



Sutton Times

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Parish Council News

As you are well aware the Village Hall Committee have recently sent out a questionnaire to ask the village residents and user groups about their proposals to carry out work on the Grey Village Hall to alleviate energy loss from the building. The findings of this survey are detailed in an article later on but suffice to say that the majority of residents in the Village are very much in favour of the work being carried out. The Parish Council have been involved throughout with this process and we are supporting their application to Yorventure for funding to cover some of the proposed work. As part of this application, the PC have assured provision of 10% of the costs of the work, this will amount to just under £2,000 and was a pre-requisite for the application. The Village Hall Committee will hear later whether they have been successful and, if they are, work will begin this summer.

We have recently been advised by Stillington PC of a proposal to site a mobile phone mast in their area, since Stillington has been identified as a 'NOT SPOT' for mobile coverage. Huby has also been identified as a 'NOT SPOT' under the government scheme to improve mobile coverage in rural areas; but the Harlequin Group who have been contracted to acquire suitable sites for mobile communications masts have informed me that, despite Sutton also having poor mobile coverage, the improvement of the signal in Sutton was not part of their remit. Apparently, the location of 'NOT SPOTS' is driven by the number of complaints about poor signal coverage to mobile service providers, so as Parishioners you obviously haven't complained enough! However, the spokesman from Harlequin told me that they have identified two sites where masts could be located, one in Stillington and the other in Huby. They have recommended these to Arqiva (the company handling the scheme for the Government) and he assured me that if the proposed site in Huby is accepted and allowed through planning then the Sutton on the Forest signal will be improved.

Finally, despite the efforts of the PC and comments from village residents and businesses in overwhelming

opposition to the application for a Permanent Gypsy Camp in a field near Goose Lane, Hambleton District Council's Full Planning Committee approved it by a substantial majority on 3rd February. Thank you to those of you who took the trouble to register your comments with HDC and to Alan England and Mike Rigby who spoke along with me and Eden Whatnell at the Committee meeting.

Tim Wood, the Case Officer in charge of the application did agree in his written recommendation that the site wasn't ideal in terms of sustainability but since the site, when approved, would provide 80% of the District's requirement for pitches for the next 5 years, the odds were firmly stacked against us from the outset. The Notice of Decision on this application was issued by HDC on 20th March and there are a number of conditions attached which the PC had requested, these are outlined below but can be viewed in more detail on HDC's website under Planning Application 13/02544/FUL:

- There will be a limit the number of caravans to two or one static, one caravan per pitch for the eight permanent pitches.
- There will be a defined length of stay for the four transient pitches.
- There will be clarification of the right of way through Ponderosa to the footpath leading to the village
- Screening will be required along the side of the field nearest Goose Lane
- There will be robust improvements to the junction and access road and a footway constructed to the nearest bus stop.
- There are further conditions imposed by HDC themselves and if you wish to view them all, please visit the website.

Whilst I appreciate local feeling has run very high over this issue, I hope we can now move on and work together to welcome any new residents into the Village community.

Cllr Lindsay Stark
Chairman

An update from Sutton on the Forest Primary School

Although it is a major source of traffic disruption twice a day, the school is also thriving, and is, we believe, an important asset to the village. At the moment we have 85 children on roll, with two thirds of those children coming from Sutton, Huby or Stillington.

We began the new school year in September 2013 with 5 new members of staff – more than half our total complement – after a very difficult year in 2012/13 when we said goodbye to Mrs Metcalfe, Mrs Simpson, Mr Cook and Mrs Carter. It may look careless, but two retirements earlier than we anticipated, and two resignations to go to other jobs (which we knew could happen at any time, but could do little about) meant that the summer term in 2013 was spent recruiting replacements. It was therefore with a great deal of pleasure and relief that we welcomed Mr Braidwood, Mrs Bell, Mrs Baker, Mrs Bird and Mrs Comito to the school, being almost wholly successful in our plan to only recruit staff whose surnames began with 'B'. Those of you who carefully studied counting and arithmetic when you too were at school will notice that we recruited 5 staff when we lost 4. For one year only, we have an additional Teaching Assistant supporting us in a specific area of Educational Needs.

