

MISCELLANY

There are now only four months to the next Parish Council election. The present Council has worked hard on the Neighbourhood Plan and a few other matters, but has not had the resources to tackle every issue with the same perseverance. For example, no solution has been found as yet to the problems of lack of parking space around the Green and the Post Office, the untidy parking on the High Street's grass verge, or the dangers caused by parking in some other areas. The Council has made a few small allotments available and tried hard to find land for more allotments, but so far to no avail. Though ideas surfaced on how to provide better facilities for the youth of the Parish, little has come to fruition in that area so far. These issues and many others will face the next Council. Fortunately, future Councils will have better funding for projects, because cash will come from selling the Council owned site between The Rough and Vernons Road, more will come from the Community Infrastructure Levy on the developers of the planned 100 homes, and grant applications can be made for some projects. If you would be prepared to participate in guiding the successful future development of Newick's facilities, please do put your name forward and stand for election as a Councillor in May. If you think you know somebody else who would be an asset to the Council, please persuade them to stand. Remember that it takes all types to run a successful Council. A mix of people with widely differing skills, experience and ages can contribute far more than a group with similar backgrounds.

The Council was pleased to be able to fill its recent casual vacancy, which unfortunately resulted from the resignation of its youngest Councillor, with another relatively young person. May I welcome Cllr. Gary Parker and express the hope that his 'taster session' of the last six months of this Council, will lead to many years of interesting and productive service.

There have been rumours to the effect that the Independent Examiner of the Proposed Neighbourhood Plan has "demolished" or "shredded"

the Plan. Please don't believe them. By comparison with some other neighbourhood plans, ours has survived its examination relatively unscathed. Some of the supporting text and a few of the Plan's policies have had to be cut, and that has been disappointing, but the majority of the most important policies of the Plan have survived. The Plan has been modified to take account of the Examiner's criticisms and we hope that you will vote YES, in favour of its adoption, at the referendum to be held on 26th February. Adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan will give the best protection available for our Village and its rural surroundings. If you have any doubts regarding the Examiner's report or the acceptability of the required revisions to the Plan, please come to one of the Question Time sessions advertised inside this newsletter.

On behalf of the entire Council, may I wish you all a happy and successful 2015.

Cllr. John Lucas, Chairman of the Parish Council

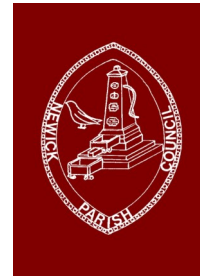
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REFERENDUM ISSUE of NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: PUBLIC QUESTION TIMES

We hope that the letter delivered to you before Christmas alleviated any concerns you had about the Independent Examiner's report on his examination of Newick's Proposed Neighbourhood Plan. As stated in that letter, the Parish Council has agreed to implement the changes to the Plan required by the Examiner, though in a few cases with modifications, and has also agreed to proceed to a Referendum on adoption of the revised Plan on 26th February 2015.

If you have any further questions on the Examiner's report or on the Neighbourhood Plan, please attend one of the question time sessions we will be holding at the Community Centre on the following dates:

Saturday 10th January from 9.30am to midday

Wednesday 14th January from 6pm to 8.30pm

Saturday 17th January from 2pm to 4.30pm

Hard copies of the Referendum Issue of the Neighbourhood Plan and the Examiner's report will be available at the above sessions, and councillors will be on hand to answer your questions.

The Referendum Issue of the Plan and the Examiner's report is also being made available on the parish website, and hard copies will shortly be obtainable from the Parish Clerk, Sue Berry (see contact details on the back of this newsletter).

Cllr. John Lucas, Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

Reduction in Local Government funding may see **services** you take for granted **reduced in the future**. Your Parish Council could step in and fill the void in your community - **to do this it will need your skills and enthusiasm**.

Become a Parish Councillor: Make a Difference

Elections for Town and Parish Councils will be held in **May 2015**

If you would like to make a difference and be involved in shaping the future of your local community...

...why not stand for election?

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NEWICK PHARMACY

In view of the poor service given by Newick's Lloyds Pharmacy over the last couple of years, a meeting with Lloyds regional and head office managers was arranged by Baroness Julia Cumberlege in October and this led to a second meeting in December. Representatives of both the Parish Council and the Village Society were invited to both meetings and many examples of poor service were brought to the managers' attention. As a result, Lloyds has pledged to improve its standard of service in Newick and has transferred Enrique Montes to lead its local team as their Pharmacist and Manager. Enrique previously improved another Lloyds branch to the extent that it won the Lloyds Pharmacy of the Year award for the local region of Lloyds pharmacies. Enrique is from Spain and has an Executive MBA in Pharma-business. He expects to be able to bring about significant service improvements in the next few months.

Are you concerned about your local area?

Do you want to represent the views of local people?

Do you want to contribute your business or personal skills and expertise?

Are you passionate about services provided to your community?

For further information please contact the Clerk:

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

Two people have kindly come forward and offered to be NHW coordinators for Jackies Lane and Harmers Hill. When they have filled in the required security forms and been cleared by the Police they will be posting leaflets through doors asking if people would like to add their names to the residents' email list and receive NHW updates.



I still need volunteers for 2 – 38 Western Road and Acerlands, (12 properties) and The Green, northern side to Snells Cottage and Bullsfield, (18 properties).

After a rather busy October, November seems to have been a little quieter on the crime front. I have however received some posters from PCSO Sally-Ann Reed which have been put up around the village concerning a police phone fraud alert. It states that the police will never ring and ask you to key in your pin number or give your bank details, transfer funds between accounts or pay cash into an account in the interests of an investigation into fraudulent activity within a bank. Nor will they send anyone round to collect cash or your bank card. Should you receive such a phone call put the phone down and ring the police on 101.

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COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS

East Sussex County Council is asking residents to complete a survey which asks why they do or don't use public rights of way and countryside sites. The survey can be completed online at https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/haveyoursay/consult_view or hard copies are available at libraries and tourist information centres.

PLAY EQUIPMENT UPGRADE PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Play Equipment Upgrade Project either by attending the consultation morning in November or by commenting on the project plans that were shown at the School, Pre-School, Tiddlers & Toddlers, and Tiny Tots Music Group. Your comments were very useful and a clear favourite has emerged. Members of the Playing Fields Committee will be progressing the project over the next few weeks and it is hoped that the new equipment will be installed very soon.

GRIT BINS

There are a number of grit bins around the village containing grit to be used, when necessary, on residential roads e.g. on corners or at junctions. Residents are welcome to use the grit/salt from the bins on the public roads, but not on their private driveways or paths. Please use the minimum you can. A shovel full will be sufficient for 20-30sqm of road. If you notice that a grit bin is empty please notify the Clerk, contact details are on the back page of this newsletter.