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### **Parish Council Meeting Dates 2010**

All at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

WEDNESDAY 28th APRIL  
WEDNESDAY 19th MAY (ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)  
WEDNESDAY 23rd JUNE  
WEDNESDAY 28th JULY  
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WEDNESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER  
WEDNESDAY 20th OCTOBER  
WEDNESDAY 24th NOVEMBER  
WEDNESDAY 15th DECEMBER

### **Parish Council Surgery dates**

*Chat to a Councillor one to one*

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### **Thanks & Welcome**

Many thanks to Councillors Dave Foreman, Trish Hilton and Paul Hargrave for their service to the community as they step down from the Parish Council in May. Welcome to the three new Councillors J Bailey, M. Bullen and P. Reed who join the Parish Council in May.

### **The last word:**

As well as this newsletter, published 4 times each year, we use the Beacon magazine to keep you up to date with significant matters. Agendas and minutes are on the village notice boards and the website too. [www.gringleyvillage.org.uk](http://www.gringleyvillage.org.uk).

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**NEWSLETTER**  
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## Detention Centre Site:

For many years, the future of the Detention Centre Site has been the most significant issue in the village, and it continues to be so. As reported in last year's annual report, Miller Homes have acquired the site, and submitted detailed planning permission for 68 dwellings in the autumn of 2008. Of these, 20% will be classified as "affordable". On the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2009, these plans were passed by Basestlaw District Council, although there are still one or two outstanding matters to be resolved before formal planning permission is issued.

As part of the deal between the interested parties, Miller Homes will build a new 4000 sq. ft. Community Centre. They have already prepared detailed plans for this building and these have been agreed with representatives of the Parish Council. A condition of the planning permission will require that the Community Centre is started before building of the houses start, and must be completed before 80% of the houses are sold, or within two years whichever comes earlier.

Miller Homes are obviously keen to start this project, having spent a significant amount on the project already, but in the current economic climate it is not clear when a start will be made. Your council keeps in regular contact with Miller Homes, the last meeting between the parties having been in March, when a number of matters were discussed. The Community Centre will be provided with a basic kitchen, but other items of internal equipment and furniture will need to be provided by the community. This will include the stage, seating etc, so a significant amount of fund raising will be needed. As soon as the Miller Homes start on site, the steering group which was set up in 2007 will be reconvened, and will have the responsibility of managing the fund-raising activities, which will include making submissions for third party funding.

We now wait for Miller Homes to make the decision to start work, and naturally we hope that this will be sooner rather than later! The Parish Council will do it's best to ensure that disruption and inconvenience is kept

to a minimum during the construction phase, and that, where we are able to influence matters, it will do so, to ensure that the final project is as attractive as possible.

## Playing Field

The Parish Council has appointed a UK company, Nova Sport, to replace the worn out tiles that form the safety surface around the children's play equipment at a cost of £6,293. The new surface will be the "wetpour" type which will have a much longer more durable life.

## Grass Cutting

We have recently changed the contractor for all the Parish Council owned grassed areas in the village. "Helping Hand", who did an excellent job in adjacent villages last year, is now cutting these. We have renewed the playing field grass-cutting contract with North Notts Landscapes who have generally performed well over the past year. We hope that you will be pleased with the quality of all of the work.

We welcome comments from members of the public over the quality of cutting and action is always taken to make the contractors aware of any shortcomings.

## Village Website:

The Parish Council manages the village website ([www.gringleyvillage.org.uk](http://www.gringleyvillage.org.uk)), and is keen to make the site more relevant and up-to-date. Anyone wishing to advertise their business is encouraged to submit an entry for inclusion in the "businesses" section – for the modest fee of £10 per annum (April to April). For further information, please contact the clerk. The website has been in its current format for a number of years, and the Parish Council is keen to maintain its relevance and interest. If anyone has ideas for additional pages or features for the website, please contact the chairman. The Council will be discussing the future of the website in a forthcoming meeting, and would welcome input from the community.

## Parish Footpaths

There are 21 paths of varying lengths in the village, and the Parish Council is grateful to Councillor Daniels for watching over these, and to the various farmers over whose land they run, for keeping them clear. A map of all paths can be found on a notice board outside the Old Post Office, and on the new display board on Fairpiece.

## Parish Council Elections

At the time of going to press, late April, the Parish Council has just been informed that, as nine prospective Councillors were nominated, those nine are deemed to be elected and will take office at the meeting on 19 May. The Chairman and members of the Parish Council welcome three new Councillors (see overleaf) and hope they have an enjoyable time in office.

## Notice Boards

Mindful that posters and notices were being nailed and stapled to the fabric of the bus shelters on High St and The Fairpiece, the Parish Council have had public notice boards installed in the shelters. These are for use by the whole village. Please feel free to use them to advertise your village activities.

## Highways Matters

Highways matters figure on the Parish Council meeting agendas every month and it is often slow and painstaking work getting jobs done by Nottinghamshire County Council. One of the problems we have been tackling for a long time is the Beacon Hill approach to the crossroads. Nottinghamshire County Council have at last agreed to improve the signs at the junction.

Next on the priority list is the Halls Rd/Finkell St corner, where we are trying to get the 30mph signs moved back onto Halls Rd. We wait with bated breath.