

TIVERTON PARISH NEWS - JANUARY 2003

Chairman's Letter

At the beginning of a New Year it is probably the most appropriate time to look forward to what the Parish Council will major on in the coming months, and we see these as follows:

For some time the village has had to make do with a not very effective notice board, it also suffers by not being sited in a readily seen location, so to remedy this a new notice board will shortly be erected on the central village green next to the telephone box. Most of the village do pass this point at some point during the week, and therefore the Parish Council's notices and information would be readily on view. If you have any comments on the siting of the notice board please contact Janice Farrall.

Following the positioning of street name boards on the principal roads off Huxley Lane, it is now appropriate for us to ask the County Council to provide additional ones for other parts of the Parish, and as soon as the information is to hand a request will be made for the naming of the roads in the Tiverton Heath area.

Work on the Parish Plan / Village Design Statement will continue, this study is of great importance as it will present the Village's view on how it expects the village to develop in the future.

The question of street lighting has arisen yet again. At previous Parish Council meetings the residents have expressed the view that no further street lights are required in Huxley Lane, but nevertheless there is an opinion that additional lamps should be installed on safety grounds. It should be realised that there is no street lighting on the A49 at Beeston Brook. The matter will be debated at the next Parish Council meeting on January 28th 2003.

The A49 continues to give us great concern, the accident rate makes it one of the most dangerous roads in the County, and our views have been expressed directly to the Joint Highways Committee. We will continue to press for positive action to improve matters. The A51 also gives us concern and representations will continue to be made to improve the safety of that road.

Power Systems / Manweb have eventually completed the transfer to "undergrounding" and we will expect them to remove all their debris and reinstate all disturbed areas to our satisfaction.

The Parish Council have had discussions with the Village Hall committee regarding the possible installation of wheelchair access to the hall. We have also had exploratory talks with the Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club regarding the possible use of some of their grounds and facilities.

Finally a Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

Derek Marshall
Chairman
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Tiverton District Garden Club

4th Feb Herbaceous Perennials by Mrs Anne Lewis
4th March The Eden Project by Mr R Dutton
29th March Spring Show
For further details contact Audrey Povall on 733520

Tiverton District Bridge Club

We have enjoyed another successful season. Membership remains in the mid-sixties, any Bridge players new to the area are very welcome to come along and join this friendly club at the Village Hall on Monday nights and Wednesday afternoons. For further details contact Bill Povall

Tiverton Mums & Toddlers

Liz Scott kindly held a very successful coffee morning at her home in December. We are still looking for old toys, so if you've had a sort out over Christmas please bear us in mind. Contact Liz on 733907 for details of the next coffee morning.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Tiverton Parish Council has adopted the Parish Council Model Publication Scheme which sets out the information that the Parish Council will make available on request. It includes, Council minutes and agendas, Code of Conduct Members Declarations and Register of Interests, Periodic Electoral Review, Employment Practice & Procedure, Planning Documents (responses to planning applications), Audit & Accounts. Requests to view this information should be made to the Parish Clerk, Clare Gregory.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on January 28th January 2003 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. It will begin with an open session of thirty minutes at which residents are invited to comment on any matters of interest. Key items on the agenda this time include Street lighting; Highways issues on the A49 and A51; Parish Plan / Village Design Statement; Budget & Precept for 2003.

The Cheshire Household Waste Management Strategy

Parish Councillors Derek Marshall and Liz Scott recently attended the launch of the Cheshire Household Waste Management Strategy:

We have to rethink the way we manage Cheshire's rubbish. Instead of relying on increasingly expensive landfill for our growing amounts of household waste, we have to adopt a new and more sustainable strategy. This aims to meet national and European policy requirements by reducing the amount of waste we leave for collection or take to Household Waste Recycling Centres and by increasing our recycling of materials such as paper, glass, plastics etc and composting of garden and kitchen waste.

All Cheshire local authorities have worked together on the strategy, and have taken into account the very strong public support for recycling expressed in two major consultation exercises. They have agreed that the strategy should be based on 4 main themes:

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2 1. Encouraging the reduction of waste

- Giving advice to households about ways to reduce their rubbish:- stopping junk mail, buying refillable or reusable products, donating old clothes or furniture to charities and so on.
- Promoting home composting and community composting projects
- Lobbying government and industry to reduce packaging

2. Achieving as high as possible levels of recycling and composting

- Establishing the most appropriate system for collecting recyclable material in each area
- Providing you with separate recycling containers and advice on recycling
- Collecting your separated recyclable waste such as paper, glass and plastics from your kerbside
- Encouraging everyone to take part in the recycling schemes
- Improving our Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs) and other "bring-to" recycling sites so that you can recycle a wider range of materials
- Expanding composting sites to provide for increased amounts of your green waste
- Developing new facilities including Material Recycling Facilities (MRFs) and Refuse Transfer Stations to collect and distribute recyclable waste
- Discussing how to increase the use of recycled products with industry.

3. Reviewing the need for energy from waste treatment in 2004, and, if it is needed, determining the right scale and type of facility

No decision will be made until we can judge how much waste is likely to remain once recycling and composting has taken place. This will be based on

- the success of the minimisation, recycling and composting initiatives
- the amount of waste being disposed by households

If the scale of waste remaining means that we have to build new treatment facilities, the community's views will be taken into account in the decision on their size and type, which will be based on

- the environmental and health impacts of available technologies
- their efficiency

Some new landfill will be required, but on a more limited scale, for final disposal of the reduced amount of material still left after treatment.

4. Working together as a partnership to deliver the strategy and considering ways in which joint working can be improved

- Considering all the funding and organisational options open to the Partnership