

Gringley on the Hill Parish Council

Newsletter - Summer, 2005

People

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May, Gordon Shepherd was re-elected Chairman, with David Foreman continuing as Vice-Chairman.

Paul Hargrave and John Hargreaves continue to serve on the Parish Plan Working Party, with Ian Tremelling coming in to replace Trisha Hilton who's very busy with the Parish Paths Partnership (P3). Gordon and David, together with Hugo Dunkley as lead, continue to serve on the Quality Working Party.

Gordon continues to serve on the new Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils Northern Area Committee, and also on the North East Bassetlaw Forum (NEBF) together with David as previously.

Robin Hood Airport

Now that the airport is operational we've got representation on the Robin Hood Airport Doncaster/Sheffield Consultative Committee through our membership of NEBF, so we should be kept informed of developments.

Quality Accreditation

We won't be the first parish in the County to attain quality accreditation, that accolade having gone to Eastwood Town Council, and hearty congratulations to them. We're ready to go, but are having to wait until after the May elections next year, simply because only seven councillors 77.77% were elected, with two being co-opted. The target is 80%. It's most unfair that, when the government introduced the Quality Scheme in 2003 it was made retrospective (our elections were in 2002), but, there's rules to tiddlywinks and there's rules to this, and so we have to wait.

Best Kept Village Competition

We're delighted to say that we've made it into the final round of the competition, so thanks to

everyone who's made an effort. Hopefully we'll win, but, if not, we'll learn from the experience, and ask the organisers for advice if necessary.

One good thing that came out of our entry in the competition was the co-operation we received from the County Council. The roadside verges have been cut very nicely and we've been provided with some new directional signs.

Gringley Wharf

Tremendous news in that the County Council has provisionally awarded us a grant of £30,000 to develop Gringley Wharf into a picnic area, etc. We're currently dealing with all the preliminaries. Further match funding may be required, and because of the size of the project, it may have to be phased over two years.

Parish Paths Partnership

This is quite a demanding business, particularly because our longest path, No. 1, is largely non-existent and requires bridging in places. Anyway, the County Council is helping us and we hope to get the work completed before too long. The P3 furniture installation is just about complete and the first of the year's vegetation clearances has been carried out, with the second to follow in October.

Village Website: www.gringleyonthehill.org.uk

We've had problems with the web site as a result of the manager moving out of the area. In August we've got new management taking over and we really intend to get the web site up-to-date.

Playing Field

We've completed the rewiring of the entire length of the fence running down the northeast boundary, and have also had the play equipment repainted. Electrical work has been carried out in the changing rooms and we're currently checking to see if the water supply meets current regulations.

Cemetery

The Chapel of Rest has been repainted, but will require major repairs and renewals to the window frames in a couple of years or so. The paths are also in need of attention, and we're going to consider the matter at our budget meeting in January.

Parish Plan

The intention to provide new seats in the West Wells Lane area and in the Cemetery remain on track - just a case of finding the right product. Also, Bassetlaw have provided some new litter bins and have designated others as suitable for bagged dog waste. We're still trying to negotiate the provision and emptying of three purpose-built dog bins along the canal. Bassetlaw have also provided some good dog fouling notices throughout the village.

Former Detention Centre

The Home Office is now offering £100,000 towards the development of a community hall and/or public open-air recreation space at the former detention centre site. Whilst better than the £25,000 earlier offered, it's still nowhere near what's needed. We're asking Chris Downton for his advice before responding to Bassetlaw District Council.

Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in the autumn, but don't forget our bi-monthly surgeries. Incidentally, we received no feedback on the possibility of varying the times of surgeries, and so they will continue as before, bi-monthly on Saturday mornings from 10.00 to 11.00 a.m. 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 eventually on the web site.

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