

Waterbeach Parish Council News

December 2009

Youth and Community Building

Progress is slow but sure. One major step forward has been the appointment of a Project Manager who will provide professional expertise in carrying the project through and acting as liaison with the contractor. We hope that preliminary works will have started before the Christmas shut down and that building will start in earnest early in the New Year so that Tillage Hall is ready for occupation by the Autumn

The Youth Club are involved in discussions about what the building needs for their use and it is designed so that there will be the opportunity for a wide range of other activities to take place. A number of groups and individuals have expressed interest in hiring it already, if you have ideas for an activity which at present can't take place because there is nowhere to hold it please contact the Clerk or discuss your requirements with any Parish Councillor.

Pharmacy Crossing

A group comprising members of the Parish Plan Highways working group, Parish councillors, and our District and County Councillors met with a highways officer from the County Council to discuss what could be done to provide a safe crossing point from Village Stores and the pharmacy. The officer has been tasked with looking at the costs and safety implications of some of the suggestions which we hope will be available for the December meeting of the Parish Council. Given the shortage of funds in the county highways budget, the parish would have to be prepared to provide funding if our long awaited hope of getting a safe crossing is to be realised.

Double yellow lines consultation

A list of the suggested positions for double yellow lines is to be submitted to the Highways Department for their views as to their suitability. There are a number of road junctions in the village where the existence of parked cars

make visibility very difficult. We had a number of Parishioners come to our Highways meeting and give their views, and it is clear that the needs of road safety need to be very carefully balanced with residents' desire to park near their houses.

Cemetery

The cemetery drive now looks much better thanks to some work arranged by the Army to cut back trees, and the potholes have been filled by our Groundsmen. The Parish Council is now planning to do some restoration work on the Lychgate and further repairs to the walls

Fix my street

If there is a street light which is not working or a pothole which has suddenly appeared or any other highways issue which is a problem you can report it on www.fixmystreet.com. By typing in an address or postcode you can mark the position of the problem on a map and write brief details about it. You can also submit a photograph. This seems to be an effective way of getting routine repairs sorted out though it doesn't deal with major high expenditure ones.

Neighbourhood Watch

Being a Neighbourhood Watch coordinator need not be a very demanding role but it is nonetheless important. Neighbourhood Watch aims to develop a closer link between householders and the police, and the local coordinators provide a channel of communication between police and local residents. Coordinators can choose how many homes near them they want to consider are part of their 'patch', they are registered with the police and will be the first point of contact if an issue arises.

Many areas in the village have a local coordinator but more are still needed.

Contact Jane Williamson (details at the end of this Newsletter) if you are interested.

WILL

The library will be open on Wednesday, December 23rd from 6 - 8pm and then closed over Christmas, reopening on Saturday 2nd January from 10-2noon. Users will automatically get loan periods extended so books borrowed from Waterbeach will not be due for return during the period the library is closed for Christmas.

Books for Sale

at

Waterbeach Library

During the times the library is open
from December 19th to Jan 4th

Parish Council Elections

May 2010

Are you interested in becoming a Parish Councillor? See our website www.waterbeach.org.uk and follow the link to find out more about the Parish Council and about the election process.

Date for your Diary

The 2010 Annual Parish meeting will
be held on the evening of

Wednesday, 31st March

Put it in your diary now.!

South Cambridgeshire Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership

Supporting Parish Councils across South Cambridgeshire to take the lead in helping their communities and residents to understand their energy use and the options they have to manage it better in order to

Reduce energy bills

Tackle climate change

Build a more sustainable future

The Parish Council are, in principle, interested in taking part. However, they would like to know what support there is from the community and would appreciate offers from anyone who might like to get involved. If you are interested, then please contact us. For more information, see our website or ask us for a copy of the leaflet produced by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Contacting the Council

www.waterbeach.org.uk

Your Parish Councillors are:

Jane Williamson (Chairman - 440751)
Janet Cornwell (vice-Chairman - 861276)

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All phone numbers are area code 01223. Councillors can also be contacted by a standard email address which is firstname.surname@waterbeach.org.uk. For example, alan.ball@waterbeach.org.uk. You can also contact the Clerk, Mrs. Sarah Smart at Barton Ley, Bannold Drove, Waterbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9QQ.

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