

Waterbeach Parish Council News

Winter 2010

Waterbeach Parish Council would like to wish all our residents a Happy Christmas and may 2011 be a good year for us all.

Tillage Hall

Our Tillage Hall is now heading towards completion which we hope will be in the spring and it cannot happen soon enough, following from our last newsletter we have had people come forward to form a management committee and we say "Thanks" to these people. This committee is needed to ensure that Tillage Hall is run in the best way possible. We are now getting people coming forward as groups who have expressed an interest in using the new building which is very encouraging and shows how much this new building was actually needed to help new groups form and to give increased space and improved facilities to existing groups.

Dog Fouling

It is considered that this problem is improving slowly but it does still give cause for concern, there are only a very few who act irresponsibly but they do give other dog walkers a bad name, please respect the recreation ground and all the users of our

Cyclepaths

We are seeing more and more people using cycles as a means of transport and cycle paths are being created in many places but we do not have a cycle path between Waterbeach and Horningsea which many see as a necessity. But we do have the towpath that runs along to Horningsea where you can connect with the cycle path that leads to Newmarket Road area of Cambridge. We need to know what is needed to encourage more use of this cycle path and not just cyclists but pedestrians as well. Your ideas and suggestions should be sent to Sarah Smart our Parish Clerk so they can be brought to the attention of the Parish Council and then discussed for practicality and feasibility.

Community Speedwatch

Thanks to the volunteers who have come forward and we are now in the process of arranging training and these people will be advised of progress in this matter, to reduce costs we will be working with other Parish Councils to enable us to get the best value for money.



Waterbeach Independent Lending Library

Over the Christmas and New Year period the library will be closed from 22nd December until 5th January, there was a possibility that the library would be closed for an extended period for electrical work to be carried out but this has been put back to a later date.

There have been some enquiries about book reading clubs in the village and so we would like to know if there are any people in our village who would like to start a book club.

Meanwhile, make sure you visit the Library's new Facebook page. You can find it from the link on the Parish Council web-site.

Benches for the village

We have had two requests for a bench to be donated in memory of a loved one and our next step is to investigate what kind of bench as we have to consider maintenance. We do not want a bench that needs high maintenance as our ground staff have enough to do and we do not want it to deteriorate rapidly or be vandalised, and of course the location has to be decided which is important for the donor

Waterbeach Cemetery

Our idea of forming a "Friends of the Cemetery Group" has not attracted anyone yet, but knowing the residents of our village I am sure that some people will come forward to get this group going. The cemetery is an extremely important feature of our village and this is the opportunity for you to be involved so please contact our clerk Sarah Smart and put your name down.



Allotments

We now have 30 new allotment holders which is excellent news, and yet more people have come forward asking for allotments and so to avoid disappointment more land is being made available by Alan Shipp. This shows that we have a Parish Council that listens to the Parishioners when they ask for things and works together with people who can help deliver the goods needed, Waterbeach has a an excellent community spirit and this is evidence of that spirit at work.

Rendezvous on the Rec

After having people ask about this being a possibility for Waterbeach the response to our last newsletter was disappointing so maybe the interested parties were away, or has the idea waned? Being honest I thought this was great idea and was another way of getting all our residents together and building on our already great community spirit, so come on, put your names forward and let us all plan together what could be an event that no-one will want to miss. Please let our Clerk know if you would like to help with this.

Fresh-Air Fitness

We have had some positive feedback on this subject and we are now looking at funding for this project, this has also encouraged us to look at the play equipment for the smaller children. I did meet with a representative of a company supplying such equipment and he is giving us a free consultation with ideas for us to look at and maybe take forward. What do you the users of the younger children's area in the rec think? What would you like to see? Please put your suggestions to our clerk Sarah.

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