



Hail Weston Parish Council

August 2011 Newsletter

Message from the Chairman:

After a false start, there were finally three nominations for the Parish Council elections in May. This meant that, although we had not achieved enough nominations to hold an election, we did have the minimum number required to form a Council. The Council should have seven members. Sheila Buchanan, Nigel Burdett and I were nominated and our first task at the May meeting was to consider co-opting other people to serve on the Council. I am pleased to say that Di Salter, Veronica Bolton and John Burtenshaw agreed to join the Council. There is still a vacancy for one Councillor. If you are interested in joining the Council, or know of somebody who may be interested please contact one of the Councillors or the Parish Clerk (contact details overleaf).

The Council are taking steps to have the new Cemetery, next to the Churchyard consecrated, so that it can be used once the few remaining spaces are taken in the Churchyard.

I am pleased to report that the Playing Field Committee have finalised and submitted a further grant application in order to start the next stage of improvements. Once again I must thank the committee members for their ongoing hard work.

We are still learning about how the austerity measures imposed by central and local government will impact on the village. It is hoped that there will be no noticeable changes. Both our District and County Councillors, who regularly attend the Council meetings, are actively lobbying within their respective authorities to protect services enjoyed by the rural communities.

If you have any issues that you feel The Parish Council should address then

please contact any Councillor, or come along to our regular meetings. There is an opportunity at each meeting for the public to have their say. If we do not hear from you, we cannot guarantee to act on all matters of concern, because the individual councillors may not be aware of the issue.

Parish Clerk Vacancy

After six years of service to the Council, Sheila Penton has decided to retire from her position. The Council are most appreciative of the work carried by Sheila, who, although not being resident in the village, involved herself fully in village activities. This included the village fete, the annual litter pick and the Playing Field refurbishment. Without Sheila's commitment the council would not have achieved Quality Council Status.

Thank you, Sheila for all your work over the last six years.

The role of the Parish Clerk is to carry out the administration of the Council's business. This includes taking minutes, writing letters and e-mails, recording the financial transactions and maintaining the Parish Council funds. The position is salaried; the salary being dependant upon experience and skills. In addition an allowance will be paid towards office running costs and use of a computer.

There are opportunities for the successful applicant to receive training.

Would you be interested in the position? This is your opportunity to take an active role in Village affairs. If you would like to be considered please contact me or any other Councillor. (Contact details overleaf)

Peter Chandler
Chairman

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Parish Steward

We are pleased to announce that Bridget Bickley has been appointed to the post of Parish Steward.

Obstruction of Highways including footpaths

It is an offence to obstruct highways. It is therefore strongly recommended that you take time to examine the boundaries of your property. Please ensure that hedges etc. do not restrict road width or cause pedestrians to have to walk on the road to pass

your property. You are also asked to check that larger vegetation which extends over highways and footpaths does not require pedestrians and cyclists to have to duck to avoid being hit in the face and upper body

Dog Fouling

There remains a few dog owners in the village who do not clear up after their pet. The problem is particularly noticeable during school holidays. If children and friends are not prepared to clean up they should not walk the dog.

Remember it is an offence not to clear up after your dog.

Village Fete & Dog Show Saturday 10th September

Join us for a fun filled day out for all the family. In addition to the opportunity to take part with your dog there will be games, displays and stalls providing interest for all ages.

Please support this event it really is an excellent family day out.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Following a successful re-launch last November the village Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is now fully operational. If you have not signed up to the scheme please send your e-mail details to your street coordinator:

5- 34 High Street including Green Lane	Sheila Buchanan	sheilabuchanan@talktalk.net
36-76 High Street including Aubreys Farm	Bernice Harrison	bernice35@btinternet.com
79-111 High Street including Ford End	Louise Gautrey	gingerbird1@btinternet.com
113-143 High Street including Newtown	Michael Dennis	michael_dennis16@sky.com
Manor Way	Colin Whitbread	pwhitbreadwww.com@waitrose.com
Crown Close, Hayle Close & Kimbolton Road	Sonia Beck	sonia.beck654@btinternet.com
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Barker Close & Bird Lane	Nigel Burdett	nigel.burdett@hotmail.co.uk

Since May there have been changes in Parish Council representation with a number of new members and changes in responsibilities please note the following:

Hail Weston Parish Council Contact Details

Meetings are normally held every third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall with no meetings in August or December.

Members of the public are welcome to attend, as there is an opportunity for public participation at every meeting where anyone can air their views or ask questions.

Notices for these meetings are posted on the village notice board, which is situated in the High Street between the turnings for Orchard Close and Aubreys Farm, and can also be found on the web site at www.hailweston.org.uk

The Parish Council comprises of seven members and there is presently one **vacancy**.

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