

Teversham News



Teversham Parish Council Two Casual Vacancies

Following elections in May, we still have two vacancies on the Parish Council.

As you may have noted from the recent press, the responsibilities and powers being handed down to parish councils is increasing year on year. As budgets are cut at County and District level, more and more services are being picked up by parish councils. Although being a parish councillor is unpaid, it is a very valuable way to get involved and shape your community.

There are lots of training opportunities and members are encouraged to attend all sorts of workshops and meetings at District level.

We have Committees who work on issues before they are presented to the full council for decision. The committees are: Planning, Recreation and Environment, Finance, Community Care and Policy and Staffing Review.

So what's stopping you?? Do you live in the parish of Teversham? If you receive a copy of this newsletter through your letterbox, the answer is YES!

Are you over 18?

If you would like to find out more, visit our website to take a look at the most recent minutes, or contact the Clerk before 27th November 2015.

email - tevershamparish@aol.com

call - 07562 332842 - please do leave a message

write - Teversham Parish Council

c/o 49 Lower End

Swaffham Prior, Cambridge CB25 0HT

The other way to find out more, is to come along to a meeting. This will enable you to meet councillors and the Clerk and to see how things work.

Our next two meetings are:

Monday 2nd November 2015 at 7.30pm at Bewick Bridge Community Primary School

Monday 7th December 2015 at 7.3pm at Hope Community Church

We look forward to seeing you!

Dimming of Street Lamps



Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the article in the last edition of the Teversham News.

Members have agreed to pay to keep all of the lamps affected on throughout the night.

Also, thank you for all of the reports of lamps that are not working, staying on or covered by trees - we are working with the relevant organisations to get them all fixed.

Michael Pittas

Michael joined the parish council as a litter picker some 10 years ago. Many of you will have seen Michael out in all weathers, clearing the litter from the majority of the village. To say he was passionate about keeping Teversham tidy is an understatement. His work was appreciated by us all and he was a valued employee.

Sadly, Michael passed away in March after a short illness. Members have worked with Michael's family and are pleased to announce that a bench has been dedicated to Michael in the small play area in Whitgift Road/Sheppard Way.

We are also delighted to confirm that Michael's daughter, Caroline Pittas-Goldsmith has taken over the litter picking route. She too is doing an amazing job, appreciated by us all.



All Saints Church from Ian Hunt

We greatly miss having a priest in charge but we are managing well with gratefully received help from all our visiting preachers.

Our services are held alternately at either 9am or 11am with a monthly 10am joint services with our neighbouring parishes Horningsea and Fen Ditton. These are publicised on the notice board in the church porch and it would be great to see some new faces.

A well attended concert By Big Skies Big Band was held on 3rd Oct. and a big thanks goes to the organisers and all who attended for making this a successful evening, and we raised approx. £400 for church funds.

Future concerts are in the planning and will be publicised when details are finalised.

Our harvest festival service was held in a produce adorned church on 11th October as an afternoon service for a change.

The church is holding a **Gift Day on Sat Nov 7th** and will be open from 10am to 4pm. and all are welcome to come and look round, and if possible make a donation of any size towards the upkeep of this valued community asset. Generations of village life have been associated with this ancient building which unfortunately is in constant need of maintenance and repair and any help will be gratefully received.

On **8th Nov** a **Service of Remembrance** will be held gathering round the war memorial in the church yard at 10.50am when I will be playing the last post with a service in the church afterwards.



Although it is still a long way off this will be the last newsletter before **Christmas** and I therefore give details of these **services** which all are very welcome to attend and it would be lovely to see you all.

Thursday 17th Dec 7.00pm Darwin Nurseries Christmas Celebration.

Sunday 20th Dec 3.00pm Carol Service

Christmas Day Service 9.30am

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas

Success for First Monthly 'Lunch Together' for the over 60s

Home-cooked Irish beef stew with steamed seasonal vegetables and a selection of delicious desserts were served up by the volunteers at Hope Community Church on Wednesday 7th October at the Chapel on the High Street for the first of their monthly **free** lunches for the over 60s.



