

## Gringley on the Hill Parish Council

### Newsletter October, 2004

As the Parish Council continues to prepare to apply for Quality accreditation in May, 2006, our next step is to commence publication of quarterly newsletters. As well as providing information on Parish Council activities, each edition must include contact details of Members and the Clerk. Furthermore, one edition annually must include a synopsis of the Annual Report, including a brief summary of the accounts, and we have decided that this information will be included in the October edition. We will also shortly be publishing a general information leaflet about the Parish Council.

#### Synopsis of the Annual Report

The Annual Report included reference to the following matters:

- road safety - particularly developments relating to the A631 and speed reduction
- the new multi court on Finkell Street Playing Field
- Christmas illuminations at The Fairpiece, to be followed up this Christmas with further illuminations at the junction of High Street and Beacon Hill Road
- Parish Plan
- ongoing negotiations with the Home Office over the future of the former detention centre site, including provision of a new community building to replace the existing Village Hall
- Neighbourhood Watch and the need for new members
- scrutiny of planning applications
- the new children's home at Belle Vue
- the revamped village web site
- Quality Council status
- Parish Paths Partnership
- the new North East Bassetlaw Forum
- the new Post Office
- the precept

#### Summary of the Accounts

The Parish Council began the year with a balance of £13,740.91 and ended it with a closing balance of £15,009.57. The closing balance included earmarked reserves of £2,980 retention on the multi court, £3,000 towards a skate park and £581.90 Parish Plan grant. Income during the year came to £84,390.05 and expenditure to £83,121.39. Total fixed assets amounted to £205,329.18.

#### News

Gordon Shepherd and David Foreman were re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May. They both continue to serve as Parish Council representatives on the new North East Bassetlaw Forum, with John Hargreaves serving as a Parish Plan representative.

An issue which has caused particular concern over the last two years or so is skateboarding/playing in the street - particularly High Street. In addition to this causing a nuisance to residents, it is also extremely dangerous from a road safety point of view. The Parish Council had earmarked £3,000 to kick start the provision of a skate park on the playing field, on the understanding that the young people came forward with fund-raising proposals. Unfortunately, after several months and invitations to attend Parish Council meetings none were received. At the Parish Council meeting in September it was resolved that the funds be re-allocated to other projects on and around the playing field.

Parish Paths Partnership (P3) is now operational, and the footpaths have received their first cut under the new arrangements. Delivery of the required P3 furniture has now been made, and installation will follow.

Planning continues to be a source of considerable interest and concern, and we spend a lot of our time scrutinising planning applications and making representations on them.

We've decided to enter the Nottinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition next year, with Malcolm Taylor co-ordinating the entry. We believe that Gringley on the Hill last won this competition in 1968, so it's high time for a repeat!

The Parish Plan has now been published, and every household should have a copy. If not, contact David Wright, Clerk to the Council - details below. Writing the Parish Plan has been a significant exercise, and we hope that it correctly represents the views and aspirations of parishioners. Work on implementation is soon to begin, although a lot of the issues raised in the Plan are already ongoing.

The current position regarding the former detention centre is that Bassetlaw District Council has told the Home Office that the amount offered towards a new village community building is insufficient, and has requested further consideration.

Following representations by former Parish Councillor Eileen Hunter at the July meeting, we've obtained a second wheeled bin for the Cemetery, and have agreed to carry out improvements at the Garden of Rest. Further improvements are to be carried out by volunteers from the Women's Institute (funded by the Parish Council) and we express our appreciation for their ongoing care of the Garden of Rest. We're also looking into relocating the water supply to a more-convenient position near to the gate.

Ordsall Rangers FC are again using the playing field as their home ground this football season. They always bring excellent support, and we intend to provide better parking facilities by the end of the financial year by beginning the process of changing the old tennis court into a car park.

That's it until January, but don't forget that we hold bi-monthly surgeries (see below for dates) and that you can use the contact details below if necessary. We try to keep everyone up-to-date with significant developments using Beacon, and unapproved minutes of Parish Council meetings are printed in each issue. You can also read approved minutes of meetings, etc. at the Post Office and on the web site: [www.gringleyonthehill.org.uk](http://www.gringleyonthehill.org.uk)

**Surgery dates:**

Parish Council Surgeries are held on Saturdays from 10.00am to 11.00am in the Village Hall. The next two are on Saturday 13th November and 15th January 2005.

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