

DUCKPADDLE NEWS



Whetstone Parish Council

July 2013

URGENT PLANNING UPDATE

The David Wilson Homes Planning applications 12/0952/1/OX & 12/0951/1/PX have now been set for a hearing to be heard by an Inspector from HM Planning Inspectorate – ref: APP/T2405/A/13/2193758.

The Hearing will open at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 11th July 2013 at Blaby District Council, Council Offices, Desford Road, Narborough, Leicester, LE19 2EP. It is scheduled for a one day hearing.

You are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to attend the meeting as members of the public to let your views be known by filling the public gallery.

The Inspector can invite you to speak at his discretion.

Village Fund

At the June Full Council meeting, it was resolved to offer a £10,000 fund towards a village project or projects.

Under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Parish Council can “incur expenditure which, in its opinion, is in the interest of, and will bring direct benefit to, its area or any part of its or all of its inhabitants”. The Council can take £6.98 per elector (Whetstone has 4874 registered electors) towards any section 137 spend in any year.

The Council is therefore asking for interested parties initially to come forward by returning the attached slip. This will allow us to send you an application form which will detail your project and how it will be of benefit to the Village. The project must be Whetstone based and as an interested organisation or party, you must also be Whetstone based. The process will be administered by the Parish Office, and the decision made by Full Council. The process to be used and timetable will be set out in the application form notes. It is envisaged that the final decision will be made at the Full Council Meeting to be held on 19th September 2013.

Name: Contact Phone No:.....

Organisation:

Address:

Email Address:

Please return slips to: Whetstone Parish Council, Council Offices, Cemetery Road, Whetstone, Leicester. LE8 6LL. Closing date for returned slips is **5.00 p.m. on Monday 22nd July 2013.**



St. Peter's Church of England (Aided) Primary School

Life Drawing with the Royal Academy of Art

What would you say if you were given a small bit of charcoal, a big piece of paper and were told to draw a complete stranger who



was half naked? Laughing already? Yes? Well, that's what class 9 had to do on the 21st of May. They took part in a Life Drawing workshop with professional artists from the Royal Academy of Art in London. They had a great day and are really proud of their work. Here are some comments from the children....

"We all came in and sat down on the carpet ready for a normal, long, slow day at school. As I looked up at the timetable, I realised something was wrong. We had art all day; we found out what that meant. I wasn't really impressed when Mrs Cook told us she wasn't that sure how much clothing

the male model would be wearing...Soon, my worries were over..." (Isobel)"We all walked into the hall. We saw an empty mat; a woman called Janette and a half naked man called Pano. First of all, we all started giggling, but then we stopped laughing because we found out what we were doing. WE WERE DRAWING PANO!! Picking up a very large piece of paper and 2 pieces of charcoal, we spread out into a circle and started to draw... it was the best day EVER!" (Shannon)



Badgerbrook Primary School

Here at Badgerbrook Primary School we are very pleased to be welcoming a full house of 60 new students, who will be joining us in September 2013, we're sure they are as enthusiastic as we are and with induction days and stay and play sessions arranged we're already doing our best to ensure the transition from nursery/playgroups to school goes as smoothly as possible. At the same time we'll be saying a sad farewell to our year 6 students who will be moving on to secondary schools and we wish them all the very best of luck for their futures. As we write they will be banishing memories of hard work during recent SATS tests and enjoying their week long residential trip. We will also be saying a big thank you to Miss Herne who has been working three days a week in our Foundation Department and Mrs Jenkinson who has been covering absence and maternity leave throughout the last year.

We celebrate the permanent appointment of our Deputy Head Mrs Crichton who has been Acting Deputy since Easter last year. Congratulations Mrs Crichton. Also our year 5 teachers, a permanent position for Mrs Harding who has been with us on a temporary contract for over a year now and a full time position for Mrs Newcombe who wished to return to full time after a period of part time. Following her successful Graduate Teacher training at Badgerbrook Mrs Grant will be teaching in Year 2 next year and We look forward to welcoming back Miss Wolloff who will be returning to Year 3 from maternity leave. We also have great pleasure in welcoming Mrs Toon, a new addition to our team, who joins our Foundation Department.

Badgerbrook pupils and staff are proud to announce that yet again we have been awarded the NAACE mark for outstanding achievement with the use of ICT at our school. In 2009 we were initially awarded the mark and following an extensive review process we have continued to improve on our use of ICT throughout the school. Badgerbrook are one of two schools in Leicestershire with this prestigious award.

The pupils work with ICT daily and almost all lessons involve the use of the interactive whiteboards and laptops and amongst other things we link via email, sharing work and experiences, to other schools around the world. As a school we celebrate putting technology at the heart of learning.