Barely had the new staff found out where the loos were when Ofsted, long expected, arrived. You will no doubt have picked up from almost daily news coverage that Ofsted is not a pushover. They give you half a day's notice before they arrive to watch teachers teach, to scrutinise children's work, to review the children's attainment scores, to listen to parents and to quiz the Headteacher and Governors. It is rigorous, substantial and of momentous importance to a school. We were, however, well prepared and thanks to Mrs Botham, the Headteacher's, exceptional leadership, organisation and hard work we sailed serenely through it. We achieved an overall rating of "Good", with the behaviour of pupils being rated as "outstanding". We were very pleased with the final report, which we think reflected the

achievements and atmosphere of the school. If you would like to read the whole report (and it really is neither long nor dreary to read) you can find it on the Ofsted website at www.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/files/2290709/urn/121518.pdf. We are very proud of it.

The children make us proud in all kinds of different ways. They happily run cross country races in the mud and rain, they win sports competitions with humility (mostly) and lose with good spirits (again, mostly). They work hard and embrace the Christian ethos of the school with their caring attitude to each other up and down the year groups. They made us laugh last year in their performance of the musical "Olivia", and made us (and the Ofsted Inspector) cry with their moving tributes to the hungry and homeless at the Harvest Festival.

The next few years could be interesting. We are already seeing signs of "Academies by the back door" as Governors have become responsible for setting teachers' pay and conditions, and the management of school meals is handed back to the school from the Local Authority. Finances are hugely stretched – and staff and Governors will have to embrace more change and more responsibility as time goes on.

Please, we love to see members of the village community at school events. Come and support our fundraising – which these days is not about buying extras for the school, but is a fundamental necessity to keep the school functioning. Come and look around at what the children are doing, and come and join us for lunch sometimes.

Martin Wiltshire,
Chair of Governors

News from the Playing Field (March 2014)

Spring is in the air, the snowdrops have been out for a few weeks, the daffodils are in bloom and the bluebells are getting ready as I write this update.

We are at the final stages of a grant application with the Big Lottery that, if successful, will lead to: more play equipment for younger children; resurfacing the boules court; an outdoor table tennis table; and replacement goal posts. Fingers crossed as we are at the final hurdle and should have confirmation by Easter.

DSM Garden Services have carried out work on the orchard removing some of the thorn trees and cutting back some sections of the overgrown hedges. This work should let in more light and help to establish a grass sward rather than nettles and brambles, we will see how it looks once the trees are in leaf, next steps could include pruning the existing trees back to a reasonable height and planting more fruit trees. We will also see how the old hedge respond and look at infilling with some more saplings if we need to.

The playing field is a village resource and the committee are always keen to hear people's ideas on how they can use it. If anybody wants to organise any events, picnics, boules tournaments etc they would be very welcome just get in touch. There are also always jobs to do, hedge cutting, litter picking, painting benches and play equipment, fixing the notice board to mention just a few, so if you have any spare time please give me a call.

Paddy Harrop
Chair, Sutton Playing Field Association
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SUTTON & HUBY OIL

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Next order date will be
June 2014

SUTTON PARK STATELY HOME & HERITAGE GARDENS



2014 OPENING TIMES

Sir Reginald and Lady Sheffield would like to advise the village that the House, gardens and grounds will only be open to the public on the following dates in 2014.

House: 1.30 - 5pm
House Tours at 1.30, 2.45 and 4pm

Monday 26th May Spring Bank Holiday
then every day from:
Saturday 31st May to Sunday 29th June inclusive
Monday 25th August Summer Bank Holiday
Thursday 11th September
Friday 12th September

Gardens: 11 - 5pm

Thursday 1st May - Sunday 29th June
(except 3rd May and 28th June)
Monday 25th August Summer Bank Holiday
Thursday 11th September
Friday 12th September

Private groups welcome all year by appointment.
Min charge for 15.

Village Hall News

Thanks to everyone who let us have their views and comments on proposals for improvements to the village hall aimed at making it more thermally efficient and halting spiralling electricity costs while hopefully making it warmer. Over forty people responded and the overwhelming majority were in support of the proposals. After taking all these views into account, seeking further advice from experts and obtaining quotes from builders, an application for grant funding has been made to Yorventure. This is a body which distributes grants to community and environmental projects with landfill tax credits from Yorwaste and was the main source of the funds which enabled the refurbishment of the kitchen.

Working with the the Parish Council, we are applying for grant aid to:

1. Lower the height of the ceiling and insulate it. A few people expressed reservations about this because of the aesthetic effect. We hope that by leaving the existing beams exposed and finishing it in matchboarding as at present, the alterations will not detract from the internal appearance of the hall but will be worthwhile in terms of energy saving.

