

HETHERSETT NEWSLETTER

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Please Keep Drainage Ditches Clear

HETHERSETT Parish Council is asking home owners to ensure drainage ditches are kept clear following a series of floods in the village.

South Croft, St David's Road, Karen Close and parts of Great Melton Road were particularly affected by the torrential storms.



"With the number of homes increasing, it is very important that home owners do not fill in drainage ditches which need to be kept clear so water can flow through them," said council chairman Jackie Sutton.

Norfolk County Council highways' engineers have been investigating the areas of the village badly hit by excess water and improvements have already been made. It is important that residents play their part, however, to ensure the water course is not adversely affected by the filling in of drainage areas.

The council is also urging homeowners to ensure that hedges are kept under control and not allowed to encroach on paths and public areas. The council has been contacted by residents to complain about unkempt hedges encroaching on paths and making it particularly difficult for wheelchair users and those pushing buggies.

News From Your Council



Short Stay Only

THE parish council is emphasising that the car park in the centre of the village on Great Melton Road is for short stay only.

Concern has been expressed that vehicles are being left in the car park for lengthy periods of time and councillors

have voted to have signs put in place limiting parking to two hours.



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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Parking Problems

FOLLOWING our item on parking problems in the June newsletter, the council has received numerous complaints about problem areas in the village.

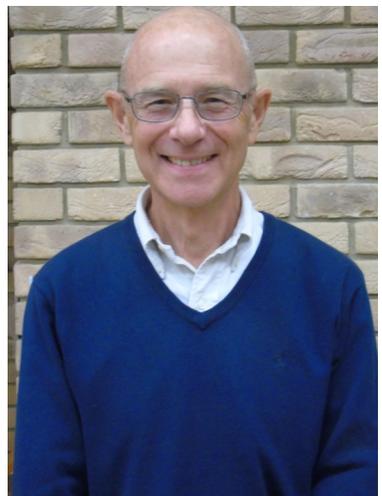
Clerk Ian Weetman said: "There seems to be parking issues in virtually every road in the village." Areas highlighted include Steepletower, Firs Road, Recreation Road, Henstead Road, Great Melton Road, Queen's Road and many more.

Under the 2008 Traffic Management Act, parking enforcement is a matter for South Norfolk Council who can be contacted on 01508 533701. Vehicles parked in a dangerous position where they could cause injury (not simply an inconvenience) to someone using the road (e.g parking on a blind bend or on a humpback bridge) are matters for the police and should be reported either online or by calling 101.

New Councillor

MIKE Stark has joined Hethersett Parish Council to bring our numbers up to the maximum complement of 13. Mike (pictured below) has been co-opted onto the council and takes up the vacancy brought about by the retirement of Jim Bartram. Mike has lived in Hethersett for just over three years after a career working for a variety of financial services' companies.

He came to Norfolk in 2000 from the West of Scotland and has worked in many parts of the United Kingdom and also has experience of charities such as Citizens Advice and the Prince's Trust. "I believe that my experience and skills will be of benefit to the parish council and the community of Hethersett as a whole," he said.



More Road Signs?

NEW road signs could soon be in place at a number of entrances to the village. The parish council is supporting additional signs coming from Little Melton (probably on Henstead Road), Great Melton and Ketteringham to inform motorists that they are entering Hethersett. The council is also looking into the possibility of linking the signs with some form of speed detection warnings.

Fly Posting

THE Parish Council is urging groups and organisations to be responsible when it comes to advertising events. Council members have been concerned about the number of posters being placed on public utilities such as telegraph posts and electricity poles. The council is concerned about the proliferation of advertising posters and is urging groups and organisations to use the various noticeboards placed throughout the village.

Stickers on Bins

The council's plans to have speed indication stickers on household bins has moved a step closer following backing from Norfolk Police and county highways. The stickers will be displayed on refuse bins in 20 mph limit areas in the village. It is hoped that they will prompt drivers to cut their speed and the parish council will be working in partnership with the police in what is a road safety initiative. The parish council is awaiting support from South Norfolk Council before launching the initiative which will be effective on bin collection days.

Trustees Needed

New trustees are needed for both Hethersett Memorial Playing Field and Hethersett Village Hall Management Group. Anyone interested in applying or wanting more information should contact parish council clerk Ian Weetman.

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.