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## Lesbury Parish Council Newsletter

### **Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year!**

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Parish council meetings are held in Lesbury Village Hall on the 4th Tuesday of the month. There are no meetings in August or December. Anyone living in the Parish is welcome to come along to the meetings.

Parish Council meeting notes are published in the Bridge Magazine and on the website [www.lesbury.com](http://www.lesbury.com)

##### Have your say...

Tell us about your news and events by contacting Tom Wilson, Chairman of the Parish Council

Awards for All and Alnwick District Council have contributed towards the funding of this newsletter

#### Parish Precept 2010-2011

On Saturday 28th November this beautiful rainbow appeared over Lesbury. Unfortunately there was not a crock of gold at the end of it. At the last meeting of the Parish Council it was decided to increase the precept from its present value of £4500 to £5500. This amounts to an increase of approximately £2 for each household for the year. In order to "stand still" we need in excess of £2200, the remainder will be used for maintenance and enrichment projects.



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#### Affordable Housing At Town Foot

The builders N.B Clark are making excellent progress and are on track for the predicted completion date of April 2010. It is important to note that all of the properties are for rent only. To qualify you must in the first instance be on the Northumberland Home Seekers Register, and the person to contact: John Turnbull on 01665 511323. According to an S106 legal agreement preference will be given to people with strong local connections i.e. people within at least one of the following 4 categories:

1.1.1 - People who have had their main place of residence locally for the preceding 2 years

1.1.2 - People who are employed locally or are to be employed locally or have retired from employment locally and wish to remain on the local area

1.1.3 - People whose work provides local services and who need to live locally

1.1.4 - People who have long standing connections with the local area, such as the children of local residents or elderly people, who need to move back to the local area to care for or be cared for by relatives or other carers.



#### New Parish Councillor

Mrs. Vivien Kay has been co-opted as a full member of the Parish Council. Vivien is secretary and a very active member of the Friends Of The Pond Field Committee.

The Parish Plan - will be going to the printers in the next few days. A copy will be delivered to each household within the Parish during January. The production costs have been met by a grant. At a recent exhibition of the North Area Partnership in the Northumberland Hall some of our material was on display. Many useful contacts were made that we hope will be helpful in the future.



Pedestrian Crash Barrier - at Hipsburn school is now finished. This is an excellent example of good quick cooperation between parents, the Parish Council, North'd County Council and councillor Roger Styring who used some of his small schemes fund to complete the job



### Street lighting problems

The Parish Council have succeeded in getting the three organisations involved to meet and formulate a strategy to remedy the situation. At present there is no definite time scale for completion

### Information Boards

These have now been installed at the end of the cycleway near to the cricket club. It was good to see two young visitors with their binoculars taking an interest..



### Christmas Hamper

From the 1st of December, Lesbury Post Office will be displaying a Christmas Hamper and selling £1.00 strips of raffle tickets to win it. All money raised will support Lesbury Toddler Group. Please buy a strip or two!! Winning ticket drawn at 2pm on 22nd December at the Post Office.