In addition to our continued support of Sir Ranulph Fiennes and his team as they continue on their journey across the Antarctic raising money for the charity 'Seeing Is Believing' (an international charity that raises money to reduce avoidable blindness), pupils have been raising money for Loros and the school through our sponsored 'fitness in school' event. Thank you to everyone who supported this excellent cause.

Looking forward: We have numerous sports days planned (fingers crossed for the weather!) and our extremely popular **Summer Fayre is on Saturday June 22nd. Everyone welcome.** Childrens Disco's, parties and organized bowling trips, presentation events, plays and concerts to celebrate the end of the year are also in the diary. It has been a fantastic year and one we'll look back on with fond memories. We hope you all have an enjoyable summer and look forward to the 2013/14 academic year.



VISIT OUR NEW LOOK WEBSITE
WWW.WHETSTONEPC.ORG.UK



JUST A MINUTE

YOUR Parish Council usually meets every third Thursday of the month, 7.30pm at the Parish Council Offices Cemetery Road, Whetstone. The agenda for the meeting is posted on the Parish Notice Boards. Parishioners are more than welcome to attend, whether you have a specific interest in an item on the agenda, or if you just wish to see Council in operation. Below are several extracts of general items of interest from the minutes of the last three meetings.

January

- Mr Jon Riley was co opted onto the Parish Council and was warmly welcomed by the Chairman and members of Council, following the resignation of David Garratt.
- Cllr Coles reported that Blaby District Council were looking into the noise pollution issue along the bypass.
- A new hand rail had been fitted to St Peters Church to assist with entry and exit to the Church.
- The replacement kitchen had been ordered for the Parish Offices and would be fitted shortly.

February

- Residents had approached Councillors regarding the mess, working hours, noise and general lack of courtesy being shown by the developers on the Springwell Lane Development. The Clerk would contact Blaby District Council Enforcement team regarding this.
- The Clerk showed members photos of the Back Lane Meadows tree planting that should be completed by the end of the month.
- The Clerk informed Council that the Speed Camera had also been ordered for the village and was expected shortly.
- The Annual Parish website review had been undertaken and had been deemed to be very good.

March

- A number of complaints had been received at the Parish Council regarding the inconsiderate parking in front of the War Memorial on the High Street. The Clerk had asked the owners to be more considerate, but would ask for assistance from the Police if the situation continued.
- The Jubilee Tree had been received, and would be planted in the Cemetery at a date to be determined.
- The Speed Camera has now been received and work is underway to site this around various sites around the village.
- The Parish Council had received the Lease for Trinity Road Car Park and this was signed by the Chairman.

The next four meetings of Council take place on July 18th , August 15th, September 19th and October 17th

E-mail:WhetstonePC@whetstone.org.uk

Tel: (0116) 2751987—Fax: Leicester (0116) 2753395

The office is open Monday to Thursday 9am-4pm and Friday 9am-1pm (an answer machine is in operation at all other times)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning applications are available for viewing on the Parish Council Website

WWW.WHETSTONEPC.ORG.UK

We also hold copies of all Whetstone Planning Applications which we discuss at our Planning

Committee Meetings. Please contact the office prior to wishing to inspect these, as a member of the staff has to be available during inspection.

Telephone: 0116 2751987— E.mail: whetstonepc@whetstone.org.uk



Edward Wright Room "Whetstone Parish Council"

Looking for a venue to hold a small intimate family/friends celebration in quiet pleasant surroundings with newly refitted kitchen facilities, disabled access and toilets, car parking for up to 25 cars all inclusive for £12 per hour, plus projector/computer links available at a small extra cost.

We have just the room for you at Whetstone Parish Council, Council Offices Cemetery Road, Whetstone

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1st Whetstone Scout Group



Many residents of Whetstone may see the Scout groups once a year during the village memorial parade, but what do these groups of young people get up to for the rest of the year?

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are all very active in Whetstone. Amongst other activities the groups have been; map reading, fire building, cooking, kayaking, practicing 1st aid, bridge building and camping as well as eight Cubs receiving their Chief Scouts Silver awards in a presentation evening at the Town Hall by the Lord Mayor. In the coming weeks the Scouts will be assisting the Parish Council with clearing rubble from the nature area at the rear of Spinney Halt.



Next time you see a group of 20 boys and girls walking through our local streets and footpaths, maybe it's the Scouts trying to find their way back to the hut!



youth drop-in ncounter



What Is It : It is a **free** youth drop-in for ages 11+

When : It's from Monday 15th– Thursday 18th of July

@7.30pm – 9.00pm

Where : Whetstone Baptist Church 2 King Street
(in the hall at the back)

Games consoles- Sports- Competitions-

Milk shake café- Crafts

Blaby & Whetstone Boys Club F.C.

