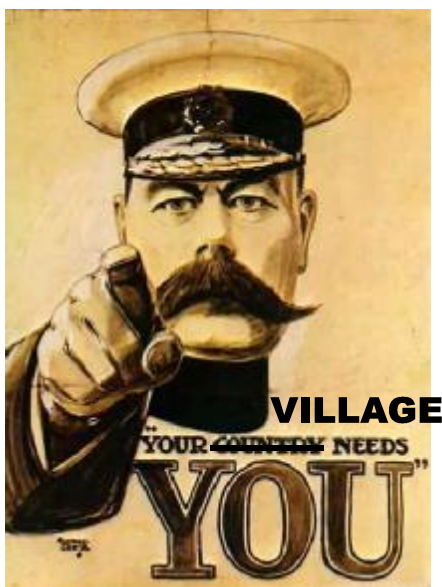


The last word:

The next newsletter will be out in the Autumn, but don't wait until then to find out what is going on — come along to any Parish Council meeting; usually the last Wednesday in the month and there is a 15 minutes public discussion period for you to air your views.

We also use the Beacon magazine to keep you up to date with significant matters. Agendas and minutes are on the website too. www.gringleyvillage.org.uk



The Village still desperately needs a handyman/woman (or handy person in the current parlance). If you could use some extra money and can spare about 4 hours a week to keep the village tidy, please contact the Clerk or any Councillor.

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Detention Centre Site

At last, the long awaited planning decision has been given for the outline application for the development of the site. Permission was granted on 25th July for the Home Office to go ahead with more detailed plans for the new homes and a community centre. The following is a press release by the agents for the Home Office.

**“VILLAGERS CELEBRATE AFTER
COUNCIL APPROVES APPLICATION
FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE AND HOMES”**

Residents of a village near Doncaster are raising their glasses after Bassetlaw Council approved an application for a new community centre and affordable homes to be built there.

Members of the local authority's planning committee rubber-stamped the Government's plans for the 2.5 hectare site in Westwells Lane, Gringley-on-the-Hill. The Home Office now plans to sell the land to a developer, who will build the 4,000 sq ft centre and about 72 new homes - of various types, sizes and tenures - 20 per cent of them affordable for local people.

A disused youth custody facility, considered too small and uneconomic for use by the National Offender Management Service, which currently stands on the site, will be demolished before building work begins.

The community centre will be handed over to the council by the developer when complete.

In addition to proposals for the new buildings, the planning application contained a £30,000 integrated transport contribution.

The submission was fully supported by Gringley Parish

Council, which says the new centre and homes are badly needed. The centre is required because the only current facility of its kind, the village hall in High Street, is no longer adequate for this purpose.

John Hargreaves, Gringley Parish Council chairman, said: “We're absolutely delighted the application has been approved and feel the vote represents a real milestone for the village. It opens the door to vast improvements in the quality of life and sense of community here.

“The Home Office had earlier intended that a smaller area of the site, excluding the sports field, be redeveloped to contain 48 homes but not a community centre. We always maintained this new focal point for the village was needed, however, and all credit to the Government for being prepared to listen to our arguments and change course.”

Mr Hargreaves said the parish council also fully supported the proposal for affordable housing, as this too would bring significant benefits to the area and its people.

He said: “The dwellings will add new zest to a part of the village which has largely lacked it for a long time. They should also enable many of the area's young people to set up their first homes without having to move away, which is the only option for many of them now.

“The extra children the housing will bring to the village should provide a big boost for the local primary school too.”

**CPRE Nottinghamshire
Best Kept Village Competition**

You may already have heard that unfortunately we have not made the second round of judging for the best kept village. Thank you to everyone who did their bit to keep the village looking good. We will be back next year to try again at which time we hope to regain the prize.

Gringley Wharf

The project is under way and the Parish Council has formed a committee to oversee the works. The furniture has been approved and ordered and the ground works awarded to North Notts Landscapes. Bassetlaw District Council has confirmed that Planning Consent is not required.

The committee had suggested a number of measures to enhance the scheme:

A wild flower meadow mix is sown in the rough area and spring bulbs in the mown area.

The committee also suggested that an additional board be erected at the site entrance containing general information and layout plan.

Parish Paths Partnership

The Parish Council is working closely with Nottinghamshire County Council to keep the local public footpaths in good shape for everyone to enjoy. A recent survey highlighted some improvements which will be undertaken later in the year; replacing some of the stiles with gates for instance, to make it easier to negotiate fences and obstacles. If you know of any further improvements you would like to see, please contact any councillor or come along to a Parish Council meeting.

The Parish Council are also considering providing a public footpaths notice board with all the paths displayed on maps.

Allotments

The Parish Council are considering providing allotments on the land at the far end of the playing field. Legal and financial issues are currently being investigated. We will keep you informed of progress.