

Gringley on the Hill Parish Council

Newsletter Autumn 2005

As well as publishing the annual report by 30th June each year, we're also required to publish a synopsis of the annual report and a brief summary of the accounts in one of our newsletters:

Synopsis of the Annual Report

The annual report included reference to the following:

- Allotment provision
- Parish Paths Partnership
- Highway matters
- Street lighting
- Litter bins
- Playing field
- Tree work
- Cemetery
- Christmas illuminations
- Community building to replace the Village Hall
- Planning
- Best Kept Village Competition
- Emergency medical response service
- Broadband
- Quality accreditation
- Local taxation
- Village website
- Councillors' surgeries

Summary of the Accounts

We began the year with a balance of £15,010 and ended it with a closing balance of £13,002. The closing balance included an earmarked reserve of £963 Parish Paths Partnership grant. Income during the year came to £24,145 and expenditure to £26,153.

Total fixed assets amounted to £212,193.

Website and email address

We have new website and email addresses:

www.gringleyvillage.org.uk

and theclerk@gringleyvillage.org.uk

Please have a look at the website; we're quite proud of it, but it's only a start, and we need to get village organisations and businesses on there. Contact the Clerk for details.

Best Kept Village Competition

Most people will be aware that Gringley on the Hill is the winner in Category C – population 300 to 700.

We've also been given the Best New Entrant award for the whole county. We now have a chance of winning the Wilko Best of Notts Award, to be announced on 16th November.

It is many years since the village entered this competition, and credit is due to everyone who did their bit - a stunning achievement for a new entrant! The winner's post and plaque is to be brought to Gringley by Young Farmers Clubs, to be positioned on the Fairpiece for the next 12 months and hopefully longer. There will be an unveiling ceremony at noon on Saturday 5th November, performed by John Mann, MP. Please come along and give the village a cheer.

Next year our neighbour, Everton, is going it alone without Drakeholes (part). This is because the judges found it difficult to compare like with like this year with Everton in the 700 to 2000 Category. With Everton dropping into Category C, we'll certainly have a fight on our hands.

Trafalgar Weekend and the Future of the Village Beacon

Together with village volunteers, we wanted to celebrate Trafalgar Weekend with the lighting of the beacon on Beacon Hill and a fireworks display and barbecue. Unfortunately, the insurance implications of physically moving the beacon make this impossible.

We've therefore decided that the relocation of the beacon to a permanent site is something we must consider. An alternative would be to acquire a second beacon for such purpose, leaving the existing beacon where it is. This key issue is open for public discussion at our next meeting, to be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 26th October, 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

Water Pressure

We've made representations to Anglian Water about unsatisfactory water pressure in the western part of the village, and will keep you up-to-date.

Air Traffic

We're concerned about low flying military aircraft in the area and a sequence of near misses in the region, including one witnessed by Cllr. David Foreman involving a military aircraft and a light aircraft over West Stockwith. We've asked North East Bassetlaw Forum to discuss the matter, along

with concerns expressed by Everton Parish Council about the number of civil aircraft over Everton since Robin Hood Airport opened.

Gringley Wharf

We've not made a lot more progress on this project because there are lots of formalities to go through. Firstly, we need to be certain that English Nature will be happy with the proposed moorings. Secondly, we need to establish the legal position regarding what you can and can't do on a registered village green. Thirdly, of course, we need to have the village with us, and, with that in mind, we intend to fully consult.

Village Well

Following representations from a local resident, we've decided we really must get on and carry out necessary improvements to the Village Well. We're currently putting a specification of work together.

Christmas Illuminations

At the time of writing, we don't know for certain whether we'll be having Christmas illuminations this year. There are two problems: the first is that we know the cost is going to rise dramatically, and the second is that we're having difficulty getting a price out of the County Council. If things don't work out, we'll have a rethink for next year.

Parish Plan

A fair bit of progress has been made in getting Neighbourhood Watch up and running. Cllr. John Hargreaves will be happy to advise anyone wishing to get involved.

We've ordered new seats for the Cemetery and the junction of West Wells Lane/Leys Lane. The latter seat will bear a plaque commemorating the village's success in the Best Kept Village Competition.

Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in the winter, but don't forget our bi-monthly surgeries. You can also use the contact details below if necessary. We try to keep everyone up-to-date with significant developments using Beacon, and digests of minutes of Parish Council meetings are printed in each issue. You can also read approved minutes of meetings, etc. at various places, including the Post Office and the village pubs, and on the web site.

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