



Allotment Association to form

Your Parish Council has found that land at the sportsground can be used to provide allotments at what we believe to be a reasonable cost. A public meeting will be called to form an Allotment Association in the near future. All those who are interested should contact Josette Tait (details below).

Sports Association to dissolve

Lighthorne Sports Association (LSA) is set to fold, but this doesn't mean the end of sport for the village. In fact, things might even improve.

The members of LSA belong to either Khalsa Cricket Club or Lighthorne Tennis Club. These two groups do not have any members in common, and they do not use the same facilities at the sportsground, so LSA is not adding any value when meetings are held with the Parish Council (which is the landlord). With a new Allotment Association also likely to use some of the facilities, your Parish Council has agreed with ideas put forward by the LSA Committee.

The suggestion is that LSA should be wound up and that any remaining money should be passed to the Council to form the start of a fund kept specifically for maintenance of the sportsground and its facilities. Khalsa Cricket Club and Lighthorne Tennis Club will then each have to sign their own agreement directly

with the Parish Council for their use of the facilities.

Peter Stephenson (the current LSA chairman) will act as liaison between the Tennis Club and the Parish Council. We hope to set up a similar arrangement for Khalsa. Any other person or organisation that wants to use the facilities will have to deal directly with the Council, via the Clerk.

These changes will simplify and improve the way sport in the village is managed. It should give Khalsa a more secure future, and we hope that it will enable them to get more funding and so be able to start a second team.

These proposals, and the latest accounts, will be put to the members of LSA at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at 8pm on Tuesday 28th November in the sports pavilion. Councillors will be there too to help answer any questions.

Scoop that Poop!

Stratford District Council (SDC) are looking at how they should use their powers under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. It seems likely that that they will replace the bylaws with Dog Control Orders which will extend the duty to remove dog faeces to all public space, not just the present limited places.

We strongly urge those who walk dogs to carry (and use) a poop-scoop wherever

they are, even in fields. Owners should also watch out if their dog roams away from their property. SDC dog wardens will have the power to issue fixed penalty notices to those who do not obey any new Orders.

Street Name Signs

SDC have agreed in principle (subject to sufficient funding) to pay for "conservation" design street name signs for the whole village. That is, they will replace all the existing street name signs and erect new ones on the roads which are currently without a sign.

Your Parish Council is now trying to find a small number of appropriate designs. We will also talk with SDC staff to find out where they think any new signs could safely be erected. We will then consult with you, our electorate, on both design and siting before we go ahead with this project.

Protect our Verges

As we move into Autumn, and wetter weather, we would like to ask motorists to take care not to damage the grass verges in the village. They become very vulnerable at this time of year and take a long time to recover.

If you see any commercial vehicles causing this sort of damage, please try to make a note of the vehicle and company involved and let us know.

Inappropriate or careless parking seems to have become a regular gripe in these newsletters. That is because it reflects the number of complaints that we receive. However, we recognise that visitors also cause these problems. We don't want to get officious, but we may

have to resort to notices on windscreens as the only way to communicate these issues to non-residents.

Could YOU be a Councillor?

You may have already seen the notice advertising the fact that our vice-chair, Sue Langford, has resigned from the council. Did it make you wonder if you could serve your community as a parish councillor? But maybe you don't know enough about what we do, or how much time you would need to devote to it?

Any of the present councillors would be more than happy to talk to anybody who is even vaguely considering joining us. We are all volunteers, and the council has very limited powers, but we all share a desire to do the best we can for our community. We do a little management, but the most important thing we do is to represent our parish to higher levels of local and national government.

Information/Feedback

If you would like to discuss these, or any other matters, with a member of council, please contact one of us as follows:

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Derek Lloyd.....651795
Inglenook Cottage, Church Lane

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