

Eccleston Parish Council

Newsletter

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Parish Council Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, commencing at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

A part of each meeting is set aside specifically for residents to air their views on local issues - come along and have your say!

Fantastic news from Chorley Council - our bid, prepared in conjunction with representatives from Eccleston Young People's Centre, has been successful and we have been awarded £77000 for the All Weather Ball Court.

The funding has come from the planning contribution associated with the redevelopment of the Sagar House site and we are very pleased the money is being spent within the village.

The next stage is to secure the necessary planning permission and we are now working to finalise the planning application for submission to Chorley Council.

The facility will be located by the Band Hut close to the boundary with the Carrington Centre site and will be available for use in all weathers to discourage playing football etc on the car park areas. It is intended to be lit in the early evening, with timer controlled lighting which will switch off to prevent late use.

Our thanks go to everyone who has assisted in getting us to this stage including the representatives from the Young People's Centre, the local residents who provided valuable input at Committee meetings and Lindsey Blackstock, Chorley Council's Parks and Open Spaces Officer, for her help in preparing the bid and securing the funds.

Carrington Centre

At the time of going to print the Council has received confirmation from Northern Trust that Sainsbury's has signed the contract to take on the convenience store premises in the redeveloped Carrington Centre.

Northern Trust has also kindly provided this programme of scheduled works for resident's information:

Construction commenced early July

Co-op vacated July

Demolish Co-op and provide additional temporary car parking

Shop fronts to be fitted mid September

Individual unit internal fit outs between end of September and beginning of November

Food store fit out mid Oct-mid Nov

Independent tenants occupy new units mid November

Demolish remaining existing units

Car parks and access roads to be completed end Feb 2014

Noticeboards

Keep up to date with Parish Council activities. Noticeboards are located inside the Carrington Centre by POA and on the path by the Changing Rooms, off Drapers Avenue.

Local non-for-profit organisations wishing to display A4 sized posters to publicise forthcoming events etc should contact the Clerk.

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Chairman's Message

As was mentioned in the June newsletter, Bill Mason decided to step down as chairman of the Parish Council after five years in the hot seat. Bill has led the council with integrity in dealing with the many & varied issues that have arisen over this time, especially the development of the Sagar House site, and now the Carrington Centre. I am very glad that Bill has chosen to stay on as a councillor so that we continue to benefit from his experience.

The Council sub-committees have continued to work on projects that hopefully benefit the village. The Events Committee organised the funfair that took place in late June - whilst the weather that week was not ideal we hope that people enjoyed themselves. The Open Spaces Committee has been working very hard with the village's Young People's Centre to bring about the provision of an all - weather ball court. Now that funding has been agreed by Chorley Council (see page 1), the Committee is working to obtain planning permission.) Hopefully there will be positive news on this in the next newsletter

The Carrington Centre re-development is now underway, and hopefully the building work progresses smoothly to minimise the disruption to our residents and the local retailers. The developer, Northern Trust, has provided an outline of the development schedule (see article on front page) which is also on display on the Parish Council boards. It is important for our village, especially for those residents who are particularly reliant on local shops and services, that life returns to normal as soon as possible.

The Parish Council and its sub-committees are there for you so please do come along to meetings if you have a concern you wish to raise, or are just interested in finding out what is going on!

Mark Frost

Information from the Environment Agency

By Autumn 2013, we will close our depots at Garstang, Great Hanging Bridge in Croston and Fine Jane depot in Downholland, near Formby and moving our staff to Spurrier House, Lancashire Business Park, Centurion Way, Leyland, PR26 6TP.

The Leyland depot will be a base for our Operation Teams who manage and maintain our rivers and importantly who respond prior to and during heavy rainfall. This will improve our responsiveness in protecting homes and communities across the area. Our level of service will remain unchanged and our front line response will not be affected as our officers will be mobile in their vehicles to transport machinery on site.