Club 0116 2864852 Mobile 07816139667.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB. The club is now OFSTED registered and is able to take under 7's as well as the over 7's. The after school club operates every weekday day 3pm till 6pm, doing sports / arts & crafts / computers / x.box / Wii / play station / bouncy castle / pool. The club is available for use for either every day or just the odd hour each day or weekly or just the one off session. Phone the club or Dave Palmer for more information.

50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS. We are at present planning our 50th anniversary of being in Whetstone (May14) we are holding many events to fund raise towards building New Changing rooms & doubling the size of the youth club area. We are planning a Village Gala and Barn dance on the 31st August 13 so watch out for more details. Also we have a Ladies night on the Thurs 27th June 7-30pm onwards £2 a ticket lots of stalls and events to come and try.

Youth club times

Mon to wed 6pm to 9-30pm 8 to 18's
Thurs 6pm to 9-30pm 12 to 18's
Fri 6pm to 9-30pm 8 to 14's



What's in a Name ?

It's interesting what you can find out about the history of the area by simply looking at the street names. Early street names were indicated in various ways ranging from names carved into stone blocks set into a wall to simple painted wooden boards

The word Street comes from the Anglo Saxon "stroet". This is translated as a paved way within a town or village. Road is related to "ridan" (ride) and is what we would recognise today as a bridle path which would be used for carts and riders as well as walkers. Lane (lan) would mean that the way would be narrow and winding and the Anglo Saxon word "weg" is a general word for way. A farmer would have used a private passage called a "drifan" to drive his animals to the farmyard from the fields; and similarly a passage to a group of houses would have been called a drive. The name close is also commonly used today and this has ancient origins from the Middle English word "closen" meaning "an enclosure of land"

From Victorian times, local councils were called upon to put up street signs and when they did so this tended to 'fix' the name of the street. Standard road names would have been produced as cast iron plates which would have been bolted to a wall. In built up areas, where there were no gardens, these would have usually been positioned about ten feet up on the side of the house, if a house had a garden, they might have been bolted to railings or mounted on the wall beside the pavement.

From the late 19th century a new trend appeared as people moving into suburbs felt that living on 'something road' was much more up market than 'something street' and 'something lane', so lanes and streets were renamed roads, to accommodate this phenomenon.

Today our housing estates have many themes running through them, these can be suggested by the owners or housing developers but these have to be approved by the Local Council. Suggestions for road names would normally have some local or historical connection. For example in Whetstone we have many 'streets, lanes, ways, closes named after our fallen soldiers which are taken from the names on the War Memorial. Animals also feature largely on our estates. In common with many villages in the United Kingdom we also have a Station Street (site of the old Station) , Brook Street near the brook, Bridge Way (over the bridge) etc. Some of our more imaginatively names streets are named in the old poem penned about Whetstone which is reproduced here.

*Whetstone, O Whetstone, the place of my birth
The prettiest village God placed on this earth
There's New Row, Smack Alley, Pig Lane and The Nook
And a nice little walk by the babbling brook.*





PCSO Simon Stevenson

CRIME AND DISORDER



Beacon Officer Pc Kirti Chauhan



PCSO Amy Stokes

Policing update from the Whetstone neighbourhood team

We hope you are all having a great summer and enjoying the good weather!

Whetstone seems to have had a pretty quiet start to the summer where crime is concerned with three damage to motor vehicles, one burglary and one garage break being reported.

However, we must not be complacent so please remember to:

Make sure all windows and doors are closed securely if you leave the room or nip out of the house, even if you are only in the back garden.

If you see somebody who isn't usually in the area and is paying lots of attention to neighbours houses then call the police.

Never leave a car unlocked, even for a few minutes.

Always take your belongings with you when leaving your car and don't leave anything on show to make your car an easy target for an opportunist thief.

Secure your shed with a good quality padlock and a shed alarm.

Further crime prevention advice can be found on the Police website, www.leics.police.uk

If you would like to speak to an officer direct about any policing or council concerns in your area, why not log on to the monthly joint Police and Council webchat which is held online at <http://www.leics.police.uk/blabywebchat> on the last Thursday of each month at 6.30pm. The next webchat will be on Thursday June 27th.

You can follow the beat team on Twitter @LPBlaby or click on to <http://kimtag.com/BlabyLPU> which lists all the Blaby LPU social networks.

To leave a message for a member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team call 101 and when prompted enter the officers ID number. For PC Kit Chauhan enter 4214, PCSO Amy Stokes enter 6588 and for PCSO Simon Stevenson enter 6073. Or you can email a member of the team from the local policing pages of the Leicestershire Police website.



WHETSTONE CRIME FIGURES

Local crime figures are now available On the National Police website: www.police.uk. This website provides you with helpful information about crime and policing in your area. Enter your postcode, town, village or street into the search box, and get instant access to street-level Crime maps and data, as well as details of your local Policing team and beat meetings

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