



The Village Sign

The Parish Council were very pleased to be able to complete the installation of the Village sign on the Village Green commissioned to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II. A commemorative plaque has been fitted.



Planning Update 1

This is to inform you that the two planning applications **12/0176/1/OX** - Demolition of existing industrial buildings and proposed residential development for maximum 136 dwelling associated infrastructure, open space and vehicular access from Cambridge Road (Outline) - Land at Warwick Road / Cambridge Road Whetstone and **12/0279/1/OX** - Proposed residential development (maximum 84 dwellings) associated landscaping and infrastructure including bridge with access from Cambridge Road (Outline)(revised scheme) - Cambridge Road Whetstone were **determined by BDC Development Control Committee** which took place on Thursday 24th May 2012. It is pleasing to say that **both applications, fully supported by your Parish Council were approved**. This means that the village has been able to determine the desired use of two areas of the village by using Neighbourhood Planning principles to work with the applicant, in getting the very best for you, the residents of Whetstone.

Planning Update 2

The Parish Council is now working towards the planning appeal for the David Wilson Homes proposed development on countryside on land off Springwell Lane for 178 dwellings which takes place at Blaby District Council, Council Offices, Desford Road, Narborough, Leicester LE19 2EP starting on Tuesday 26th June 2012 at 10.00 a.m.

We have "front row seats" at the appeal which is chaired by one of Her Majesty's Planning Inspectors. We will be informing the Inspector why there are no grounds or need to build on countryside, when there is an adequate supply of Brownfield and Regeneration sites available in the village. If these were developed, by the likes of David Wilson Homes, we would meet our determined housing needs up to 2029.

We can now show that we have, with the approved applications on the Former GEC site and Land off Cambridge Road, met our required housing numbers already and should therefore not be subjected to developers wanting to build on countryside.

The above appeal is **open for members of the public to attend**. Speaking is not permitted unless the Inspector invites this. **YOUR ATTENDANCE IS NEEDED TO SHOW THE INSPECTOR THAT WE ARE AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL AS A VILLAGE. We believe our case will be strengthened by your attendance, either on all scheduled days, or on one of the days, or even if you can only attend for a few hours, please do, as it will help to show the strength of feeling in the village against this unacceptable and unnecessary loss of Countryside.** The first day will hear opening arguments by David Wilson Homes, and by the District Council who rejected the application and by ourselves as your Parish Council who have always objected strongly to this application.

This will be our last chance to make our case to stop this development once and for all and get it refused by the Inspector.

Please, please, please do attend if you are able to.



MINI BEAST MAD

Year 1 and 2 have been busy learning about mini beasts as part of their science work. The children are keen to observe a variety of creatures and want to attract more invertebrates to the school grounds. They have been busy collecting objects such as plants, pots, straw, bricks, bamboo sticks, logs etc and last week helped to construct a 'mini beast hotel' from pallets.

CLASS SIX MAKE NEW FRIENDS

This year Class Six have been involved with a School Linking Network project and has been linked with Bridge Junior School in the city of Leicester. The children were very excited to meet new friends and last week we got to meet each other on a school trip to the woods. The children had the opportunity to play games with their new friends, climb trees, make dens and rock climb

UKLA BOOK AWARDS 2012

Mr Bailey and Miss Wykes have been involved in the UK Literacy Association's (UKLA) Book Awards. The UKLA teachers' book award is unique in that it is the only children's book award which is judged by teachers. The children loved hearing the different books and enjoyed choosing their favourites too.

LOROS FABULOUS FITNESS IN SCHOOLS CHARITY EVENT!

The scorching sun beamed down on our Fitness in Schools event on Wednesday 23rd May. As well as trying hard physically, the children worked hard to raise sponsors for a charity which is very close to our hearts – LOROS, our local hospice. Many of the children at St Peters know of family or friends who have been cared for at LOROS or continue to be supported by LOROS. On the day of the event, we raised over £500 and money continues to come in as children carry on collecting the remainder of their sponsors from family and friends. We are estimating over £1000 will be collected by the end of the half term. We want to thank all the people involved who have given such kind and generous donations.



