

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Quarterly Edition - September 2014

Parish Council Office
Village Hall
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Opening Times

Mondays

11.00am to 2.00pm

Tuesdays

11.00am to 2.00pm

Wednesdays

11.00am to 2.00pm

Thursdays

12.30am to 3.30pm

Fridays

10.00am to 12.30pm

Outside these times by prior appointment

Parish Council meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7.00 pm in the Council Chambers within the Village Hall.

Planning Committee meetings are held every two weeks, usually on a Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm.

Forthcoming Meetings

September

1 Full Council Meeting
10 Planning Committee
24 Planning Committee

October

6 Full Council Meeting
8 Planning & Development
13 Finance & General Purposes
13 Parks & Cemetery
22 Planning & Development
30 Scout Liaison

November

3 Full Council Meeting
5 Planning & Development
19 Planning & Development

December

1 Full Council Meeting
3 Planning & Development
17 Planning & Development

Carols Around the Tree

Tuesday 16th December 2014
at 7.00 pm

All meetings are
Open to the Public and Press

A word from the Chairman – Cllr. Jim Coley

This summer seems to have been busier than normal at the Groby Parish Council offices with a plethora of issues affecting the Village of Groby. Below are just a few of the issues involving your Parish Council.

Goodbye:

First and foremost is the news that our Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Beverley Greenwood, is sadly leaving us for pastures new to take on a new challenge in helping to rebuild the Kirby Muxloe Parish Council as their Clerk. Beverley, with the able assistance of Sue Pugh, has been the public face of the Parish Council for the past three and a half years.

I personally and publicly wish her all the best for the future in her new endeavour and thank Beverley for all the support she has given me in my period as Chairman of Groby PC.

Beverley has been instrumental in many beneficial changes in Groby PC's structure including taking us to the status of having a *General Power of Competence* which has given your Parish Council the authority to be more proactive in our dealings with supporting the Village, particularly in financial matters.

Bloor Homes (yet Again):

As we had been expecting, following the rather unsatisfactory result in the Judicial Enquiry in their favour on the H&BBC Housing Supply figures, Bloor Homes have re-submitted their application to build some 90+ houses on the **Ratby** land to the East of Groby Cemetery. After taking suitable legal advice, both Groby and Ratby parish councils have again agreed to wage a joint robust rebuttal of this application. Our planning advisor has intimated that there is a chance of defeating this new application based on the results of the last 3 appeals which support the Judges support of the Green Wedge issues at the judicial enquiry so we have taken the view to continue to defend the green wedge area between the two villages on your behalf. The planning appeal on this application is currently timetabled for January 2015.

We understand that all previous objections to the plans will be carried over unless specifically removed by the objector, however this does not preclude any new objections being aired on the H&BBC website.

The Planning Application reference number for anyone wishing to add to their objections via the H&BBC planning portal is: **12/00250/FUL**

Groby Library:

As you will probably have been made aware from the various Spotlight reports (from Norman Griffiths and LCC Cllr. Ozzy O'Shea) that there is currently a slight lull in this process whilst we all wait for both the outcome on Groby PC's survey in last month's (Aug) Spotlight and for the decision by the LCC at their September meeting based on their own consultations. Under current thinking from LCC, and as has been previously stated, we are likely to be presented with 4 basic choices.

- 1: Let the Library close
- 2: Fund the library through the precept at about 50p per month per household
- 3: Fund the library through another (independent) source
- 4: Run the library with volunteers to cover the removal of LCC staff.

More on this when we have more information so keep an eye on Cllr. O'Shea's monthly news bulletin in the Spotlight for the latest news.

Groby Street Fair:

Congratulations to all those associated with another greatly successful Street Fair. For those of you already looking at your next year's diary, the date for the 2015 Street Fair has been provisionally arranged for **20th June 2015**.

GE (Druck) fire:

This was very traumatic for quite a few people both inside and outside the company and was quite a talking point for some weeks afterwards but the after-effects of the fire, both positive and negative, are still being felt both in the company and in the Village. On the negative front GE have had to rebuild a key part of their processing plant and are still having to have key components produced "off-site" with the resultant personnel being shifted about to meet the demands of the business. On the positive side they will end up with a replacement "state of the art" production area (early 2015 I understand) plus they have built new friendships within the Village in dealing with the fire following the open day (hopefully to become a regular occurrence) and their stand at the Street Fair.

Wallace Drive planning application:

The application for the permanent caravan site has had considerable coverage both here and in local newsletters which I'll not repeat, however a report in the Spotlight last month regarding the support being given to Wallace Drive residents in their opposition to the planning application incorrectly stated that the Council had agreed to provide funding up to any initial appeal.

This is not the current position of the Council. At the August meeting it was only agreed to fund the cost against the planning application up to determination to approximately £1,500.00 and to reassess the matter in September 2014. Additional funding would require a further council resolution. I hope this clarifies the position of the Council for residents and other readers.

Wishing you all well for what's left of the summer.

VANDALISM in Marina Park



Sometime during August month mindless vandals damaged six of the young trees on Jubilee Walk, planted to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. Three of the six trees had to be removed as damage was so severe that there was nothing that could be done to save them. As well as damaging the trees, ten stakes had to be replaced as these had been removed also.

This is criminal damage and it has been reported it to the police. The Parish Council are very keen to protect our beautiful parks and prevent damage in the future, particularly to the trees which take so long to grow. We have very few details of this incident so if you have any information e.g. narrowing the timescale when this happened and who might have been responsible, please can you let us know. If you see anything untoward going on in the park please contact the police on 101, your help is greatly appreciated.

Groby Parish Council is made up of 16 unpaid members. They are supported by a full time employed Clerk, a part time Admin Assistant, the Cemetery Sexton, a Grounds man and two other part time Grounds Maintenance Operatives.

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We hope you will find the newsletter and our website interesting, informative, useful and easy to access. Whether you are a resident, newcomer or visitor to the parish, don't hesitate to contact us.

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the Parish Council website
www.groby.com