2. Repair/insulate the kitchen roof with a 'warm deck'.
3. Provide a new lobby or vestibule area inside the current doors. This idea came from a suggestion by a couple of people responding to the questionnaire. There would be a second pair of doors, part-glazed, before entering the hall which would help to exclude draughts and stop the heat from going out of the door.
4. Secondary glazing. Almost everyone favoured either double or secondary glazing to the windows. We were advised that new upvc windows might not be structurally suitable for our wooden building and that secondary glazing would be preferable. The current windows are in good condition and are obviously very much in keeping with the rest of the hall.
5. Renovation of the existing wooden floor.

Thank you very much also to the people who volunteered to help in various ways - there is always plenty to do and your offers are much appreciated.

Kim Phillips

Sutton on the Forest YCA

It's been a sociable and entertaining couple of months for the ladies of the YCA:

- In December we were entertained by Serendipity, two very talented ladies who sang and told us stories to take us from November to January. We were able to join in some of the songs as well as listening to some beautiful poetry, and we rounded off the evening with a glass of mulled wine and some Christmas cake;
- In January we held our annual dinner at the Rose & Crown. 36 ladies enjoyed an excellent meal, and it was good to be able to catch up with members old and new in such a pleasant setting
- In February our speaker was Ron Woodham who told us about his trek on the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu in Peru. This was a lifetime ambition for Ron, and a fantastic achievement. The hardest parts of the 4 day trek are the altitude – you start

at 3,300 metres, and then start climbing - and the descents which one day including going down 3000 steps. His talk was illustrated with wonderful slides of the views, wildlife, and fellow trekkers;

On 8 February we held our "Days for Girls" sewing workshop, and 25 members and friends assembled with sewing machines at the village hall. Over the course of the day we made 25 complete re-usable feminine hygiene kits, which was a record for one day. These will be taken out to Nepal by York & Ainsty Rotary club members in March as part of a consignment of over 100 kits made in the York area.

New members are always welcome, and our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Grey Village Hall.

Judy Cliffe
810995

Huby & Sutton Gardening Club

The winter programme seems to have flown by.

We have had a marvellous selection of speakers and that has been shown by high attendance. Pam Murray our programme organiser should be proud of her seasons work. I find it a pleasure to work with such a dedicated committee—mind you experience has taught me that the best committees are small where each has a specific job—it certainly works for us.

Hilary has got wonderful summer outings booked and as before the Day outing is subsidised by some money from the Open Gardens paying for the coach.

If you haven't booked do get in touch with Hilary:

Wednesday 18 June: visit to Linden Lodge, nr Wilberfoss, a beautiful 6 acre garden. There will be a short talk on the development of the garden—time to look round and refreshments in aid of charity. Organise own transport—we will help with car share.

Saturday 19 July: Visit to Steve Hoyland's Agapanthus Nursery. He gave us a brilliant talk last year on an awful night. He wins gold medals at all the summer shows. He is nr Sheffield. Then we go to Wentworth Woodhouse. Starting with a light lunch followed by a tour of the house (about 1 hour). It is the largest private house in Britain—was home of the Fitzwilliam family. You must read the book **Black Diamonds—Social History** about the house, family and poverty at the of the century in the coal industry. It will be a great day out.

Have a lovely Summer's gardening.

Willie Anderson
Chairman

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 30 April 2014
7.30pm, Grey Village Hall

Same format as last year with glass of wine and canapes

All village organisations are invited to come along
and put on a display

For more information contact the Parish Clerk
suttonontheforestpc@gmail.com
Sue Bracewell 01347 810148

HAMBLETON ROUND UP (Not the weed killer)

Several items of interest to residents have come to the fore recently which I thought should have a wide circulation:-

1. Hambleton Food Share

Believe it or not but it is estimated that 7% of children living in Huby and Sutton live in poverty. This knowledge has sparked the desire to organise a Food Bank and below is given a summary of its progress to date.

“From the initial ideas we had before Christmas, much has changed and we are now in a position to launch the Food Bank on a more professional basis. We have joined up with Hambleton Foodshare based in Northallerton, but that gives us access to a great deal of support and advice - which we would not have at our disposal if we went on our own. We will now be known as Hambleton Foodshare (Easingwold). Food Share seems much better to us than food bank. It brings together those who donate food to help our neighbours and those who are in great need of food aid. Completing the circle in fact with local people donating local food for local people! Currently we are giving out between 30-40 food parcels per week!