Badgerbrook Primary School

At the end of term staff, governors, parents and children said a fond farewell to their Head teacher of 6 years as she began her retirement. Mrs Josie Russell had been at the school since it opened in 1992. The final day of term Mrs Russell was treated to a whole school assembly based on the theme of tea – growing, brewing and drinking tea – during which many presentations were made. During the afternoon Mrs Russell gave a much requested drum recital to the school and this was followed by a whole school conga and hokey cokey on the school field. Everyone wishes Mrs Russell a very long, happy and healthy retirement.



Mrs Fiona Jones took her appointment on the first day of the Summer Term and is now getting to know the staff and children. In other staff news Miss Sayer got married in the holidays and she is now Mrs Morrin. We would like to wish her and her husband all the very best for the future.

Year 6 children have taken their SATs tests and enjoyed an exciting week at PGL Activity Centre in Lincolnshire. Pictures of some of the activities are available on our website www.badgerbrook.leics.sch.uk

A group of children competed in the Family of Schools Dance festival at Thomas Estley Community College and all Badgerbrook children and staff participated in the Big Dance Guinness World Record attempt on May 18th. There have been numerous other sporting activities as well. The girls' football team won the Midlands Championship against teams from ten surrounding counties. As a result they secured a place in the national finals held at Watford's training ground. Although they didn't win they all enjoyed the great experience.

The Jubilee celebrations on Thursday 31st May were a great success with staff and pupils dressing in red, white and blue for the day. All children designed and decorated a crown to wear and had a picnic lunch, followed by an ice cream or lolly provided by the Friends of Badgerbrook (FOBs). They sang the National Anthem and paraded in front of the Queen and parents.

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.

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**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.

March 2012

The Clerk reported that the Back Lane Field outbuildings had now been cleared, and work had commenced on the sensory garden in the centre of the village which had now been cleared of the overgrown trees making it a better facility for the village.

Two grants were being applied for in April .

The Planning appeal for the Springwell Lane development has been set for 26th and 27th June at Blaby District Council. The Jubilee Beacon has been requested by the Scouts. This will be erected on the Three Arches and will be lit on the evening of Monday 4th June.

The Village Sign is due to be erected on the Village Green at the end of May, this will also have a commemorative plaque regarding the celebrations regarding the sixty year reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

April 2012

A Public consultation is to be held in respect of the Whetstone Recycling Facility, the Clerk would pass on the suggestions and concerns raised by the Parish council.

Blaby District Council have agreed to lease the Trinity Road Park and the land at the side of St Peters Church at no cost to the Parish Council. We are still awaiting the lease to be forwarded in respect of High Street Car Park

Work is now well underway with regard to the sensory garden. The village green will be planted with a patriotic Union Jack design and the new village sign will all be in place for the Jubilee.

A point was raised regarding the unsuitable language being used by both players and coaches at the Holmes Park facility, this had been mentioned to the staff on the gates, the Clerk will write to the FA and raise this matter with them.

May 2012

The Annual General Meeting was held on 17th May 2012. Mr Mark Jackson was elected Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Mr Peter Cox was duly elected as Vice Chairman. Congratulations were given by all members present.

The Draft Core Strategy 2012 is due to be presented at Blaby District Council for approval. This document sets the housing numbers for both the District and the Parish for the coming year.

Discussions took place at Full Council regarding the Whetstone Recycling Facility, issues were raised regarding the access and road situation, and these would be highlighted to the Leicestershire County Council

A meeting is to be held at Brockington College , in connection with a Grant Application for which the Parish has applied . A

Presentation will be made by the Chairman of the Parish, then voting will take place and the funds will be awarded to the most deserving projects on the night. Watch out for the results.

