

TICKNALL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our 5th newsletter

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4th April 2006 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. The meeting will be preceded by a councillor surgery starting at 7:00 pm.

Precept: The precept is a local tax levied by the Parish Council to pay for services over and above those provided by the District and County authorities. At its meeting on 29th November 2005 the Parish Council agreed to set a precept for 2006/07 of £11,000. This is an increase of about £18 per average household per year and was inevitable to cover extra costs on The Grange, laptop computer for the Clerk, extra work brought about by Quality Council activities, the new Christmas lights, and to pay for some new kissing gates to replace inadequate stiles. The Christmas lights alone cost £650. Have you got any ideas or improvements for the village that could be budgeted for in future precepts, please let us know.

No 69 bus Most of you will be aware of the current situation from reports in the local press and free press. The Parish Council has had no formal feedback from Arriva, despite progressing them for an update.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that the transfers in Melbourne have improved apart from those during the evening rush hour. Also you can get a bus to DRI from Moreledge, we are led to believe but have not as yet had this information confirmed, that the same bus ticket can be used.

We are taking steps to understand what options are open to us should we find ourselves in a worse situation in a few years time should the airport bus not prove cost effective. We have a meeting with the Community Transport arm of Derbyshire County Council at the end of March.

Pruning of hedges and overhanging trees

Derbyshire County Council has asked the Parish Council to alert landowners who have trees and hedges that overhang footpaths or highways that it is the owner's responsibility to keep these cut back. The County Council reminds us that if their contractors are forced to cut back overhanging branches then the

landowner will be sent to bill for the work done.

Traffic Speeds: There is not a lot to report except that a data-recording box has appeared near the entrance to the Limeyards. This is as a result of a 'pre-dawn' meeting we had with County Highways before Christmas when we observed the early morning traffic speeds, and discussed possible actions. It was agreed that the next step should be to collect data.

The Grange attempted burglary: The replacement garage doors have been strengthened before installing.

First Responder Service:

Last times newsletter featured an article about a request for First Responder volunteers supporting the emergency paramedic and ambulance service. Training would be given and would be free of charge. There has been an excellent response from Melbourne but little from Ticknall. If you would still like to volunteer then it is not too late. To learn more or to register interest, please contact Chris Pratt, 01283 557257, or email chris.m.pratt@btopenworld.com

School Holiday Activities Programmes: After the mixed success of last summer's organised activities, we are willing to sponsor some activities again. South Derbyshire District Council will provide the following activities, paid for by the Parish Council. A Playmobile on The Grange (in the village hall if it rains) that includes a bouncy castle, and ball games etc. A skateboarding session is available and last year was held on Dame Catherine's playground. New for this year are Inflatable Lazer Games and if booked will be held on The Grange. Under 8 year olds must be accompanied by an adult.

To let the Parish Council know of the level of interest before we book these facilities would you please contact the Clerk on 01332 865226 or celiabunston@btinternet.com if your children want to come.

Public Rights of Way Service: Should any of you have a Right of Way problem, the responsibility for sorting out the problem is shared between South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County

Council. The first point of contact is SDDC's Contact Centre on 01283 595795.

Nottingham East Midlands Airport Master Plan Consultation: NEMA has published their draft Master Plan (very heavy!) from now up to 2030, and they are consulting with the public and organisations from now until 14 May. A copy can be obtained from one of several sources (the Parish Council has one which is currently being circulated round the Councillors – when it has been viewed and commented on then it will be available for viewing but not for borrowing): Visit the exhibition in the Check-In Hall; request a copy via their website www.nottinghamema.com telephone 01332 852852; or attend one of their exhibitions. The exhibitions are listed in full on the Parish Council Notice Board but the nearest will be at the Bill Shone Leisure Centre Melbourne on Tuesday 21 March from 2-7pm or the Green Bank Leisure Centre Swadlincote on Thursday 23 March from 3-7pm.

Flooding: The County Council has promised to 'jet' the gullies at the end of Melbourne Common following a letter to them to complain about the continued running of water off fields, causing problems especially when it freezes in winter.

There is also to be an investigation into the flooding on Main Street. We have no other details but this is a move in the right direction.

Cricket Club: The Parish Council has submitted a planning application on behalf of the Cricket Club for various works at the Grange, notably the installation of a Satellite Dish and replacement practice nets.

Public Enquiry: There is to be a public enquiry into the proposed change in the position of the blocking piece in Rose Lane. This proposal is connected with the application for planning permission by the previous owners at Slade House. We have no details yet but are taking steps to ensure that we have adequate representation.

Safer Neighbourhoods Project

At a meeting on 6th February, Inspector Steve Fairbrother outlined the Safer Neighbourhoods Project, which proposed a change in how the Police and the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership (formally the Crime and Disorder Partnership) will

engage with the community groups including Parish Councils. The project requires the creation of 6 "Safer Areas", Ticknall is in Safer Area 3 with Melbourne, Aston-on-Trent and Barrow-upon-Trent. The delivery of "Safer Neighbourhoods" will be led by the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership and will be structured to include Safer Area Groups. These groups may comprise the Beat Manager, Police Community Support Officers, Youth Workers, Neighbourhood Watch, local businesses, Special Constables, Parish, District and County Councillors etc. and will meet on a monthly basis. Also part of the team will be the Neighbourhood Wardens who will be appointed by South Derbyshire District Council.

If you are concerned about crime and wish to join the group, please contact any parish councillor. This is an opportunity to help intelligence led policing and know that the priorities of villages like Ticknall will be heard and reported back on. The initial meeting will be held on 11th April at 6.30pm in the Village Hall at Weston-on-Trent.

If you wish to have further information from the police on this important step in the creation of safe communities, you may contact Sue Haslett on 01283 595924 or email sue.haslett@south-derbys.gov.uk

Parish Council Website

The Parish Council website is in the process of being built up and is now available to view. The address is: www.ticknall.org.uk/tpc

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