

PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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Fenland Citizens Advice Bureau

If you need some free independent, confidential and impartial advice the Citizens Advice Bureau comes to Parson Drove once a month on a Tuesday afternoon from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. The next two sessions are being held in the Pavilion on the Playing Field on the 26th February and the 25th March.

Proposed Bus Shelter

Planning permission has now been obtained for the new bus shelter and building work should commence next month.

The footpath from the bus shelter linking up with the existing footpath outside G.W. Vialls & Sons has now been completed.

Parson Drove Street Pride Group

Residents are invited to attend the Group's Annual General Meeting to be held in the Pavilion on Tuesday 26th February at 7.30pm.

Youth Facilities

The multi media Jam Van has been visiting Parson Drove and will continue for the time being but more support from young people is needed. Further youth provision is being planned for the future, please look out for notices providing more information on dates, times and venues.

Village Website

A new village website is currently under construction which will include information on the Parish Council and the many village organisations. Local businesses will also be approached to advertise on the website.

Nationwide Post Office Closures

Cambridgeshire will not escape the planned closures and is likely to lose between 20

and 30 Post Offices. This is obviously causing a great deal of concern to all rural parishes and the Parish Council therefore need to take action to try and ensure that Parson Drove is not included in the closure programme. In order to influence the outcome we must gather information to substantiate the need for the retention of our Post Office. As part of this process we are asking residents and customers of the Post Office to sign a petition available at G.W. Vialls & Son and Tan Rose & Son shops and other public places. To assist further with the gathering of information it would also be very helpful if you could state on the petition the reason why Parson Drove Post Office is vital to you but without disclosing any personal information.

Consultation Day

Fenland Links are organising a public consultation day for local residents on Saturday 1st March in the village hall starting at 10.00am and representatives from various village organisations will be invited to attend.

Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday the 13th February in St Marks Methodist Church at 7.00pm.

Details of subsequent meetings are listed below.

Wednesday 12th March in St Marks Methodist Church at 7.00pm

Wednesday 9th April, Annual Parish Assembly Meeting at 7.00pm, followed by a Parish Council Meeting at 8.00pm in St Marks Methodist Church.

Wednesday 14th May in The Cage at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 11th June in The Cage at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 9th July in The Cage at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 13th August in The Cage at 7.00pm

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 starting at 7.00pm.

Casual Vacancy on the Parish Council

Following the resignation of Roger Goy from the Parish Council and as no poll was called by Parishioners the Parish Council will now fill the casual vacancy by co-option at their February Council Meeting.