The next four meetings of Council take place on 21st June , 19th July, 16 August, and 20th September 2012

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YOUR ELECTED DISTRICT and COUNTY COUNCILLORS

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District Councillor	Tony Greenwood	Aylmer House, Wilkinson Ln, Elmesthorpe, LE9 7SP	01455 840089 Whetstone North
District Councillor	Alan Tanner	White Barn Farm, Cosby, LE9 1TD	2841596 Whetstone South
County Councillor	David Jennings	122 Station Road, Countesthorpe, LE8 5TD	2774263 Whetstone South
County Councillor	Barry Garner	7 Riverside Court, Littlethorpe, LE19 2LU	2867362 Whetstone North

Development Control in England in 2012

In the 21st century the term **Development Control** has become a catch-all term to cover **planning** (including listed buildings) and **Building Regulations** (that is building control). In June 2012, the Government department responsible for **planning** and the **Building Regulations** is the Department for Communities and Local Government, while **listed buildings** are the responsibility of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

The simplest way to explain the difference between planning and Building Regulations is that **planning** sets out how land can be **used** – including what can be built on it and what these buildings can be used for - while the **Building Regulations** set out how any permitted building is **constructed**. Although not a crime, there are stiff penalties for breaking planning law so beware! I say this because it is the house owner's responsibility to ensure that their house is legal, according to planning law. When you buy a house, even a new-build, make sure that the searches are done thoroughly – otherwise you could find that you have bought an illegal house. It happens!

There are special rules and regulations for listed buildings **and** their settings. In other words, if you live in, or close to, any of the five listed buildings in Whetstone, please contact the Blaby District Council Conservation Team before doing anything because making changes to listed buildings - without the proper permission - is a **criminal** offence with severe penalties. The five listed buildings in Whetstone are St Peter's Church, Whetstone Grange, Whetstone Pastures Residential Home, 2 High Street and the War Memorial.

Contrary to popular belief, **every** extension to a house **does** need planning permission – and has done so **since 1st July 1948**. The idea that a householder can extend their house by a certain amount without planning permission is the result of a misunderstanding about **Permitted Development**. Permitted development is **planning permission**, given by **central government** which allows householders to make **small** alterations/additions to their own house. Since permission has already been given, there is no need for the householder **to apply for** planning permission again before starting the work. However the crucial words **to apply for** have got lost over the last 64 years – hence the misunderstanding. Not only that but in real life, a planning application may often be required because **very** stringent terms and conditions restrict what is considered permitted development.

While some changes to a house may require **both** planning permission **and** Building Regulations compliance others may require one, the other – or neither!

To find your way through these complications, visit the **Planning Portal** at <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk> This very helpful, official, government website gives information about planning, Building Regulations, listed buildings and the many permissions that may be involved in "development".

To find out about planning applications relating to Whetstone check the weekly lists published on the Blaby District Council's website at <https://w3.blaby.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Article by Alice Tyler, Chairman of Whetstone Parish Council Planning Committee

LEADER RETURNS TO BLABY & WHETSTONE BOYS CLUB

Blaby and Whetstone Boys club welcomes back Dave Palmer after a year's secondment running the £5.8 million youth and community complex in Hinckley. Dave rejoins the club on the 7th June and he will continue to open the club from 6 -9.30 Monday to Friday. Dave will be promoting a summer activities program through the July and August School holidays, which will include day time club opening and trips and visits to skate parks, theme parks, ten pin bowling, swimming and mega zone. Please watch out for leaflets in the club and local shops.

For more info on club opening times and ages, please e-mail blabyboysclub@btconnect.com or call 07816139667 or direct to the club on 0116 2864852.

LOCAL YOUTH CLUBS

Dave is also compiling a list of local youth clubs and things for all of our young people to do. These include youth clubs, scouts, guides, church groups and various other groups that provide activities and support for young people in our area. If you wish to be included in this document please forward to Dave Palmer any information that you think is relevant. Please include day, times, cost, venue, and contact numbers, also how often it is run. Please e-mail to Dave at the e-mail address shown above.