Called 'Lunch Together', the monthly meal is designed to encourage friendships among the over 60s and strengthen the sense of community in the village. Over 20 people booked for the first event and judging by the comments received everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Here's what one couple said:

"We enjoyed every minute – great company and food. Thank you very much."

The next two Wednesday lunches will take place on **11 November** and **2 December**. **Booking is essential** – please call Martin or Josette Brooke on 882174 or 07776 135402 or, if you use it, email info@hopecommunity.org.uk.

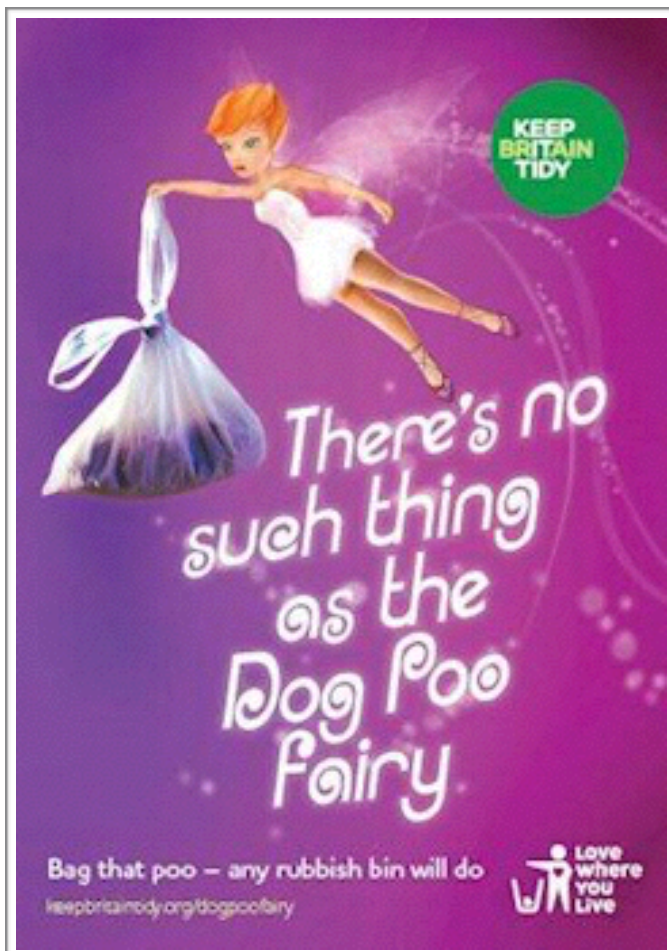
Doors open from 12.30 for lunch at 1pm. We are very happy to help with lifts by arrangement and plan to cater for different dietary requirements and offer a dessert for diabetics. Please do get in touch to discuss.

Road Safety at Teversham Primary School

When visiting the school, we would like to ask you to please avoid parking on the pavement. Although it may seem like a good idea to give more space to passing cars, the concrete is now crumbling, leaving the pavement a hazard to pedestrians.

We are also concerned by the number of cars that fail to stop at the zebra crossing outside the school and parking on yellow lines. We would like to ask **EVERYONE** to drive slowly after turning off Airport Way into Teversham to stop at the zebra crossing to allow children and families to cross safely and to park legally. Thank you.

For further information about our school and contact details, please see our school website: www.tevershamschool.co.uk.



As the poster above states, YOU are responsible for picking up YOUR dogs POO!!!! What a shame we have to use valuable editorial space to once again remind the few irresponsible dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs. A big thank you to every dog owner that does pick up after their dog (s).

Bag that poo - any rubbish bin will do.

District Council Report

from Caroline Hunt, District Councillor
for Teversham Ward

Electoral Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has given notice that it will be undertaking a Council electoral review which will formally commence in November 2015. The last review was over ten years ago and some areas of the district have grown faster than others since then, creating an imbalance in the number of residents represented by Councillors.

The Council has decided to recommend to the Commission that all District Council seats should be contested at the same time every four years, starting with all out elections in 2018. It was noted that potentially all parish council seats could also be elected at the same time which would save the parish council's expense and may also attract a larger turnout.

