

Sandra Farmer

Hillsyde Avenue, Prospect Mews and Swallow Court

Ian Keat

Colton Street, Debdhill Road, Fields End, Haxey Road,
High Street (evens) Old Haxey Road, Pinfold Lane and
Rooks Lane

To be decided – for now contact the Clerk

Amcott Avenue, Grange Avenue, Grange Close, Grange Drive,
Grange Walk

Peter Marsden

Ashdown Way, Chapel Close, Deans Close, High Street
(odds) Meadow Drive, Old Forge Road, Brewery Lane and
Church Street

Jane Moffett

Gravelholes Lane, Grove Park

Graham Shipley

Ashlea Crescent, Carr End, Carr Lane, Cattle Carr, Church
Drive, Church Lane, Cornley Road, Orchard Grove, Park
Avenue and Willow Avenue

Maurice Simmons

Station Street

Mark Tillen

Gringley Road, Minster Road

Derrick Wheewall

Albion Terrace, Marsh Lane, York Terrace

Here's six things you can do in and around your own house
to help the village win:

keep pavements and gutters weed free

pick up litter

no fly-posting

keep hedges and verges neat and tidy

floral decorations for houses and businesses

report problems to the Parish Council

**The Misterton Centre**

The conversion of the old co-op shop to a community
contact point is now very much on the cards, with all three
tenants having signed their leases. We're hoping to be in by
Autumn.

Last word

The next newsletter will be out in the summer, in which we'll
give a full update of developments since this newsletter, but
don't forget our surgeries or the availability of the Clerk to the
Council. You can also use the contact details below. We try
to keep everyone up-to-date with significant developments
using Parish News. You can also read approved minutes of
meetings, etc. at the Library and Post Office, pubs, club,
various shops and cafes and on the web site:
www.mistertonvillage.org.uk

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Parish Council election

The following candidates were elected unopposed at the Parish Council election on Thursday 4th May, 2006: Valerie Batty, Barbara Boulby, Hazel Brand, Clive Burton, Sandra Farmer, Ian Keat, Peter Marsden, Jane Moffett, Graham Shipley, Maurice Simmons, Mark Tillen, Derrick Wheewall and Norman White. There were 13 candidates for the 13 seats.

Be a good citizen

Dog mess remains a problem, but the situation has improved considerably since the winter newsletter. Remember, if you see an offence being committed, please ring the District Council on 01909 533533 and ask for the Dog Warden. A concerned parishioner has recently reported a second alleged offender to Bassetlaw District Council with some success. More such reports are needed.

Likewise, parking on pavements continues to be a problem. An elderly resident recently suffered an accident as a result of a parked vehicle obstructing the pavement on Station Street. The rule of thumb is that a pram or wheelchair should be able to get through on the pavement. If you see a vehicle obstructing the pavement, please ring the police on 01909 500999 and ask for the control room.

Website www.mistertonvillage.org.uk

The village website is improving all the time, but we desperately need village organisations on there, or at least links to your own websites. Please contact the Clerk with details.

Housing

We realise that some parishioners are under the impression that the Parish Council has a say regarding housing development in Misterton, and is able to influence it in some way. The actual position is that we are consulted on planning applications, but that is all – the District Council makes the decisions. However, we always comment on the need for the infrastructure to be able to cope. The only housing development we have positively supported recently is the new, five dwelling affordable development at Church Drive – see next item.

Affordable housing and money

We've been negotiating the sale of a small piece of land at the back of Church Meadow for over two years. The land will open up space to accommodate five affordable houses to be built by Acis Group Ltd. of Gainsborough - the need for affordable housing in Misterton is something flagged up in the recent housing needs assessment. The sale finally went

through on 24th March, and we now have a capital receipt of £33,333, although we've already used some of it to pay for the new railings and gate in the sports field. When we set the current year's budget in January there was no certainty that the sale would actually go through. The money can't be used to simply support everyday spending, however, and may only be used to fund capital projects such as buildings and other fixed assets.

Infrastructure

A public meeting was held on 17th March, 2006 regarding sewerage problems in the village, arranged by former District Councillor Barry, when a number of horror stories were told by the public present. Mr. Ian Smith, Flooding Technician at Severn Trent Water Ltd. later met District Councillor Barry and our Councillor Boulby, and advised that funding had been made available for a CCTV survey of the whole of the foul drainage system. He also advised that the company had a flooding register which residents could use to record problems - the freephone number is 0800 783 444. We're hoping to circulate leaflets about use of the drains and sewers.

Packet Inn site

As we go to press, this site is becoming a real problem, with a threat of High Court action by Andromeda Trading Ltd. if we don't agree to them building a road across the common land. We can't do that at the moment, as it may be illegal, and so we're having to seek counsel's opinion at a cost of £750 plus solicitors' fees.

Incidentally, we've heard of concerns in the village that the Parish Council might not be dealing even-handedly as regards the Packet Inn site problem compared with the sale of land at Church Drive. The position is that the access into the Packet Inn site is registered common land, to which a special legislative regime applies, whereas the land at Church Drive is not common land. The two matters are entirely different.

Royal Mail letter box at the Co-op

Getting a letterbox at the Co-op, to replace the one across the road, was one of our unsung achievements. We'd been badgering Royal Mail for well over a year, and had actually threatened to make a formal complaint, when the box appeared as if by magic!

Village Hall and Victoria Institute (now Misterton Community Trust)

The Scheme has now been sealed, and responsibility is the Parish Council's. We're holding a public meeting at the

Church Room on Tuesday 13th June at 6.30 p.m., when we'll explain our proposals regarding the sale of the Village Hall. We'll also consult on the possibility of money from the sale of the Village Hall being used to bring the Victoria Institute back into use as a community facility - the Parish Council has already decided that it has no future as a village hall, but residents may disagree. We need your views on any ways in which the Victoria Institute could fulfil a useful purpose – but bear in mind all the other public buildings in Misterton. Please contact the Clerk with ideas and costings if possible. If a viable use for the Victoria Institute can't be found, we'll sell it and use the proceeds for the good of the village. This will mean taking the proceeds of sale, together with those from the sale of the Village Hall, and investing them, with the income arising being available for Misterton charitable causes.

Best Kept Village competition

Households and businesses are invited to enter the Parish Council's 'most improved premises' competition. Send 'before and after' photos to the Parish Council by 31 July and an award will go to the resident who has made the most effort to improve their premises for the Best Kept Village Competition. Please help the village to do well in this competition. The Methodist Church, PCC and Primary School have already signed up to help and this is encouraging. Unfortunately, one local organisation has expressed doubts about our entry because of the state of some of the public areas. To this we would respond that, even though we may not win the competition – this year at least – taking part helps to identify improvements necessary. We've already identified a provisional programme of improvements, and there's no doubt that the village will be looking better at the end of the year than in January. The competition rules allow us to request problem buildings or land to be excluded from the judging if beyond our control. Therefore, current eyesores such as the old bank on Station Street and the Victoria Institute will be put forward for exclusion. If you want to help, please contact the Councillor responsible for your patch:

Val Batty

Soss Lane and Station Road

Hazel Brand

Grove Wood Terrace, Grovewood Road, Orchard Grove, Wharf Court and Wharf Road

Barbara Boulby

Stockwith Road

Clive Burton

Fox Covert Lane

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