

Over the summer Easton Parish Council has have been working hard to improve our village, we had the first Saturday drop in session in the village hall, and we would like to thank the residents who attended and passed on concerns with regard to parking, footpaths , overhanging trees and many more concerns we will endeavour to address them all. The police also attended and provided a very informative display on safer neighbourhoods.

The main drain collapse in Woodview Road that occurred late August has been repaired, the engineers found that the drain had broken in two places and have asked us to remind residents to avoid flushing baby wipes and other non flushable items down our toilets. They also would encourage us to not pour fat down our drains as this will help to keep them clear.

Cars parked on pavements around Easton has also reduced with an active campaign from the local beat officers, a car which is parked on the pavement and blocks the safe passage of pedestrians can to issue a fix plenty fine of £30 by the police. Residents are encourage to report offenders by taking a picture of the offending vehicle showing its position and number plate and emailing it to sntcostessey@norfolk.pnn.police.uk giving date, time and location of the incident. Together we can make our village safer.

The recent music festivals seemed to have passed off with very few major problems, members of the parish council worked very hard with the organisers and the police to ensure the residents did not have our streets clogged with parked cars. We understand that residents in Cardinal Close had some issues on the last day of the reload festival which we will aim to address for next year. However we are saddened to report that members of the traffic management team were verbally abused by at least one Easton resident for putting out cones. Verbal abuse of anyone is unacceptable behaviour and will not be tolerated.

We held our parish council meeting on the 14th September we had a number of major areas to cover. We would like to thank the police for their attendance and the reports that were provided. The area inspector, the area beat manager and a PCSO all provided input into how the police are helping to keep our community safe, we look forward to a regular and fruitful dialog in the future.

We would encourage residents to read the minutes of our meetings on the website www.eastonparishcouncil.co.uk or on the notice board outside the village hall. With limited space in the Grapevine we are unable to cover every item in detail.

Cllr Margaret Dewsbury was in attendance and gave us an overview of what was happening with the NDR and the new duelling section from Easton towards Dereham. The proposals for the food hub continue in the back ground we are keeping a close eye on developments. Lower Easton was discussed and Cllr Dewsbury stated that the Highways officers have been looking into what can be done with regard to the traffic problems in that area.

The Environmental Protection Officer looking after Easton could not attend, a short report was provided and read out. Cllr Dewsbury explained that they are unable to actively get involved in the new development until matters are brought forward to the detailed planning stage.

The Parish Council had the Neighbourhood Plan area approved. This will help shape the development that has been agreed for Easton. It is too late to prevent houses from being built but it will hopefully enable us to influence the facilities provided as well as the style, parking arrangements, density, roads and pathways etc of the development. Our first work shop will be on the 31st October.

The land on Dereham Road was discussed and it is our intention to hold a public meeting in late October to discuss what options are open to the village. It is our aim to hold a parish poll in November to ask the Electorate of Easton what they want to do with the land. We have created a report which can be found on the parish website and displayed on the Parish notice board.