There is also to be a review of the number of District Councillors. At the moment there are 57 Councillors and the council decided to recommend a reduction to 45 (20% fewer) which would equate to three District Councillors for one County Councillor. Any change of ward boundaries will be reviewed by the Commission.

Investors in People

A few years ago SCDC achieved silver in the Investors in People scheme. In July the Council achieved the Gold award and became one of the top 7% of accredited organisations in the UK.

Local Plan Update

SCDC received a response from the inspectors at the end of July in which they recognised that the Council is taking a positive response to addressing the concerns which were raised and they have agreed to suspend all examinations until March 2016.

Caroline Hunt 01223 292388 or 07891 465658

Borley Way Skate Park

We would like to thank the three young users and three resident representatives who came along to a meeting in September. This gave everyone in attendance the opportunity to have their say and listen to the noise mitigation measures being worked on by the parish council. Having read the report received following a professional acoustic assessment, it was agreed to proceed with the installation of 1.8mtr fencing along the bund, wrapping around each end of the skate park and filling the centre ramp with foam. We hope that this expenditure will be endorsed at our next full council meeting.

The parish council was encouraged that anti-social behaviour has decreased significantly and continues work with residents, users of the park and the police to ensure that the park is managed correctly.

Would you like to represent residents or skate park users on the working party? If so, please email the Clerk now!!



Celebrating Christmas with Hope Community Church

Every year you hear people from all kinds of ages and backgrounds wistfully wondering whether many of us have lost **the heart of Christmas** in all the busyness and hype. One way to avoid this is to take a little time out, gather with others and revisit the story of the **person** who is at the heart of Christmas. We love Christmas at **Hope** and we love to give people the opportunity to gather, remember and celebrate with us.

We were so encouraged by the turnouts for our Christmas services last year that we're doing things a little differently this year to create a bit more space for all who want to come. We'll continue to hold our pre-schoolers celebration which has been so popular, but on the Sunday before Christmas we'll hold two Candlelit Carol Services, the earlier of which will be open to all ages and have some separate children's activities. This should also mean the later service will be a more grown-up time to reflect and celebrate together. On Christmas Day itself we'll also join together for a short celebration as a great way to begin this special day. All our Christmas services will be held **at the Chapel in Teversham High Street** which will be beautifully decorated for these occasions.

We'd love to welcome you whether you've been before or not.

Sunday 13th December, 4pm – Pre-schoolers Christmas Celebration

Sunday 20th December, 4pm – Candlelit Carol Service (with children's activities)

Sunday 20th December, 7pm – Candlelit Carol Service

Friday 25th December, 10.30am – Christmas Day Family Service

All these services are at the Chapel, while our usual Sunday services (to which all are always welcome), are held at Teversham CE Primary School. For more details, or if we can be of any help to you in other ways, please contact us on 665369 or info@hopecommunity.org.uk or visit www.hopecommunity.org.uk.

Cambridgeshire seeks your views on next year's budget challenge

from County Councillor John Williams

Latest predictions show Cambridgeshire County Council will have to find £41 million in savings next year alone and more than £100 million in savings over the next five years. This is at a time of massive growing demands on Council services.

With funding already reduced the Council is already making hard choices, such as looking at turning off street lights. The Council has already saved around £100 million in the last three years while trying to maintain vital frontline services, including caring for some of our most vulnerable.

Next year will have £15 million or 27 per cent less from the Government Revenue Support Grant while needing to find an extra £19.7 million to meet the pressures from more people needing our services as well as inflation. This is on top of other charges and savings we have to find – making up the £41 million total.

The challenge affects all of Cambridgeshire communities and the Council has launched a consultation to explain the problem and to show how we can work together to find solutions.

A film outlining what the Council does and how it is funded as well as areas where communities can help has been released as part of the consultation.

The film also shows just some ways people can help save nearly £2 million by recycling more, fostering, using online services or just simply helping a relative or neighbour.

You can find out more by going to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/challenge and have your say.
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