

Beckingham Cum Saundby PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Newsletter Winter 2009



Welcome to your new look Parish Council Newsletter...

Beckingham Cum Saundby Questionnaire

The summer survey was collated and the results have now been distributed to each dwelling in the village. The Parish Council would like to express their sincere thanks to all those who took time to complete and provide their individual answers to questions on the survey. The results have galvanised certain view points from the previous survey and helped the Parish Council to move forward.

Bassetlaw District Council ACHIEVERS AWARDS;

The District Council is conscious that many people living in Bassetlaw achieve success for the benefit of their communities.

Brian Suart our Parish Council Chairman, has over the past 6 years worked with enthusiasm and determination to achieve various funding to benefit local projects. He has so far contributed in achieving almost £500,000 in grant aid to our villages and truly deserves recognition.

Brian was invited to a Civic Reception during October and presented with a Certificate and thanked for his sterling efforts.

Christmas Tree Lights.

The annual switching on of the Christmas Tree Lights will be held on Saturday 12th December at 6pm on the Village Green, everyone is welcome.

The festivities begin by singing carols around the tree with the Children from Beckingham School, followed by a visit from Santa and to end the occasion a warming cup of Homemade Soup.

Finance

The external auditor's certificate has now been received for the year ending 31st March 2009:

Year Ending	31/03/09	31/03/08
Balance B/fwd	£40010	£34266
Precept	£22127	£22832
Other Receipts	£5704	£9470
Wages/Other Payments	£41126	£26558
Total Cash	£26715	£40010

Multi Use Games Area

The Multi Use Games Area or MUGA as it is commonly known is to be erected at the Village Hall adjacent to the recently renovated tennis court. Its addition to the facilities at the village hall is a direct result of the Parish Plan exercise which was carried out in 2007. The steering group set up to see the project through, is a combination of members from the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee, Local Youth club Local Police members and interested individuals. For various legal and District Council reasons the project is being put forward under the banner of the Village Hall.

The good news is that all funding is now in place for the project to go forward and is planned to be completed before the end of this year. Funding has obviously been a major issue in the present economic climate and the committee wish to thank, on behalf of the community the following,

1. Lafarge Aggregates
2. WREN Recycling
3. Bassetlaw District Council (Parks Capital budget allowance)
4. The Parish Council
5. Nott's and District Councillors Budget.
6. Local Youth Club (On disbandment)
7. Lincolnshire Cooperative
8. The Steering groups own fund raising activities.

The total cost of the project will be over £64K and the contract will be awarded to North Nott's Landscapes Ltd.

Bulb Planting

The Parish Council are planting bulbs in the village again this year on Saturday 21st November at 10am – gather at the Recreation Room. Please bring a trowel or small spade if you are able to join us.

We are planting tulips this season following the compliments we received this spring. All of this effort will hopefully enhance our lovely village & keep it a pretty and welcoming place to live and visit.

Neighbourhood Watch

NEW POLICE NOTIFICATION/HELPLINE PHONE NUMBER 0300 300 99 99

Please note this number for future use.

The village Questionnaire has more than clarified the groups position for continuing both NHW and Community Speed watch.

Of course all residents who responded have a valued opinion, and where possible the committee will consider the varied suggestions made. Many volunteers have come forward which is quite encouraging and with clear majorities in favor of both schemes, they will continue. It is made clear by the Police that both activities do benefit the community. The Parish Council does have a responsibility under the Crime Prevention Act and in supporting the activities meet their obligations.

NHW coordinators throughout the villages are there to offer help and advice. Night observations often make reports of suspicious activity and deter the criminal visits. It is difficult to measure what doesn't happen as a result of our observations and reports.

Community Speed watch is all about promoting due care on the road and reminding drivers they are in a village environment with many young children and elderly residents. Slower speeds save lives. If you are recorded driving above the speed limit you will receive a polite letter asking you to be more considerate. The alternative is points and a fine. We are reminded by some residents that it should be a Police activity recording road speeds and we agree wholeheartedly so occasionally it may be the Police and not the Community Volunteers that are operating the equipment!!!!!!

Police & Council Contact Bus

Visits to the Village: Monday 30th November 2009
The Green, 11.15am to 12.45pm
Please utilise this service otherwise we may loose it.

Bulk collection

The next collection will be
Saturday 28th November 2009

Planning

At the October Parish Council Meeting:
There were no Planning Decisions from Bassetlaw Council

There were 2 Planning Applications:
Land off Station Rd Beckingham – Retain 5 dwellings and access road- Sub group-Council supports

4 Wood Lane – Erect 2 storey extension - Council supports.

At the September Meeting the following decisions were received from Bassetlaw:

Public House on Station Road – Refused
Willow Works time extension – Granted

At the August Meeting the council supported an application for Clapton House, High Street to Erect a Porch and first floor Accommodation over Garage.

The following applications were granted by Bassetlaw:
Nether Cottage – 2 storey extension
3 Station Road – Erect Conservatory
Crossing gate Cottage – Erect Single Storey Extension and demolish existing Garage and erect Double Garage with Annex.

The Last Word

Our next Newsletter will be published April 2010, in which we will give a full update of the Annual Village Spring Clean, Cycle Track Tidy Up and getting ready for RoSpa Inspection for renewal of the Insurance. In the meantime don't forget the Parish Council Minutes are posted each month along with other village notices in the 'Parish Council Notice Board, which is situated at the entrance to the Village Shop and also on the Web Site:

We will endeavour to keep everyone up to date with significant developments using the Parish Council Newsletter. And finally the Parish Council wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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Forthcoming Meetings

To be held in: The Recreation Room @ 7.30pm
(*The first 10 mins are for Public & Press Questions*)

Monday 14th December 2009

Monday 11th January 2010

Monday 8th February 2010

Monday 8th March 2010

Monday 12th April 2010

Monday 10th May 2010 (Parish Meeting @ 7pm)

As a result of the Parish Survey a number of changes have been put in place which the Parish Council believes will make a positive contribution for the Public attending. The Parishioners of the village are cordially invited to witness the Parish Council at the above meetings.