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Parish Council meetings are held in Lesbury Village Hall on the 4th Tuesday of the month. All residents are welcome to come along to these meetings. There are no meetings in August or December.

Have your say.....
Tell us about your events and news - contact the Chairman Tom Wilson.

LESBURY PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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NEW HOUSES AT TOWNFOOT. All these houses are now occupied and the Parish Welcome Pack has been delivered to the new residents (and also to other recent newcomers to the Parish). The builder's board has been removed and "Townfoot" signs are now in place. This will resolve the recent postage and deliveries confusion between Townfoot and Townfoot Steading.



The Townfoot development has been placed on a shortlist of six for a Homes and Communities Award (HCA). Mrs Candy Atherton, former mayor of Islington and MP for Falmouth, visited Lesbury in June to inspect the properties. She was particularly interested in the partnership between the Parish Council, ISOS, Northumberland Estates and Northumberland County Council. The result will be announced in September and to be in the final six in a national competition, showing good practice, is a great achievement.

PARISH WEBSITE LAUNCHED. www.lesbury-pc.org.uk contains full minutes, the Parish Plan and other useful information.



Two of our local cricketers, Callum Batey and Andy McDonnell, were members of the Northumberland Schools U15 cricket team which recently played the Scottish Schools U15 team on the Lesbury Wicket. Scotland made 216 runs and in reply Northumberland were all out for 159.

Andy kept wicket and Callum took 3 Scottish wickets for 28 runs. The Cricket Club should be congratulated for being selected to host this prestigious match.

VILLAGE HALL. New Management Committee members and other offers of help needed. If you would like to join the team who runs this essential village asset, please contact the Chairman, Susan Howey 830746 or the Secretary Clive Gibson 833144.

NOTICE BOARD

Dog Survey Response: There were 3100 returns, countywide, to the recently advertised dog survey. The analysis is now being carried out.

St Mary's Church Garden Fete: This took place on July 10th and £2350 was raised.

Station Car Park: Completion date is beginning of November.

Street lights at the end of Longhoughton Road are now reconnected.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE. The Parish Council are always trying to make sure that facilities are kept up to standard and improved if possible. We will continue to do this and, if you have concerns, please contact a councillor.

However **direct action by individuals** does carry a lot of weight and some useful contact numbers are:-

Dog Warden: Andrea Cowens 01665 511266

Street lighting, highways and general problems: 08456006400

We believe that the 0845 number will be charged at local rate (and is free to BT customers who have a free call package).

INFRASTRUCTURE: PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT



Has it landed from Mars? What is it? What does it do? If you want one together with 150 m of subterranean piping, it will cost you £1.1 million.



Northumbrian Water has installed this new septic tank at the end of Foxton Drive near the beach.

The pumping station at the end of Steppey Lane has also been completely refurbished at a cost of £175,000. Both projects are now finished. It is good to know that Northumbrian Water is constantly working to protect the beaches and rivers in our Parish.

In recent months, many overhead power cables have been relocated underground. This has caused some inconvenience and disruption which continues to this day. The picture below, taken by a councillor on a recent visit to a village similar in size to Lesbury, shows the alternative.



Please be patient. The Parish Council is working with Northumberland County Council and 4 subcontractors in an attempt to solve this and other associated problems.