



Governance Review

The PC has submitted its response to the Governance review and parishioners are encouraged to submit their own views before July 12th. Please read the PC response before you respond! The main points of our response were discussed at the Parish Meeting in March and are as follows -

- We welcome cooperation with our neighbours and want to share a Clerk in order to reduce costs
- We want to retain an independent PC to represent our interests—we are now at full strength
- The parish boundaries date back to the medieval and should be reviewed to take into account modern roads and businesses

Parishioners should be aware that 9000 more houses are due to be allocated to the Greater Norwich area —**on top of the many thousands already given permission** but not yet built. LM will come under pressure to accept some of these houses and it is vital that we retain a strong PC in order to represent our interests. Whilst we now have 7 councillors, we are still a small PC compared to our neighbours and welcome any help that people can give! The PC Chair has been invited to attend a conference, organized by our MP Richard Bacon, that will look at development options. The Chair will point out that little progress appears to have been made on promised infrastructure changes for the local developments that are currently in progress (eg increasing Doctor's surgery capacity, improvements to the B1108, cycle paths).

PC Audit

The accounts for 2016/17 have been submitted to the external auditor and are available for inspection via the website (or in person if you don't have web access)

There are links on the website homepage to matters discussed in this newsletter and further announcements will be made via the Facebook group—which has over 160 members and is well used—see the website for how to join.

Affordable Housing at the new developments

Saffron are letting 2 *1 bed flats, a 2 bed bungalow, 2 * 2 bed houses and a 3 bed house at Ringwood phone 0808 168 2222 to register. Saffron will also have 3 * 1 bed, 3 * 2 bed and 1 * 3 bed bungalows at The Limes by late summer. There are also 2 * 2 bed Shared Equity Homes at The Limes, available to purchase for 75% of market value with the owner being able to increase their ownership to 100% after living in the property for 5 years. For more information please call Abel Homes on 01953 884486

County Council Elections on May 4th—David Bills is now our County Councillor, his contact details are on the PC website. David is also a District Councillor for Hethersett.

Little Melton Pre-School Nursery



Where does the time go, here we are again wishing all the children who leave us for 'Big School' all our very best wishes.

The nursery has had another very busy year. Our committee have worked hard to organise fundraising events which have meant that we have been able to buy some new equipment again and fund outings for the children. We always appreciate what our parents and wider community does to support us.

The staff have all once again been very committed to their role, making sure that the experience for both the children in our care and their families has been a positive one! It is because of their hard work that we have been able to successfully implement our new online system for their learning journals - parents are now able to securely log in to the Tapestry site and see each day what their children have done with us. We really value the close relationship we have with our families and the new system makes this even better.

We are already very busy for the next academic year so places are very limited, but if you are interested in a place for your child please contact us and we will try to accommodate your wishes. During the holidays please email through our website as the nursery is actually closed. Visits can be arranged for anyone who wishes to look round via email or by telephone. For more information - www.littlemeltonpreschoolnursery.co.uk

Please take a look at your **hedges** and trim any that are encroaching on the pavement. Early autumn is the best time to trim most hedges. People frequently complain to the PC about obstruction of the footpath by hedges!

Little Melton Primary School

It is a hugely busy term in school, with a wide range of sporting, artistic and cultural events going on. Children have attended competitions and events in chess, computer coding, cricket, netball, cycling, swimming and football. We've also held, or are holding special in school days including, Science week, Den-building and Lego workshops-not to mention the amazing May Fair event, which raised £5,000 for school funds. Our whole school trip this year is to the Dinosaur park, and we are also looking forward to our end of term Leavers' Production called 'Goodbye My Friend', as we wave goodbye to our brilliant group of Year 6 children, who have been with us, in most cases, for 7 years. The school was delighted to receive an 'Outstanding' judgement from Ofsted last term, and we are all determined to build on this accolade, and help the school go from strength to strength.

