

HETHERSETT NEWSLETTER

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New Parish Clerk Signs In

HETHERSETT'S new parish clerk Annette Palmer has taken up office. Annette (pictured above with council chairman Adrienne Quinlan) has considerable experience in the local government field, having filled clerking roles in both Aylsham and Old Catton. She succeeds Ian Weetman who served Hethersett for over 12 years and who has retired. A presentation was made to Ian at the September council meeting

Annette will be available in the parish office upstairs in Hethersett Village Hall on Monday and Thursday mornings between 10 am and midday. Her contact telephone number is 01603 810915. Former chairman of Hethersett Parish Council Jacky Sutton has retired and she was thanked for years of service to the parish.

New Signage For Village

COUNCILLORS have agreed unanimously to improve road signs in Hethersett as part of a parish partnership initiative with Norfolk County Council.

The council is looking to place new signs welcoming motorists to the village and asking them to drive carefully at entrances to the village not already signed. These will include Great Melton Road (entering Hethersett from the Great Melton direction), Ketteringham Lane and Henstead Road. The cost of the signs will be met jointly by the parish and county councils.

Steeple Tower Improvements

IMPROVEMENTS and repairs to the Steeple Tower entrance to the village are due to start in the near future.

Developers Taylor Wimpey have agreed to refurbish paving slabs and re-point walls in a general tidy up of an area that has been labelled “shoddy” by councillors in the past. The cost of the improvements will be met jointly by Taylor-Wimpey and South Norfolk Council.

Is There Something Not Working In Hethersett?

As the winter nights creep in, have you noticed a street light not working or a litter bin that has been vandalised? Maybe, there is a branch blocking a street speed sign or a street nameplate that has become broken.

Whatever it is, why not report it to the Parish Council? If it is not the Parish Council's responsibility, we will report it to the appropriate authority.

The Parish Council remains vigilant in making sure that all the amenities within Hethersett are in good working order but sometimes we do miss things.

Please help us by reporting maintenance issues, however small, to the Clerks Office.

News From Your Council

Flooding at an End?

Members heard from South Norfolk Council that flooding in South Croft should be a thing of the past following intensive cleaning of the drains and the removal of tree roots.

New Parish Office

Hethersett Parish Council is still looking for a new parish office. The current one upstairs in the village hall is unsuitable for people who find climbing stairs difficult. A number of options are being looked at with improved access and adequate car parking.

Problem Traffic Areas Discussed

Councillors have met with a representative of Norfolk Highways to discuss areas of traffic concern in the village. These include the narrow entrance/exit to Cann's Lane and parts of Queen's Road, Henstead Road and Great Melton Road. Issues include parking and the danger to pedestrians in the centre of the village.

Traffic Light Free For a Time

Councillors heard at the September parish council meeting that the B1172 will shortly be traffic light free for the first time in almost two years. The next stage of the cycleway linking Hethersett with Wymondham will take place off road around the back of Kett's Oak. This will not affect traffic using the B1172 and will take the path from David James Cars to beyond Kett's Oak. Traffic lights are likely to be back again, however, when the section between David James' cars and New Road is put into place.

Speedwatch Co-Ordinator Needed

A number of volunteers have come forward to support a new speedwatch scheme in the village, but a co-ordinator is still needed. Anyone interested should contact parish clerk Annette Palmer on 01603 810915.

News From Your Council

Council Vacancy

THERE is a vacancy on Hethersett Parish Council following the retirement of former chairman Jacky Sutton (pictured opposite).

Currently the council has 12 members but needs a new face to bring it up to its maximum strength of 13. Anyone wanting to know more about what the role involves or who wishes to be considered should contact parish clerk Annette Palmer on the number below.



Contact Details for Parish Clerk

Parish Clerk Annette Palmer can be contacted on 01603 810915. The clerk is available in the council office at Hethersett Village Hall on Monday and Thursday mornings from 10am until midday.

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

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2018 are as follows: Full Meetings - October 15th, November 19th and December 17th. Planning Committee meetings will take place on the above dates and also on: July 2nd, August 6th, September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd. Members of the public have the opportunity to comment and raise issues at the beginning and again towards the end of meetings.