I have personally already delivered food parcels in our area both in Easingwold and into the Villages as an interim measure.

We are setting up a drop in centre at the rear of Tanpit Lodge (in the former Meals & Wheels facility) as well as message line where people in the villages can leave a message on voice mail, or much simpler and cheaper, by text. Our number? A very easy one to remember 0772 44 44 750. Please pass it on to anyone you feel is in need of help.

Please give us a call and we will explain more of what we are doing, the various roles that are needed and how you can help us help those in need in our local community.

Frank Johnston-Banks “

2. HDC Grant Aid.

From the new financial year it is likely that a total of £6,000 could be available for community projects within the Easingwold & Villages area but of course individual societies will have to bid for this money and it is most unlikely that any one society will receive it all.

3. Neighbourhood Watch

Possibly due to old age and ill health but did you notice the absence of the usual pre Christmas patrols in the village last year? I do know that our senior citizens much appreciate seeing the `yellow jackets` walking around and the effect on traffic can be quite spectacular The Parish Council have a legal responsibility to try and secure the safety and security of residents but nobody felt able to undertake the co-ordination of the patrols. The village has a long history of active crime prevention but whilst the overall crime statistics for Huby/ Sutton vary little there has been an increase in violence which is disturbing. Is anyone willing to try and deter crime in the village?

4. East Moor Family Memorial Service

Despite swinging budget cuts the village will again host a much smaller number of Canadians (RCAF) at this annual service, but that is even better than the lack of response from RAF Leeming and RAF Linton –on-Ouse, although there is time yet. We will however be proud to welcome Easingwold ATC together with standard bearers from the Royal British Legion, Royal Air Force Association, Royal Canadian Airforce. Please give them a big welcome and join them for a cup of tea afterwards.

Mike Rigby

Eastmoor Family Memorial Service
Saturday 17 May 2014
2.30pm

The Pound, Sutton on the Forest
refreshments afterwards
in the Grey Village Hall

All are welcome

MOOR END NATURE RESERVE

Some years ago the Parish Council formed three sub committees which they deemed to be essential in the management of the village and surrounding area—those were Village Hall, Playing Field and Moor End. Moor End is a unique wetland area of important biodiversity which Hambleton and North Yorkshire County Council at the time recommended could become an SSSI.

The Parish Council at that time allocated an annual sum of £500 to help with the upkeep of Moor End. I cannot find out why and when this work was stopped—nothing has been done for a long time.

No sub committee now exists and the main object of this short article is that the Council is now willing to help in getting the Moor End area tidied

up with the objective of improving the wildlife habitat. Many orchid species have already been lost.

It will require a lot of hard work and organisation by volunteers with some expertise.

The main areas that need tackling are twofold: improving outflow from the ponds that are blocked up and thinning out overgrowth of self seeded willow and sycamore to let in light. The culvert at the Sheriff Hutton road is broken—but that is a Highways problem.

As I said earlier this is an important area and we should not let it deteriorate further. Parishioners with knowledge and interest please contact Councillors or the Parish Clerk—financial help is available.

CLlr Willie Anderson

CHARLES COOK LEGACY

The Parish Council has now received the final part of this legacy and are now in a position to consider how to spend in the way that Charles would have wanted.

Some requests for this money have already been received, but more are welcome. If you wish to put forward a request, please send this to the Parish Clerk (suttonontheforestpc@gmail.com) by Wednesday 30 April. The request should have enough detail including approximate costings so that it can be considered at the Parish Council meeting in May.

WEBSITE SURVEY

Thank you to all those of you who took the time to complete our survey.

The results are being analysed and will be discussed at our next Parish council meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2014

Wednesdays:

8 January 2014

12 March 2014

14 May 2014 (including AGM)

9 July 2014

10 September 2014

12 November 2014

Annual Parish Meeting:

Wednesday 30 April 2014

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Huby Village Shop & Post Office	810220
Stillington Shop & Post Office	810322
Reliance Buses	01904 768262
Hutchinson Coaches	821853
National Rail enquiries	08457 484950
Village Hall bookings	810978

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North Yorkshire Police

Main switchboard

(General contact) 101
(Incidents reported to the Control Room are immediately relayed to the appropriate police officer)

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
(reports to Crimestoppers are confidential and you may receive a reward)

Drugs helpline 0800 776 600
Victim Support 01904 636905

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Future Issues

Next issue will be June 2014

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