All Saints Church

The last few months have seen the completion of the repair of the church tower, which is now looking very smart. This is being celebrated with a church fete, held in the churchyard on Saturday 1st July and a service of thanksgiving on the following day. Many thanks to all those involved in achieving this goal, including financial support from the Friends of the church. The chancel roof is also having repairs, to make this watertight, which will be finished shortly.

Everyone is most welcome to visit the church during the open hours, for quiet contemplative time and are welcome to make themselves a drink. Our thanks go to those people who regularly open and close the church for the benefit of all visitors.

Thanks also go to the people who deliver the Good news magazines each month. If anyone would like to receive a magazine that doesn't currently have one, please contact Graham Tomlin and he will add you to the distribution list.

The **oil economy group** places a bulk order every 3 months and gets the best price. The next ordering date is **1st August** —order forms are 25p and available from the shop.

The **Village Show** is on Saturday Sept 9th and there will be classes for garden produce and for arts and crafts. The programme can be seen on the website so you know what things to start planning now, copies will be delivered to every house during July.

Parochial Charity

Chris Dogget has been the PC nominee on the charity for many years and has also been the Chair. Chris has retired and Trevor Baker has kindly become the PC nominee on the charity, we thank Chris for all his hard work. The charity owns the allotments, please contact Trevor on 811636 if you would like an allotment.

The charity exists to help any Little Melton resident who is in need of financial assistance. Help given in the past includes chiropodists' fees, children's school bus fares, fuel costs, essential house repairs, medical charges. All enquiries are treated with utmost confidentiality, just call—Jean Chamberlain 812031, John McDonald 810321.

There is a **Defibrillator** (purchased with funds raised by the school) on the wall of the shop—thanks to John and Barbara for providing the electricity and performing maintenance checks. The PC now pays for maintenance and the pads and battery have recently been replaced and spare pads provided. Beany Hazell is going to arrange a training session.

Events

July 1st	Church Fete
July 3rd	Mothers' Union , Summer tea party at Becks Cottage, proceeds to Wulugu, 13.30
July 12th	Mobile Library
July 17th	Parish Council , Village Hall 19:30
Aug 1st	Oil Economy last order day, forms from the Shop
Aug 7th	Mothers' Union , Home Communion Service at Maytime, all welcome, 13:30
Aug 9th	Mobile Library
Sept 4th	Mothers' Union , Coffee Morning, Monica's, 10:00
Sept 6th	Mobile Library
Sept 9th	Village Show , Village Hall, 14:00
Sept 9th	Church Sponsored Cycle Ride
Sept 25th	Parish Council , Village Hall 19.30
Oct 4th	Mobile Library

Mobile Library times

09:35	Near to 93 School Lane
10:00	Shop
10:20	Braymeadow Lane
10:45	Crossways
11:30	Ringwood Close
15:00	School

The **Book Group** meets about every 6 weeks. For further details please ring Joan Wheatley on 01603 812668.

Village Hall Helen Symonds (01603 810671) manages bookings for the Village Hall. Full details of regular events are on www.little-melton.org.uk (see Village Facilities) and there is an email address for bookings there.

- * **Short Mat Bowls** Tuesdays 2.30-4.30pm and Thursdays (not in summer) 8-10pm. £2.50 per session. All you need is a pair of very flat shoes to avoid wear and tear on the carpets.
- * **Mothers' Union** - mostly 1st Monday of the month, 1.30pm but see Events above. Please contact Annetta Evans 01603 810007
- * **Meltonians** - usually meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2.15pm for a very entertaining talk by a speaker followed by refreshments and a mardle. Ring John Turner 01603 811750 to learn more.
- * **Powerhoop** classes at the hall 6.30 pm and 7.30pm on Tuesday evenings. 45 minutes workout with a weighted hoop (so easy to keep up). 15 minutes hooping and movement and many other muscle, strength and cardio routines with the hoop.
- * **Fitcamp Challenge** is 4 weeks of interval and circuit training, in a fun, supportive environment. The classes are designed to improve fitness and health through community motivation, laughter and nutritional education. All abilities welcome!

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