

WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL *NEWSLETTER*

September 2019



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CASUAL VACANCY CO-OPTION PARISH COUNCILLOR

*Could you spare
a couple of hours
a week to help your community*

Applications invited from people with a keen interest in supporting community life in Witcham. Duties include **Attending** a monthly meeting of the Full Council where the team of 6 Councillors decide on strategies, what activities to support and on what to spend money locally; **Participating** in monitoring and ensuring effective provision of services from local authorities; As a **local representative** of the community, work with local authorities and local organisations, and have responsibilities towards local people and organisations.

To qualify to serve on the Parish Council, a person must on the day of election (co-option) be a British and or commonwealth subject or European national or Ireland and attained the age of 18 years and

- on that day is and thereafter continues to be a local government elector for the area of the Authority; and/or
- has during the whole 12 months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the area; and/or
- his or her principal or only place of work during that 12 months has been in the area; or
- during the whole 12 months has resided in that area; and/or
- during the whole 12 months has resided in the Parish or within 4.8Km (3miles) of it.
- free of either a criminal record or bankruptcy (See also Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 regarding disqualification.

Contact the Parish Clerk for further details on how to apply and an information pack by 28 October 2019.

County Council Highway Works

Slurry Resurfacing Treatment Footways/roads
Silver Street, Westway Place & The Orchards

3 October 2019
(approx. 4 days)

Please could residents ensure cars are not left in the streets while this work is being carried out

WITCHAM PARISH COUNCILLORS

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| CHAIRMAN Mick Housden | 01353 777181 |
| VICE CHAIRMAN Karl Mackender | 01353 777640 |
| Julia Bibby | 01353 777267 |
| Laura Holdaway | 01353 774717 |
| Jane Lucas | 01353 777548 |
| Vacancy | Please contact the Clerk 01353 778147 |

Neighbourhood Watch street co-ordinators are receiving reports of recent break-ins and thefts or attempted crimes around the village. Please be extra vigilant as the nights are drawing in and ensure your garages, sheds and houses are secure. Reports of intimidatory door-to-door salespeople operating in the surrounding area have been received. Call 101 or 999, depending on the situation, and please let Neighbourhood Watch know on witchamnwh@gmail.com or, if you don't have internet, call NHW village co-ordinator, Parish Councillor Jane Lucas, on 01353 777548

Dog fouling on pavements also increases this time of the year! Please report all incidents of dog fouling on the footways to East Cambs District Council on 01353 665555

Dog owners must clear up after their pets wherever it occurs and deposit dog waste bags in the dog bins provided at various points around the village.

Spot anything unusual or suspicious – for Emergencies dial 999. Non-Emergencies: Cambridgeshire Constabulary www.cambs.police.uk/report on-line reporting and live webchat.

Elean Business Park – anti-social behaviour
Following meetings with land agents for the affected area, a gate is to be erected in the near future to stop racing activities.

Witcham Equestrian Centre attended a Council meeting recently to explain about their ambition for a project to extend the routes linking public rights of ways in the district for the benefit of local people to be able to safely enjoy the countryside, whether walking, running or horseriding etc. Support from the County Council is encouraging and the Parish Council looks forward to being kept informed of progress. For details on the Linked Off-Road Network Project contact the Equestrian Centre.

By now everyone should have received their black bin bags for 2020 contact ECDC 01353 665555 urgently if you have not had yours!

FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS

All items for the agenda must be received by the **Clerk** at least **1 week prior to the scheduled meeting.**

The meetings start at 7.30pm. There is an opportunity for the electorate to attend these meetings and provision is made for public participation/ question time, (15 minutes) at each meeting.

Please contact the Clerk prior to the meeting. Tel 01353 778147

9 October 2019
13 November 2019

FAULTY STREET LIGHTS

If you notice a faulty street light please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk or any member of the Council quoting street light number and name of street

County Council owned lights maintained by Balfour Beatty should be reported direct to the County Council together with any concerns about potholes, verges, footpaths - in or out of the village -

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults>

Play Equipment A satisfactory annual play inspection has been received. One of the gates is about to be repaired and already new parts installed on some of the equipment on the High Street side of the recreation ground. However, we are aware the infant area is due for some refurbishment and the Council will be looking at this over the coming months. Any thoughts and ideas, in the first instance please contact the Clerk.

A new lychgate will be installed at the Cemetery and we are receiving donations to help restore the red telephone box in the conservation area of the High Street. Some of our seats on the recreation ground will soon need replacing too. If you want to help please do contact us.

We have had a number of planning applications for housing developments in the village, including the re-development of the Kings of Witcham site in The Slade. We have expressed concern about preserving the uniqueness of the village and impact in terms of drainage, sewage and water and other infrastructure issues.

Useful contacts:

East Cambs District Council: Housing Advice, Benefits, Council Tax, Planning, Waste and Recycling Collections
Tel 01353 665555

Email customerservices@eastcambs.gov.uk

<https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk>

Cambridgeshire County Council: Social Care Advice for children, older people, disabilities, Roads/footpaths maintenance and traffic information, Schools, Libraries, Buses and bus passes, Street lights (contractors Balfour Beatty) Trading Standards, Births Deaths Marriages, Blue Badge
Tel 0345 045 5200

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk>

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/contact-us/not-sure-which-council-to-contact/>

Highways England: <http://www.trafficengland.com>

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<https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/news>

PLEASE DO NOT MOVE THE FOOTBALL GOALPOSTS

FOOTBALLERS

Please be aware the goalposts on the recreation ground must only be moved by the Council or the Witcham Cricket Club.