Edward Wright Room "Whetstone Parish Council"

Looking for a venue to hold a small intimate family/friends celebration in quiet pleasant surroundings with 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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ST PETERS CHURCH

Diary dates

July 14

Strawberry Teas in the Parish Centre, High Street,
Teas, stalls and a raffle 2 – 4

August 11

Summer Fayre, Church Lane, (Parish Centre if wet)
Stalls, activities and refreshments 10–4

September 8

Breakfast/Brunch.
Stalls and Raffle, Parish Centre. 10.30 – 2 £4.00

September 18

Fashion Show and sale of next to new clothes
in church 7.30pm £1.50 incl light refreshment

Join us for

Whetstone

Village BBQ

AT BLABY & WHETSTONE BOYS' CLUB
Warwick Road

SAT 7th JULY

Its Free! 12–4pm

live music

BOUNCY CASTLES
ATTRACTIONS
KIDS' RACES
AND MUCH MORE...

FREE food served between 12–2pm

Organised by Whetstone Baptist Church
Serving the community



WHETSTONE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL BBQ AND OPEN DAY

To be held on Saturday September 1st from

12 noon until 4.30pm

EVERYONE WELCOME

N-COUNTER

Every year Whetstone Baptist Church hosts a youth (11-18 year old) event called "Ncounter". This is a free event for all young people to come to the hall behind Whetstone Baptist Church and play on games consoles, play football, and generally have a good time. The event is held during the evening of the first week of the summer holidays.

(Mon 16th July - Thurs 19th July). Please come along and join us .

Future Duckpaddle Dates

The next 3 editions of 'Duckpaddle' will be delivered on Friday 22nd June—Friday 14th September—Friday 23rd November, 2012

If you wish to submit an article for inclusion (No Commercial advertising) subject to approval by Council, please do so no later than

Friday 31st August—Friday 9th November



Beat Officer Pc Kirti Chauhan



CSO Amy Stokes



CSO Tom Sharpe



Beat Officer Pc Nick Taylor

CRIME AND DISORDER

In the last 30 days we have had one burglary dwelling, two burglaries to businesses, a shed break, a stolen vehicle and a theft from a motor vehicle. Although this is not a high volume of crime, the beat team have been patrolling the area on cycles all hours. As a Householder you can take simple steps to reduce the risk of being a victim of burglary. During the warmer weather ensure windows are closed and secured when you go out. When you are at home and maybe in the rear garden, ensure your front door is locked and ground floor windows are closed if they are out of your view.

We would also advise that you protect your property with "Smart Water", which is a unique property marking system. Smart Water is a clear water based security marking solution and each bottle is unique to the owner of that property. It can be used to visibly mark everything from jewellery to electrical equipment and anything else of value. This has been a proven deterrent to crime, as criminals are aware should property be found on them, it can be traced back to source, and of course this increases your chances of having your property returned. Watch out for future "Smart Water" events, that we will be holding in the future, one of which will be in Cosby, where we will be selling "Smart Water" at a subsidised price. Residents are also being encouraged to register their property on the UK National Property Register, Immobilise, which is supported by UK police forces. Just log on to www.immobilise.com to register the serial numbers of expensive items such as televisions, laptops, mobile phones and MP3 players free of charge.

Communities that work closely with police will help in keeping crime down. So please remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to us straight away. The next beat surgery in Whetstone will take place on Saturday June 23rd, 2012 at the Co-operative Store, Dog and Gun Lane.

We are still getting the odd report of vehicles being driven erratically around the village. However, we would ask you to contact us and report, not tolerate such behaviour. If you are able to pass us the registration numbers of the vehicles concerned we can then deal with the drivers appropriately. We can also issue Section 59 warnings which mean if the driver/ rider or vehicle continues in the same manner within a 12 month period the vehicle can be seized by police with a hefty release fee.

Stay safe and enjoy the summer and help us protect you all in your wonderful village.

PC 4214 Kit Chauhan

To all residents of Whetstone that if they experience Anti social Behaviour or any other crime related matter to report it to us.

Please remember to use **101 for any non emergency calls to Police**. To leave a message for a member of the beat team select option 2 then enter the officers ID number. For PC Nick Taylor enter 0845, PC Kit Chauhan enter 4214, PCSO Tom-Sharpe enter 6176, PCSO Amy Stokes enter 6588.

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

NEW DIRECTION Team

Drug/Alcohol advice and support for young people in
Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland
96 New Walk, Leicester, LE1 7EA

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