

Parish Precept

We are pleased to inform you that the parish precept (our part of your council tax bill) will be **unchanged** for 2009/10.

Flood Prevention Update

We have had meetings with Warwickshire County Council (WCC) engineers. We are investigating what can be done to reduce the risk of flooding after heavy rain. We have some grant money ready to be used.

The culvert under Old School Lane / The Green / Church Lane has been surveyed. Some obstructions have been removed but there is more work to do - two more manholes will be added to improve access for this work.

Church Lane is being surveyed. The plan is to ensure that there is an easy route for excess surface water to get back into the Washbrook. This may mean changing the level of the road, and/or raising kerbs, and/or some work on private land.

Changes to Waste Collection

Stratford District Council (SDC) has announced the final changes to waste collection that will get under way in April. They are:

1. Green waste collection starts again (earlier than expected) on 15 April, and will be collected the same day as our dry recycling (blue-lidded bin).
2. We can now mix kitchen waste with our green waste. So one week our kitchen waste will go in the grey bin and the following week in the green

bin. Note that kitchen waste must not be wrapped in plastic when placed in the green bin, although it can be wrapped in newspaper. All green waste together with kitchen waste will be composted.

3. The grey bin will be now be collected every other week. Our kitchen waste will therefore still be collected weekly, as mentioned above, by one week putting it in the grey bin and the other in the green bin.

Road-Salt Bins

WCC, as the local Highways Authority, grits the main road through the village (C96) whenever needed. But they do not have the resources to grit the minor roads as well. Instead, they will top-up any road-salt bins that we provide. It is then up to everyone who needs it to use that grit to help move their vehicles and to keep the minor roads open.

We have been asked to provide a road-salt bin for The Bank, near where it joins Church Lane. We are looking into this, but would like to take the opportunity to ask if there is anywhere else in the village where a bin would be useful. Please contact us if you think you know of somewhere one would be useful.

New Information Guide

Your parish council has adopted a model information guide which explains what information we can make available to you. A copy may be obtained from the Clerk and it has also been sent to the web master for on-line publication.

Verge Damage Update

WCC will have the verge on the corner by The Antelope reinstated and markers put in as a deterrent. Please continue to report any other offenders to us.

We are also considering putting in some low post and chain fencing to deter damage to the village greens. We'd like to hear your views on this idea.

Kineton & Rural Business Club

SDC Cllr Sue Wixey is the Chairperson of the Kineton and Rural Business Club. The Club has not had a meeting over the past 18 months but she feels, especially in this economic downturn, that it should be reinstated. It is a strong contact point for all small businesses to get together, to discuss experiences for survival and to look for areas which will help everyone.

She needs to know how interested businesses are. What would you like the meeting to give you? What speakers or presentations would help you and others?

Please contact Cllr Wixey on 01926 642843 and leave your name and telephone number. If she gets enough responses she will arrange a meeting at a venue and time best suited to those wanting to attend.

ICE your Mobile Phone

This idea came from a paramedic who found that there were always mobile phones with patients at the scene of an accident, but they didn't know which number to call. He thought it would be a good idea to have a nationally recognised name for this purpose. The ICE campaign is now catching on quickly.

All you need to do is store the number of a person who should be contacted during an emergency under the name 'ICE' (for 'In Case of Emergency'). For more than one contact, use ICE1, ICE2, ICE3, etc..

If this format does not meet your needs, please contact us

Please help to spread this message to as many people as possible.

A FAST Response to Stroke

People need to know the signs of stroke - and what to do if they spot them - to get help as quickly as possible. Someone with stroke is unlikely to be able to help themselves, so it's vital that everyone is ready to intervene and become a 'stroke saver' if they spot the signs. Remember FAST:

FACIAL WEAKNESS - can the person smile? Has their mouth or eye drooped?

ARM WEAKNESS - can the person raise both arms?

SPEECH PROBLEMS - can the person speak clearly and understand what you say?

TIME TO CALL 999 - anyone seeing any of these signs should treat it as an emergency.

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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Smithy Cottage, The Green

Penny Hill.....651677
9 Mountford Rise

Lynda Lewis.....651812
Fairfield, Church Lane

Mike Rigby.....651420
The Jays, Post Office Lane

Peter Stephenson.....651952
Church Hill House, Church Lane

Alex Tait (Clerk).....651205
Smithy Cottage, The Green

Parish Council information on the web:
www.lighthorneonline.com/PCHome.htm