All our pumping stations including: Altmouth near Hightown, North Merseyside, Crossens near Banks, West Lancashire; and Dock Bridge near Lytham on the Fylde coast are not affected. These pumping stations, which manage water levels and reduce flood risk will continue to be operated by our members of staff.

If you would like more information or have any maintenance queries you can call David Darbyshire, South Lancashire and North Merseyside on 01772 432619. You can also email us at nwcorrespondence@environment-agency.gov.uk

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Walks Map

The Open Spaces Committee has been working on details for the production of a map of the parish detailing public rights of way and local buildings of local historical interest.

Once the finer details have been checked for accuracy by the Committee the Council will have the maps printed and a copy delivered to homes within the parish. Further supplies will be held at the Library and businesses and establishments willing to take a small stock.

Eccleston Library

Don't forget that Eccleston Library has been temporarily relocated into the shopping mall, next door to the flower shop. We have lots of books for adults and children, as well as DVDs and talking books. We also have two computers for public use with free internet access and scanning/printing facilities, and a photocopier.

If you also use an ebook reader, then pop in and ask about borrowing our free ebooks!

So come along and continue to use your library - you can phone us on 08450530005 if you require any more information.

Mon 9.30 - 12.30, 1.30 - 7.00

Tues closed

Wed 9.30 - 12.30, 1.30 - 5.00

Thurs 9.30 - 12.30

Fri 9.30 - 12.30, 1.30 - 7.00

Sat 9.30 - 12.30

Skate Park

We are hoping to commence with the refurbishment of the Skate Park shortly. A large part of the tarmac surface is to be replaced in concrete as it is a far better surface for wheeled sports.

Whilst the resurfacing is under way the ramps will be stripped down and repaired and repainted where necessary.

News from Villages in Partnership

All being well, we will be awarding grants in the Autumn/ Winter. We will be advertising on the website:

www.villagesinpartnership.co.uk

Community Groups benefiting from our latest round of grants were:

Charnock Richard Cub Scouts

Coppull Parish Church Scout Group

Croston Old School Community Archive

Eccleston Methodist Church Hall

Hesketh Bank All Saints Mum's & Tots Group

Hesketh Bank Association Football Club

Legacy Rainbow House

Longton Memorial Sports Social Club

Longton Methodist Church

Tarleton Bowling & Social Club

Our two remaining Charity shops in Burscough and Longton are looking for donations and we would be really grateful for donations of clothing (ladies, mens and childrens), along with bric a brac, cd's, dvd's and books.

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Residents with external mail boxes, as opposed to letter boxes in their doors, are asked to be extra vigilant as there have been cases of fraud where the offenders, supposedly 'delivering leaflets', have taken mail from the boxes and, using the details, applied for credit cards. They then returned and waited for the postman to deliver the credit cards before using them.

Please be aware of anyone seen hanging around your address, paying attention to post boxes. Take a note of descriptions and any vehicles used, and contact the Police on 101.

*PCSO 7503 Vicki Cochrane,
Chorley Rural West Neighbourhood Policing Team*

Neighbourhood Policing Team

The Parish Council would like to offer a very warm welcome to two additions to our Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Sergeant Lana Palmer-Davies, who is standing in for Sgt Bramhall, and our new PCSO, Vicki Cochrane have recently taken up posts in the Chorley Rural West Team.

Another Warm Welcome

Whilst on the subject of warm welcomes the Parish Council would like to offer another to Reverend Brown, as Priest in Charge of St Mary's Church.

Reverend Brown's Licensing and Installation took place on Monday 19 August at the Church.

Remembrance Day

All residents are invited to this year's Parade, Wreath Laying Ceremony and Service on Sunday 10 November 2013.

Meeting at 9.15am, the Parade will leave Eccleston Primary School, Doctors Lane at 9.30am and walk to St Mary's Church for the Service of Remembrance.

The Parish Council has applied for the relevant road closure and Policing for the Parade.

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Local Businesses

Do you want to reach around 1800 properties in the village?

Contact the Clerk (details on page 1) for information on advertising in the Parish Council newsletter.

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Useful Telephone Numbers

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