

HETHERSETT NEWSLETTER

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Fighting for Facilities

HETHERSETT Parish Council has written to South Norfolk MP, Richard Bacon, asking for assurances that facilities in the village will keep pace with future development.

A number of residents have expressed concern that the infrastructure of the village cannot cope with the anticipated large scale development. Below is printed the letter sent to Mr Bacon by parish clerk Ian Weetman.

Dear Mr Bacon,

“You will be aware of the large scale development that is taking place to the south of Norwich, in particular along the A11 corridor. Clearly, development of this scale brings with it a number of challenges to existing communities.

Hethersett Parish Council, while initially being against the large scale development that will double the size of this community, accepts the reality of the situation and wishes to work with Developers, District and County Councils, and other agencies to achieve a positive outcome for current residents. One of the keys to this is an information flow to keep residents informed of progress.

This is where the Parish Council experiences a problem. There are major local concerns regarding the provision of infrastructure with regard to transport, traffic, education and healthcare to support the scale of proposed development.

Residents are extremely concerned that local infrastructure cannot cope: examples of this being local children not being able to attend local schools as they are full and the local surgery being at capacity.

This Parish Council would like to re-assure residents that provision in these areas will keep pace with development but is unable to do so due to lack of information being forthcoming. The Council hopes that there is a Masterplan in place with an overview that will provide for infrastructure provision in line with the needs generated by development. However, we are not privy to such a plan.

The most immediate concern, and the issue that we would like your support on, is the provision of future healthcare for this community. Rumours have been circulating that a new Health Centre may be built or may not. If you are able to clarify the situation on behalf of this community it would be most appreciated.

Should you feel the issues in this letter could be better addressed by you attending a Parish Council meeting you would be most welcome.”

News From Your Council

Tidy Hedges Please

THE parish council is once again asking residents to ensure hedges are cut back and asking motorists not to park on grass verges.

The rain and sun of this summer has seen hedges grow quickly and some residents are allowing them to overlap paths, making it difficult for pedestrians, pushchairs and wheelchairs.

Councillors regularly monitor the situation and send residents a letter asking them to take action when it is felt appropriate. Similarly parking on verges can make it difficult for pushchairs and wheelchairs.

Next Meetings

HETHERSETT Parish Council meets monthly in Hethersett Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Meeting dates for the remainder of 2016 are: September 19th, October 17th, November 21st and December 19th. The public are welcome to attend and time is set aside at the beginning and end of each meeting for public comments.

HETHERSETT Parish Council is supporting the nomination of the Queen's Head Public House in Norwich Road as an "Asset of Community Value" to be included on the South Norfolk Community Asset Register.

The council has agreed that "the building has been an important part of the village for a significant number of years" and more than fulfils the criteria of being used for social wellbeing or the social interests of the community



"We would like to think that it will be continued to be used as at present.

"It has certainly been used for such purposes for many years and we hope that it will continue to be used well into the future," the parish council has stated.

The pub was nominated for inclusion on the register by the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA). Under the Localism Act of 2011, community groups have the opportunity to nominate land or buildings in their area they think are of 'Community Value.' To be included on the asset register, a building must either currently or in the past have been used for social wellbeing or social interests of the community. Examples of this includes its use for cultural, recreational or sporting activities. It must also be realistic to think it will continue to be used in these ways in the future.

Community groups can make a bid for buildings on the asset register if the owners decide to sell them. Hethersett King's Head has already been included.

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 10 am until midday.

New Cycle Path

Hethersett residents will be receiving correspondence in the near future asking for views on a proposed extension to the cycle path and footpath from Hethersett to Wymondham.

The project will be split into two phases. Phase one will cover the section between David James Cars and the existing cycle facility by Haconsfield. Phase two will feature the section between The Drive, Wymondham, and David James Cars. The scheme is split into two phases due to land issues adjacent to Kett's Oak.

The parish council is backing the scheme and feels it will improve safety for cyclists and also enhance people's fitness and well being. The work will necessitate the end of a filter lane from the B1172 at the New Road junction and also further down at the second junction leading to the Queen's Head.

Shelter To Close?

A village youth shelter in Ullswater Drive may be removed following a spate of vandalism.

Acts of anti-social behaviour have put the shelter's future in jeopardy. Hethersett Parish Council would like to keep it as an amenity, but won't be fighting removal plans if the vandalism continues.

South Norfolk Council has received a number of complaints from local residents about the amount of rubbish and broken glass being left around the shelter.

Signs asking for rubbish to be placed in bins, and the area and facility to be respected have been ripped down.

South Norfolk Council will be placing fencing round the facility to prevent it being used until a decision is made on its future.

Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club re-starts after its summer break on Wednesday, 14th September with Rosie Coppard joining as a new youth worker.

Club times are 5.45 to 7.30 pm for school years five and six (ages nine to 11) and 7.30 to 9.15 pm for school years seven to nine (ages 11 to 14).

Eagle is Landing

THE Eagle is landing in Hethersett as a new village cinema takes off. Eddie the Eagle will be the first in a regular run of films at Hethersett Village Hall organised by a group of keen volunteers. It will be shown on September 25th at 7 pm. Tickets will be £4 each on the door.

