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PARISH UPDATES

POLLUTION MONITOR. Mid Devon District Council hope to install later this year or early in 2018, an air pollution monitor within the village to check on the air quality in respect of pollution from motor vehicles. The Parish Council have asked for this as the first step towards combating the pressures on the A377 due to developments in Crediton.

NEXT DOOR. Following the demise of the Community Support Group through lack of volunteers, Cllr Steve Parker has registered Newton St Cyres on: www.newtonstcyres.nextdoor.co.uk

This is an inter-active website and all you need to do is log in your details. It is hoped then that this will provide some of the support that the Community Support Group used to provide.

HIGHWAY ROAD WARDEN. The Parish Council have been asked to join the Highway Road Warden Scheme set up by Devon County Council but would need a volunteer before they can consider joining. Training will be given and anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk direct for more information.

FLYER FOR NEW CLUBS. The Parish Plan indicated that there might be a need for some additional Clubs and Groups in the Parish and to this end a flyer is included with this mailing to all households. If anyone is at all interested, please can you complete the form and return it to the Parish Clerk or email the Parish Clerk with details of any Clubs you may be interested in. If you can do this by the 30th June we can see where the need is and take appropriate action.

Newton St Cyres Parish Council



Summer Newsletter 2017



Message from the Parish Council Chairman

Dear Parishioner

Welcome to the Summer Newsletter from the Parish Council which we now need to produce as part of our Quality Council requirements. We are a Quality Council under the National Scheme and now that our Clerk, Jane Hole, has become a Qualified Clerk we are applying for the next level. If we do achieve this we will be the first Parish Council in Devon to achieve this level.

The Council have now adopted the general Power of Competency which allows the Council to undertake any action it wishes as long as it is legal. We are only able to do this because we have a qualified Parish Clerk.

David Baker. Chairman.

YOUR OPPORTUUNITY TO VOLUNTEER AND HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

When the Parish Plan was being prepared about a quarter of the respondents indicated that they are already involved in community-based voluntary service, but even more said that they would consider helping with community well-being initiatives, volunteer for local recreation groups or community safety and security initiatives if they were asked.

We want to unlock these potential volunteers for the benefit of our community. I'm sure volunteers will also get much satisfaction through providing help and increasing involvement. We have prepared a list of requirements expressed by local organisations and groups and are now asking parishioners to make contact if they are able to help.

This list can be found in the Annual Report and Directory

RED TELEPHONE BOXES

Parishioners should notice that the two telephone boxes, in the village and at the Station, have been repainted. The paint was provided by BT and the Parish Council paid to have them painted. Both boxes are now the property of the Parish Council and they cost the Parish £1 per telephone box.

New signs have been placed in the telephone boxes and the box at the Station is now a Book Swap Shop and has leaflets etc. in it. This box is maintained by Cllr Chris Southcott so any issues relating to it should be directed to Chris. If you take a book from those available please donate another one!

The box in the village should have within it (by the time you read this newsletter) the village defibrillator which will have been removed from the wall at the Crown & Sceptre. It is also hoped to have some books to swap and some leaflets. The defibrillator is being looked after by Geoff Jackson and the box itself and other contents by Tim Sedgwick.

The Parish Council are extremely grateful to Chris, Geoff and Tim for their ongoing support for these boxes.

ALLOTMENTS

The Parish Council still have a number of its allotments to rent and these are available at £20 per year.

The allotments are situated next to the current School and opposite Tytheing Close.

Anyone interested in renting an allotment should contact the Parish Clerk (full details on the back of this newsletter)

DOG FOULING

The ongoing problem of dog fouling continues to be a major issue for the Parish Council. There appear to be a few very irresponsible dog owners. The Parish Council have paid for the installation of 6 dog waste bins. These are situated in the following locations: by the river bridge in Station Road, entrance to Court Orchard by the main road, Tytheing Close, Sand Down Lane, Pump Street and West Town. In addition free dog poo bags are available from the Parish Council surgery table at the Coffee mornings on the first Saturday of the month.

The Parish Council are looking at what other legal steps it can take to deal with the few irresponsible owners. The Parish Council are appreciative of those responsible dog owners who deal with their dog's mess in the appropriate manner.

It is not acceptable to throw dog poo bags into the hedges and also dog mess should be picked up on the public footpaths. There is also a responsibility not to let dogs mess on agricultural land especially if there is livestock using those fields. PLEASE HELP

TRANSPARENCY

The Parish Council does all within its power to be transparent in its work. Full details of the Parish Council's activities, minutes, agendas, policies etc. can be found on its website. Details on the back of this leaflet. The Parish Council also has its own Facebook page with more up to date information such as road closures. The Council also have two Open Sessions at the beginning and end of each Council meeting and two newsletters published annually plus an Annual Report and Directory.