



Flitcham Parish Council

The proposed 2016/17 budget was reviewed. Already having overspent the 2015/16 precept with 3 months to the end of the financial year, the small reserves the council had would be eaten into. This was not the fault of the council, but the need to spend a considerable sum of money to bring the playground up to standard to meet health and safety requirements highlighted in the annual inspection.

Following discussion it was agreed to increase the precept requirement to £2,520 plus the grant from BCKL&WN of £80 giving a total of £2,600. This was proposed by GK, seconded by RY and agreed unanimously.

A near miss accident between a child and a car was witnessed outside the school, the Parish Council are to send a letter re concerns within the community.

The grass cutting tender to be advertised in this month's newsletter.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on the 1st March 2016, we still have vacancies and would welcome parishioners to join us.

Draft minutes and Parish information on :-

flitchampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCIL

Contract for grass cutting

The parish council would be pleased to receive tenders from any resident willing to regularly cut and maintain the grass in and around the children's play area throughout the grass cutting season of 2016. The Parish Council does not provide equipment so applicants should have their own. The contract will be awarded to the respondent submitting the best price. Fuel usage and other consumables should be included in the price.

Please submit a price per hour/per cut to the Clerk to the Parish, Gill Welham at: clerkflitchampcouncil@hotmail.co.uk

FLITCHAM CUM APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

February 2016

Produced by the Parish Council for the community

A Letter to Dog Owners

THE LOCAL ELECTIONS
(PARISHES & COMMUNITIES)
RULES 2006

CASUAL VACANCY IN THE
OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR
PARISH OF FLITCHAM WITH AP-
PLETON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ONE casual vacancy has arisen in the office of Councillor for the above Parish. If, within 14 days of the date of this Notice a request, in writing, that an election be held to fill the vacancy, signed by ten local government electors for the Parish is given to:-

The Proper Officer
c/o Electoral Services
Boro Council
King's Lynn and West Norfolk
King's Court
Chapel Street
King's Lynn
Norfolk PE30 1EX

an election will be held, and Notice of this will be published in the Parish. If no such request is received by the Proper Officer, the Parish Council will take the necessary steps to fill the vacancy by co-option. (See noticeboards for the full document)

BREAKING NEWS

The Village Link Action Group are working hard to organise a regular and scheduled bus service that will operate through eight villages, including Flitcham, terminating at King's Lynn. It is anticipated the service will operate Monday to Saturday each week and run between 3 and 5 times per day.

This proposal is still in the early planning stages but is gaining support from many sources. Your parish council have been contacted to assist with the start up funding of this service and we would welcome your comments in this regard.

The latest minutes of the VLAG meeting have been posted on the 'Notice Board' tab of the Flitcham website <http://flitchampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/> for your review.

Please contact the Clerk or the Chairman if you have any comments to make.

At risk of repeating myself, I would like to remind dog-owners there is a law requiring picking up after your dog, with up to £1000 fine for failure to do so.

I walk twice daily in the field and playing field with my 6 small dogs. Every day I pick up my own dogs' waste, and other dog waste too. Recently on one walk I picked up 7 lots of waste, all of which could only have been left by large dog(s), not mine.

The only reason I collect it is I don't wish my dogs or myself to tramp it through my home or cause problems for the environment or other animals.

There is no good reason not to pick up after your dog, if I can manage 6 surely others can manage 1 or 2.

It infuriates me because it is either idleness or complete disregard for the environment and other walkers.

I have spoken to the Environmental Health Dept, and am awaiting a visit for advice on how to manage this problem.

I hope this letter will prick some consciences and dog owners will take proper responsibility for their pets.

If anyone wishes to know about the harm dog excrement can do to cattle, wildlife and the environment I would be happy to tell them. Aside from this it is simply disgusting.

Those members of the community who do clear up after your dog, thank you. Those who don't should be ashamed and understand this is an issue I will not let go.

Geraldine Farrow

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7th at 8 O'clock
Holy Communion

Sunday 28th at 11 O'Clock
The Family Service

Tapping House Fund Raising update

We would like to let you know what we have been doing in our continuing effort to raise funds for Tapping House.

On the 23rd November 2015. we held a bingo at the Ffolkes' Arms Hillington, which was a very successful night, and we would like to say thank you too everyone who gave us prizes and to the ladies who helped us on the night and also a big thank you to Peter Scarfe, our bingo caller. We managed to raise the grand sum of £1,892-54. This was handed over to the fund raising team of ladies from Tapping House who attended the bingo on the night. This brings the total amount that we have given to the Hillington Hospice to £10,001-00.

In 2016 plans are being made to have a Teddy Bears " Wedding and Reception " The event will take place at the Bircham Windmill on Saturday 30th. April. everyone welcome, more details later. We have about 200, teddy bears of assorted sizes to dress, so if you can help to knit or sew a few teddy bear clothes we would be very grateful. Val B. has plenty of Knitting wool if you feel you can help. The Bride & Groom and two Brides Maids are looking amazing already completed, The Vicar and best man are on Eileens production line ! Thanks again **Val, Liz & Eileen.**

Editor's Apology

we failed to get a newsletter out for the month of January. There just wasn't enough copy to fill even a third of the space. We are entirely dependent on everyone in the community letting us know what is happening or what is planned.

Fritcham Bell FC

The team have had mixed fortunes since the last report! First we gained our first league point of the season in a exciting 4-4 home draw against Dersingham Social Club. We came back from a goal every-time including a last minute equaliser. Goals came from Ryan Taylor, Ashley Woodhouse & a Sam Hewitt brace who also took the MOM award. Next up was another home game with a 5-1 victory over Sutton St James which booked our place in the semi-finals of the Cherrington Cup. Goals came courtesy of Ryan Taylor, Andy Poyiadzis, Jordan Grass & a Danny Child Double with MOM Kieran Nurse. We now Face Chilvers in the Semi-Finals on the 14/2/16. Our final two fixtures before Christmas & the New Year ended in battling losses. A 5-3 loss away to Old White Bell with goals coming from Connor Parnell & a Woodhouse double courtesy of brothers Ashley & Ross with Ashley also taking the MOM award. Last up was a keenly contested 5-2 loss to FANG with the scoreline 3-2 to FANG with only 10mins to go after being 3-0 down at HT. Goals came from Danny Child & Connor Parnell with MOM going to Ollie Holmes. With players recovering from injuries & work commitments easing hopefully 2016 will bring some much needed New Year joy for the Winking Owls!

2016 Started much the same for Fritcham Bell albeit with an much improved performance but ending up with a 7-0 loss to Englands Hope. Most of the goals coming in the last 20mins when we ran out of steam and MOM went to the hard-working Matt Standen. Next up was a home fixture v last season's

nemesis Sutton St James. The game brought our best performance of the season and our first league win with a 7-1 victory. We got the first 4 goals in the opening 15mins all courtesy of some great finishing from Connor Parnell. A Sam Hewitt finish and a goal straight from a corner by Ross Woodhouse gave us a commanding 6-0 lead at HT. A further goal from Sam Hewitt finished off the scoring and resulted in a fine 7-1 victory which took us off the bottom of the league!! MOM went to the impressive Connor Parnell. **John Cockerill**

Bell FC Fixtures

24/1/16

Away v Dersingham SC League,

7/2/16

Home to England's Hope - League

14/2/16

Away to Chilvers - Cherrington Cup
Semi-Final

21/2/16

Home to Chilvers - League

Social Club

Saturday 13th

Valentine's Steak Night

£8.50 please book

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unwanted goods
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It's free!