



## Barton in Fabis Parish Council Newsletter July 2008

### Applications invited to fill a casual vacancy

The Parish Council has reluctantly accepted the resignation of Rob Newcombe and wishes to fill this vacancy by co option. Anyone interested in standing for this vacancy should let the Clerk know in writing, by letter or e mail, on or before 7.00 pm 27th July 2008 with brief details of why they wish to join the council (a suggested format appears below). If more than one person registers an interest, election to the Council will be voted for by the present sitting number of Councillors.

To qualify for co-option an applicant's name must: appear on the current the Voters List; or have lived in or within three miles of the parish during the whole of the last twelve months; or have had their only place of work during the whole of the last twelve months in the parish. The applicant must not be debarred from standing as a Councillor.

#### What sort of commitment is needed?

The Parish Council meets six times a year, with extra meetings sometimes arranged for particularly important issues – such as planning applications and major proposals that could impact on the village. Councillors are expected to attend as many of these meetings as possible. They normally take place in the village hall on Monday evenings at 8.00pm, and typically last around 90 minutes – 2 hours. There are opportunities for Councillors to take on specific responsibilities for taking forward specific responsibilities or one-off pieces of work, but clearly, that discretionary effort depends on the skills and other commitments of each member.

If you are interested, and want to know more before deciding whether to apply, by all means talk to the Clerk, or any of the Councillors listed overleaf.

#### Possible things to include in your application:

- Name
- Why you are interested
- What do you think the Parish Council should be working on over the next year or two?
- What skills and outside experiences can you bring to the Council?

### Supermarket Bus Service

The Parish Council is considering the viability of organising a bus to take residents to a local supermarket, probably fortnightly. This would depend upon numbers interested. The cost is not yet known but the service would be subsidised by the Parish Council.

If you are interested please give your name to either Cllr. Sue Davies, Pat Curtis or the clerk.

## A453 Consultation

The Parish Council has learnt that changes have been made to the A453 widening scheme. The Mill Hill roundabout stays in the scheme but the link road from the roundabout to the Gotham-Clifton road has been removed. A meeting with the Highways Agency is to be held shortly to discuss the changes after which we should know more.

In the meantime if you wish to make any comments you can do so to Highways Agency, A453 Widening Team, Room C8, 5 Broadway, Broad Street, Birmingham B15 1BL. or e-mail [a453widening@highways.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:a453widening@highways.gsi.gov.uk).

Highways Agency: For information on congestion, any road closures on motorways and major trunk roads: 0870 0660 115, for automated traffic info 0845 7504 030, Website: [www.trafficengland.com](http://www.trafficengland.com)

## Flood Defences

The work to improve the flood defences of the village is now running well behind schedule and we do not expect work to start until late summer.

For information and advice on flooding, and where it is: Floodline: 0845 9881 188, Website: [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk). Met Office for up to date weather forecasts and weather warnings: Website: [www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk)

For help from energy suppliers, contact your local Energy Efficiency Advice Centre, or call the Home Heat Helpline on 0800 33 66 99.

## Footpaths

The Parish Council with financial assistance from Cllr. Trevor Vennett-Smith has purchased a heavy-duty strimmer to help with maintaining the footpaths in the parish. In anybody wishes to volunteer to help cut back overgrown stretches of footpaths this equipment is now available. Please contact the clerk or Chairman

## Data Link - Has your fridge got the message?

Help the Emergency Services to Help You

Data Link is a simple form on which you can list personal details such as medication, allergies, doctor, next of kin etc. The form is put in a small plastic container which is kept only in the fridge. Three self-adhesive green crosses are fixed to the container, fridge door and inside of the front door. Should the emergency services have to break in they can immediately access vital information about a victim.

Data Link was introduced to Nottinghamshire in 2001 and was launched in Lady Bay. It is a Neighbourhood Watch Project supported by Boots, Social Services and the Emergency Services and operates throughout Rushcliffe.

Pick up your FREE Data Link kit from shops in West Bridgford including the Co-Op, Morrisons, Oxfam, Age Concern, the Library and anywhere displaying a poster. You can also contact Don Read, Lady Bay Neighbourhood Watch [don-read@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:don-read@tiscali.co.uk) or the clerk.

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