

Packet Inn Site

We've taken counsel's opinion, and the issue over access to the proposed housing development is in the hands of both parties' solicitors. Hopefully a way forward can be found.

Village Website

We're delighted to say that Ladybirds Playgroup are joining us on the village website. Other local clubs and societies are urged to do likewise. Please contact the Clerk to the Council.

Facilities for Young People

We're aware that some young people would like an off-road facility to ride their motorbikes. If anyone has a field or other suitable location which could be made available, please contact the Clerk to the Council,

Drains and Sewers

Anyone experiencing a problem with drains and sewers should contact Severn Trent Water Ltd. Freephone number 0800 7834444.

Vitalise – Essential Breaks for Disabled People and Carers

This charity (formerly Winged Fellowship Trust) provides holidays for disabled people, breaks for carers and opportunities for volunteers. It has five holiday centres that are accessible to people with a wide range of physical disabilities, including its Skylarks Centre near Nottingham. A combination of nurses, care staff and volunteers provide disabled people with friendly support and companionship, helping them to make the most of a good choice of facilities, outings and entertainments. Contact the Head Office on 0845 345 1972. Website: www.vitalise.org.uk

Last Word

We'll have a stand at the village gala on Saturday 12 August so come along and find out more about what we do. The next newsletter will be out in the autumn, but it's always easy to contact us. You can use the contact details below, and we have a 15-minute public discussion period at the start of Parish Council meetings. 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 We've discontinued Councillors' bi-monthly surgeries because hardly anyone attended them.

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Quality Accreditation

The Parish Council, together with Everton and Gringley on the Hill Parish Councils, are the first three parish councils in Bassetlaw to be awarded Quality Accreditation by the National Association of Local Councils. We've been working towards this goal since 2003, and had to demonstrate excellence in:

- representing and actively involving all parts of the community
- being effectively and properly managed, with members and the Clerk upholding a high standard of conduct
- working closely with voluntary and community sector groups, and articulating the community's needs and wishes through effective communications.

The Quality Scheme was launched in 2003, following publication of the Government's Rural White Paper 2000. It was designed to provide minimum standards for parish and town councils and enable them to better represent their communities. It also aims to enhance relationships between local councils, principal authorities and community and voluntary organisations.

Now Misterton Parish Council has been independently assessed as one of the best in the country. This puts us on a firm footing for the future, and we will continue to represent the interests of local people and strive for improvements in the Parish.

There are 153 parish councils in Nottinghamshire, of which just eight have been awarded Quality status. Of the 10,000 town and parish councils in the UK, only 292 have Quality status.

Be a Good Citizen

The dog mess problem has improved dramatically with the provision of the ten dog waste bins. Some of them are almost full when they're emptied each week. Unfortunately, there are still problems, particularly on Amcott Avenue, High Street and Station Street.

Parking on pavements and double yellow lines remains a problem. 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, call our local community beat officers on 07776 460406 or failing that use the main Police switchboard on 01909 500999 and ask for the

control room.

Yobbish behaviour by a small number of teenagers is making life a misery for Misterton residents, although there are similar problems in nearby villages also. Please don't hesitate to call the Police.

Citizen of the Year Awards

At the Annual Parish Meeting on 9th May, Cllr. Bennett, Chairman of Bassetlaw District Council, presented the Parish Council Citizen of the Year Awards to Mr. Martyn Johnson (senior award) and Miss Rachael Duffner (junior award).

Mr. Johnson was given his award for his work as group-co-ordinator for Five Villages First Responders, a voluntary group that attends serious, life-threatening emergency calls to give care and support to patients until the ambulance arrives. He selflessly devotes a huge amount of time and effort to helping members of the community at times of great need.

Miss Duffner was given her award for two things: firstly she is the server at All Saints' Church where she has shown great staying power in assisting the vicar at Sunday morning services; secondly, she is one of the young people who distributes the Parish Council's publications – which she does in a timely and reliable way.

Misterton Community Trust

A public meeting was held on 13th June, attended by 17 residents and chaired by Cllr. Brand. There was no opposition to a sale of the Village Hall, where planning permission has been applied for to demolish the building and replace it with residential development.

As regards the redundant Victoria Institute, it was agreed, at the suggestion of Cllr. Brand, that discussions should take place with the County Council, etc. with a view to providing a sustainable use for the building, possibly by transferring the library into it with excellent facilities including an information technology suite. These discussions should also address the future of the whole of the County Council site adjoining, with a view to rationalisation and improvement of the public buildings present. In doing so it is desirable that:

- The good elements and character of the buildings be retained to develop the heart of the village.

- A new building be provided for use by youth groups with the facilities that youngsters require in the 21st century, including a sports facility with climbing wall, etc.
- A solution be found to the problems of anti-social behaviour and vandalism in and around the site, affecting neighbouring dwellings.

At the end of a constructive debate, it was unanimously agreed (since acted on by the Parish Council):

- That the Parish Council should write to the County Council along the lines suggested by Cllr. Brand, plus the point about the requirements of all age groups.
- That, if satisfactory progress is not made, a further public meeting be held in a year's time, when further consideration would be given to the future of the Victoria Institute (the Parish Council having already decided that it has no future as a village hall).

Best Kept Village Competition

We've made it through to the last four of the competition. Judging is ongoing throughout July. A lot of people have worked hard towards the considerable improvements to the village this summer. Even if we don't win, there's a lot to be proud of, and we've made a big step towards possible success in 2007. Don't forget, the deadline for submission of most improved property entries in our local competition is 31st July – send before and after photographs to the Clerk to the Council – contact details below

The Misterton Centre

The conversion of the old co-op shop has now started, and we're hoping to be in by Autumn. The conversion work is being carried out and paid for by the Lincoln Co-op. The Police, Parish Council and Bassetlaw District Council will pay rent.

Rights of Way

Some residents have enquired about improvements needed to the village public footpaths, bridleways and byways. Unfortunately it's not going to be that easy to get things done because priority is being given by the County Council to villages in the Parish Paths Partnership. Misterton isn't a member of the Partnership, which is currently closed to new members.

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