

### Council Tax

We've set our precept for 2008/09 at £65,580 – the same as 2007/08. We'd have liked to reduce it, but can't because (a) we still have responsibility for the Village Hall until it's sold and (b) the legal problem over the Station Road common land continues to generate legal fees. Once we've sold the Village Hall, we'll be able to reimburse ourselves over £16,000 in running costs which have accumulated in recent years.

### Websites

We're running two websites. The first, [www.mistertonvillage.org.uk](http://www.mistertonvillage.org.uk) is purely as a village community website. It has a message board and also an adverts page, so please make use of them – free of charge. Same if you wish to advertise your business or your local organisation. Just contact the Clerk or call in The Misterton Centre.

The second, [www.misterton-notts-pc.gov.uk](http://www.misterton-notts-pc.gov.uk) is our official website, where you'll find most things you need to know about us.

### Infrastructure

We've asked Royal Mail to relocate the Newells Corner letter box further along Newells Terrace. It's currently in a dangerous position where parking isn't possible, and pedestrians are always at risk of being hit by speeding vehicles entering the village and braking hard.

Despite the fact that we don't reach the required criteria, we continue to try to do something about the dangerous situation at Church Street/Gringley Road, where the pavement is too narrow. We also continue to push for better speed control measures at the entrances to the village.

### Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in the spring, in which we'll give a full update of developments since this newsletter, but don't forget that it's now easy to pop into The Misterton Centre. 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 agendas and approved minutes of meetings, etc. at The Misterton Centre, Library and Post Office, pubs, club, various shops and cafes and on the web site: [www.misterton-notts-pc.gov.uk](http://www.misterton-notts-pc.gov.uk).

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## People

We've now filled the vacancy caused by Graham Shipley's resignation. Sarah Harwood-Gray has been co-opted on to the Parish Council, and we wish her well in her new 'career'.

We're sad to report that our Receptionist at The Misterton Centre, Andrea Sly, is leaving us to take a new job. Hopefully the vacancy will have been filled by the time you read this.

## You Asked. We acted

We thought we'd periodically publish a few examples of the ways in which we've been able to help local people over in recent months. All the requests listed below were made at The Misterton Centre:

- A query was made about access to the disabled toilets in Retford town centre. As a result of our efforts, information was published on the nationwide RADAR key scheme, along with costs and ways of obtaining a key and the availability of a publication which lists all RADAR key controlled facilities throughout the UK.
- A couple from outside the area called in with their granddaughter, on their way to a children's party in Gainsborough. They needed directions. We gave them what they needed. They were delighted as they thought they were going to miss the party!
- In liaison with the Community Outreach Worker from Retford Action Centre, an older local couple were transported to The Misterton Centre, had their photos taken for their bus pass applications, and were then taken home. We did the rest.
- A lady was having difficulty finding out her registration number for her domestic gas supply. We gave her the Meter Helpline Contact number and other helpful information.
- Council tax and Benefits Information and claim packs have been issued on various occasions.
- Sandbag delivery was arranged to local residents during the summer floods.
- We arranged a site meeting between a resident and a Planning Officer over concerns regarding a planning permission matter.

- Following a report of public telephone boxes in Misterton not being in working order, BT was contacted and service calls arranged.

- A street nameplate was provided for Wharf Close.

- Information on local rights of way and other walking routes in the area, along with information on local rambling groups, has been provided to local residents and Misterton library.

Don't forget, if you've any public service enquiry, we'll try to either deal with it, or put you on the right track. Just call in The Misterton Centre, where you can also get details of surgeries run by our Clerk, District Councillor, MP, Police and A1 Housing Ltd.

## Dog Fouling

The dog-fouling problem is on the increase once again. Things improved dramatically after we installed 10 dog waste bins (now 11), but some people are taking advantage of dark mornings and evenings to allow their dogs to foul. The message for offenders is: don't think that you can let your dog foul and get away with it! Anyone spotting a dog fouling, and the owner failing to clear up the mess, should ring the Dog Warden on 01909 533219. Note as many details as you can, but particularly the time of the offence. Alternatively, contact The Misterton Centre on 01427 891872. Dog mess is a health hazard and offensive.

## Bikes Need Lights

Parents are reminded to ensure the lights are in working order on their child's bike. There have been 'near misses' in the village and there's a serious accident waiting to happen. Children under 12 years of age may ride on the footpath if the wheels of their bikes are under 16" diameter.

## Packet Inn Site and Common Land Adjoining

Unfortunately this unhappy saga, which began almost five years ago, continues. Although the matter is very involved, the Parish Council's aims are essentially twofold: firstly to ensure that it secures all realisable value on behalf of the Council taxpayers of Misterton, and secondly to protect the common land and the rights of the commoners. Put at simplest, the developer needs to build a 2 metre wide footpath and a 5.5 metre wide road on the common land.

It cannot do that without the approval of the Planning Inspectorate under Section 38 of the Commons Act 2006 and ourselves (as landowner). We're not prepared to give our approval for various reasons, legal and otherwise.

The problem is a costly one, but one that we can't avoid. We'd also like to stress that the problem is not of our making. Bassetlaw District Council gave planning permission for 12 dwellings on the Packet Inn site and a road and footpath on our land, despite strong opposition from the County Council and a request from ourselves that planning permission not be granted until issues concerning the common land were resolved. We were ignored.

Throughout this matter we've been legally represented by a firm of solicitors, and have taken advice from two barristers and the Bassetlaw Legal Department on different aspects of the problem.

We may well sell the common land, this being the most realistic option in the circumstances. If we do sell, we should stress that the purchaser will be bound by the law relating to common land and the rights of the commoners.

## Redevelopment of the Jenkins Newell Dunford Factory Site

The second Langley Homes planning application – this time for 78 dwellings – was unanimously rejected by Bassetlaw Planning Committee on design grounds. However, representations at the Planning Committee by us and Misterton Sports Social Club were based on something else – the need to secure the future of the Club.

Unfortunately, the Planning Committee received legal advice to the effect that the future of the Club couldn't be taken into consideration, as the application site excluded the Club. We're questioning that advice, and, as ever, continue to assist the Club in any way we can.

## Village Hall

We intend to put the Village Hall on the market very shortly, with the benefit of planning permission for demolition plus residential development. Anyone interested in putting in an offer should watch for the sign going up.

As previously stated, the capital receipt will be used either (a) to generate income for local good causes, or (b) to improve facilities elsewhere in the village.

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