



LESBURY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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(Vivien Kay has, regretfully, decided to retire from the Parish Council. We would like to say thank you for her contribution to the Parish and in particular her support of the Pond Field project from its' inception to today.)

New Parish Councillors- currently there are 3 vacancies on the Parish Council. The Parish is geographically very large and it would be HELPFUL but not ESSENTIAL to have representation from across the area. Currently our councillors are from Bilton (1), Steppey Lane (2), the Coppice (1), Meadowlands (1) and Lealands (2). If you think you might be interested and can spare a little time please contact the Parish Clerk (contact details at the end of Newsletter.)

Proposed development, Lesbury Main Road- it is understood that Northumberland Estates have submitted a revised application for this development with a new vehicle access proposal and slight changes to the layout of the dwellings. TO DATE (5th Nov. 2013) the P C has NOT received any official notification or documentation from NCC.



The Northumberland Estates



Northumbria in Bloom- the final results for 2013 have been announced and the Parish was awarded Silver, however, Foxton GC, Friends of Alnmouth Station and the Coach Inn were all awarded Gold. The N I B judge's full report is available on the Parish web site. As a result of our experience in 2012 and 2013 and because of these good results we will enter again in 2014; this also enables our three gold medal winners to participate as they can only enter on condition that Lesbury Parish enters in the first instance. In order to keep the parish environs in good order the P C. have put in place a Landscape Maintenance Schedule to be paid for from the precept; wherever possible we will

employ local people to carry out this work. The full details of this Schedule will be posted on the web site at www.lesbury-pc.org.uk. The Schedule will help to maintain the status quo of our parish environment, if we wish to "raise our game" for our NIB entry this will need to be planned and organised by a Bloom Volunteer Group, independent to but, liaising with the PC. If you would like to join or lead such a group make sure that you read the full N I B report for 2013 on the web to appreciate what needs to be done. If interested please sign-up on one the forms either in the PO or in the entrance to the Village Hall.



Greenrigg Stepping Stones- the new stepping stones are in place and our thanks go to the NCC team which has done the work. In addition a footpath has been cleared, on the north side, to the viaduct; the way has been marked by tape through the wood and matting put in place to protect the vegetation. As with all stepping stones care should be taken when using them.

Electric Cabling project- more work has been going on at the other side of the Parish in an area around the sewage works and over the river to move electric cables underground. This project was originally agreed in 2009. Although it has been possible to put most the cables underground the electricity company has decided to keep the cable above ground over the river. In order to avoid bird strikes (particularly from swans) these have been fitted with red/orange balls to make the lines more evident. The redundant poles together with those in Steppey Lane from previous cabling will be removed in the coming months.





Drainage works on the railway- these major works are still on-going and large diameter pipes have been put in place to drain away water from the embankment. If you are walking in that area you may wonder what the white panels are. In fact they are filters to stop any contamination of the river with silt and fine debris whilst digging and pipe-laying is in progress.

Pond Field (Section 106 money)- part of the Section 106 money given to the Pond Field Group will be spent on a new "tyre park" similar to the one in Hipsburn school. Tyre parks are becoming very popular with children; more information on them can be found at Tyreplay.com. We would like to mention that Vivien Kay, as well as becoming a Parish Councillor, was a founder member of the group that raised cash for the refurbishment of the Pond Field; this began in March 2008 with £260 raised at an event in the Village Hall over Easter. She has also trained as the site ROSPA inspector to ensure the safety of the area and equipment to the children that play there and will pass her knowledge on for the future.



New gate on river path- regular walkers along the footpath north of the river between Lesbury and Foxton will be pleased to find that NCC have replaced the old, injurious stile below Foxbury House with a kissing gate. Again our thanks go to NCC not only for the gate but for keeping the pathways clear this summer.

Lighting/ roads- if you notice problems with street lights, road maintenance or other NCC related issues then please contact the County Council directly (it is quicker than going through the Parish Council.)



1. Make a note of the problem, exact location, together with any useful reference numbers e.g. on street lights or grit bins.
2. Call NCC on 0845 600 6400 or send an e mail to ask@northumberland.gov.uk or use the links on their web site.
3. Make the report and give them your name, address and postcode. You will be given a job number when your report is logged-in. If you need to follow up with NCC you can use this number as reference

Police - There appears to be an increase in the number of break-ins around the Parish and Alnmouth, particularly in sheds and out-buildings and residents should check out their security measures. To report any general incidents to the police use "101" number. To speak with an officer at Alnmouth Police Station after dialling "101" use one of the following extension numbers: ex 61337 for PC Brown; ex 61381 for the General Office at Alnmouth Police Station; ex 61343 for Sgt Neville Warrior. Only in a real emergency dial "999."

Speed watch- this has progressed a little further. Two parishioners will undergo training by Northumbria police very shortly. Once this is completed then the necessary equipment will be bought by our local councillor, Heather Cairns, so that monitoring can begin.

Parish Council Contacts.

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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 attend.

A full list of Parish Councillors can be found at www.lesbury-pc.org.uk