with FACT for an annual fee of £10, journeys will cost £4 for a standard return fare. Residents who have a Fenland bus pass can use the service free of charge. Information leaflets containing a registration form are available from Parson Drove Post Office or telephone FACT on 01354 661234.

Village Clock in the Cage

We need a volunteer who is prepared to wind the clock in the Cage on a weekly basis. The task involves climbing a ladder up into the clock tower and manually winding the clock. If you would like to know more or to volunteer to take on the responsibility please contact the Chairman or the Parish Council Clerk.

Pond Project

The first phase of the pond project has now been completed with the felling of the dangerous trees and the removal of dead wood from the remaining trees. The second phase of clearing some of the undergrowth at one end of the pond has been started by volunteers. Further work to make the area safer by installing a fence at the water edge, laying bark chippings on the area being cleared and erecting warning sign still has to be completed. Unsupervised children should NOT enter this area and we would encourage all residents not to use this area until the project is completed and safer to visit.

Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in St Marks Church on Wednesday 13th July at 7.30pm.

Subsequent meetings are listed below.

Wednesday 10th August at 7.00pm in The Cage

Wednesday 14th September at 7.00pm in The Cage.

Wednesday 12th October at 7.00pm in The Cage.

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.