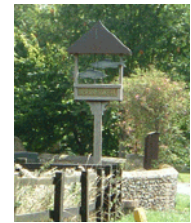


HERRINGSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER - MAY 2010



**Next Parish Council Meeting/AGM/APM Tuesday, 4 May 2010
7.00 pm at The Village Hall**

Herringswell Village Hall

A section of this Newsletter has been allocated to the Village Hall Committee by the Parish Council, (it does not necessary represent the view of the Parish Council)

PLEASE COME ALONG FOR A GLASS OF WINE AT YOUR VILLAGE HALL

Thursday, 20 May 2010 7pm

We have a few formalities to attend to (re-election of the Committee) which won't take long and then you can enjoy a glass of wine and some nibbles which will be provided by the Committee.

We have some ideas to put to you on running the village hall and events and would very much like it if you could let us know what you think. We have signed up to HOME GROWN the Creative Arts East project, who promote exciting events such as comedy shows, musical performances, concerts and dance

Of course, if you would like to join the Committee we would be very happy.
This invitation is open to our US neighbours and we hope that you can make it.

Herringswell Manor

City & Country have lodged an appeal against FHDC refusal for planning permission to convert the former gym to 24 dwellings. The appeal is due to be heard in July and Parish Council have again defended their decision to object. We shall let you know the outcome as soon as we know.

Land next to The Church

We are disappointed that retaining the land adjacent to the church as a conservation/ wildlife area has not proved possible, but hope you agree that cutting the grass has improved the appearance of the village in this location.

We would like to thank all those in the village who have previously volunteered their time and effort into the upkeep of the land. In recent years however, maintenance has unfortunately fallen to a very small number of residents.

In order to ensure we can keep this area of land tidy, the Parish Council have included the ground in with the regular grass cutting during the summer months. If you are happy with this situation to continue or, if not, we have the option of giving the land back to Mr Upton. We would be pleased to receive any comments you may have on this, or any other matters within the village. Please feel free to attend any of our Parish council meetings to discuss them in more detail. Dates of our meetings are always available on the web site or on the Parish council notice board next to the post box in The Street.

Anglian Water

At long last the new pumping station has been completed and we hope that we will now no longer have any problems.

LDF

The new local planning documents produced by the district council are now beginning to take shape which will create how our district and village will be developed over the next plan period until 2031. The good news is that it has been agreed that no further development (over and above that which has already been agreed) will take place in Red Lodge until the water/sewage infrastructure issue has been resolved. This means there will be no further housing built at Red Lodge until after 2021 and therefore we hope that this will bring an end to the problems many residents have been experiencing over the past few years.

Many residents have been concerned with the inappropriate level of growth promoted at Red Lodge. We are keen to ensure that any development of Red Lodge should be contained within its current planning boundaries and should not encroach on the village of Herringswell or onto land allocated for the protection of the Stone Curlew. I am pleased to say that this approach is supported by our District Councillors and we will ensure that we continue to engage on residents behalf on these very important issues.

Web Site

Please keep reading the website as we post news and Parish Council Minutes.

As always, please let Gloria know if you have any special events, notable dates, etc that you would like to put on the website.

HGVs

Several residents have expressed concerns on repeated occasions to the Parish council over the number, size and speed of tractors and lorries passing through the village.

We have taken these concerns to the appropriate bodies, including our District Councillors, County Councillor, Police and Land owners. Whilst there have been no proven cases of tractors or lorries speeding, we are hopeful that following these discussions, the next time we have large numbers of HGV's and tractors passing through the village, that drivers will be travelling at a speed appropriate to their surroundings.

If residents continue to experience problems, the police request that you should make a note of the Registration Number and the time the event occurred. If damage has been created to property, any photographic evidence would be useful. We will obviously continue to monitor this situation

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON THURSDAY 6 MAY

The Village Hall will as usual be used as a Polling Station

POLICE REPORT

Unfortunately there is no Police report in this issue.

Mobile Library

The mobile library service still visits our village on Sundays every 2 weeks and stops outside the village hall between 2.25 and 2.45 pm. Please continue to use it or we will find we are removed from the round. The dates when the library visits can be obtained from the Notice Board and the next visit will be Sunday 9 May.