

# HETHERSETT NEWSLETTER

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## A Chance to Have Your Say

**IT'S time once again to have your say on village matters.**

This year's annual parish meeting will take place in Hethersett Village Hall on Wednesday, May 2nd.

This is the opportunity for residents to have their say and discuss matters of interest or concern. The meeting is facilitated and chaired by the parish council but is an open meeting for Hethersett people.

There will be reports from groups and organisations supported financially by the parish council including the Memorial Playing Field and Village Hall Trustees and Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club.

"Primarily it is an evening for local people to express their views on topics as wide ranging as facilities and amenities and village development and traffic problems," said parish council chairman Jackie Sutton

Last year the format of the meeting was changed to make it more informal and user-friendly. Once again this will be the case with the meeting starting at 7.30 pm and refreshments being served from 7 pm.

Please come along and make your views known on village matters.

HETHERSETT Parish Council is closely monitoring the road situation at a major junction in the village. Council chairman Jacky Sutton voiced her concern in the local media with regard to the closure of New Road at its junction with the B1172 and the additional traffic this would generate in the centre of the village.

The road will be closed until May 25th for work on the cycle path between Hethersett and Wymondham.

"I understand the reason for the closure is to limit delays on the B1172 for people travelling to Wymondham. Our concern is the safety of pedestrians, particularly schoolchildren," Jackie Sutton said.

# Dog Mess Concern

COUNCILLORS are becoming increasingly concerned at the amount of dog mess in the village.

A number of residents have complained about mess left by irresponsible owners who fail to pick up after their dogs.

“We are very concerned but we have no enforcement powers over this matter. These lie with South Norfolk Council,” said council chair Jacky Sutton.

Areas causing particular concern at present include the Heathfields development site, New Road, Cann’s Lane,

Queen’s Road and Mill Road.

“We are fortunate that most dog owners are responsible and clear up after their animals. The numerous dog waste bins that we have around the village are well used,” Jacky Sutton added.

The council currently provides 30 dog bins throughout the village including six on the Memorial Playing Field. The parish council pays for these bins but the cost of having them emptied has increased considerably. Doggie poo bags are also available from Hethersett Library.

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## Grit Bins Provided

The parish council also provides grit bins which proved useful when the Beast From The East hit the village at the end of February and throughout March.

The grit can be used by parishioners for paths and roads to make them safer for vehicles and pedestrians during

cold snaps. Our photograph shows part of Great Melton Road as it looked at the beginning of March.



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## Barrier Fight

THE fight to have a safety barrier placed on Great Melton Road opposite Tesco Express and outside the Tasty Bites Takeaway goes on. The parish council applied for a barrier in order to make the road safer for pedestrians, but its request was turned down by Norfolk County Council and the local council is not allowed to pay for part of a barrier under the parish partnership scheme which provides funding for road safety measures.

At its March meeting, councillors once again underlined their concern about safety in the area with cars backing out of the forecourt in front of Tesco's and the Chinese Takeaway and delivery lorries regularly using the area. The parish council has also asked repeatedly for a road safety audit in the village to establish problem areas, but to date this has met with little response and the council is now considering financing an independent audit.

## Grants Available

Are you a community group looking for funding? South Norfolk Council has Community Action Fund grants available from £1,000-£15,000 to support projects and initiatives that benefit local people.

If you would like to apply for funding, please contact our local district councillors, who can apply to the Community Action Fund for you. The next funding panel meeting will be on Thursday, 31st May.

## Speeding Concerns

Hethersett Parish Council continues to be concerned about speeding through the village. A number of complaints have been received from residents. One of the latest concerns speeding in Churchfields.

Residents have said that they are becoming more and more concerned at some of the speeds motorists achieve from the area of Back Lane to and from the main village. One resident described some of the speeds as "criminal."

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## Meeting Dates for 2018

HETHERSETT Parish Council meets monthly, apart from August, in Hethersett Village Hall. Full council meetings begin at 7.30 pm and are preceded by meetings of the council's planning committee which start at 7 pm. The planning committee also meets on other dates throughout the year.

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2018 are as follows:

Full Council - April 16th, May 14th, June 18th, July 16th, September 17th, October 15th, November 19th, December 17th.

Planning Committee meetings will take place on the above dates and also on: April 30th, June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th, September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd.

The village's annual parish meeting will take place in Hethersett Village Hall on Wednesday, May 2nd (more details on the front page of this edition).

## Contact Details for Parish Clerk

Parish Clerk Ian Weetman can be contacted at 18, Haconsfield, Hethersett, NR9 3AW. His telephone number is 01603 810915. The clerk is available in the council office at Hethersett Village Hall on Monday and Thursday mornings from 10am until midday.

**REPORTS of meetings of Hethersett Parish Council are regularly featured in the online e-magazine Hethersett Herald.**

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