

SEER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Whilst our Council Meeting minutes/notices are displayed on our notice board, we are very much aware that not many Parishioners read them. We have therefore decided to issue an occasional newsletter to all households in the village advising of what has happened, or is about to happen in our Village. We hope that you find the contents both informative and of interest.

GREEN MEADOW

The Parish Council has recently installed two new seats in Green Meadow. The Forest Saver Tri-table provides a three sided seating area to enjoy a picnic whilst the Evergreen Bench helps with more seating for those watching the safe play of children in the playground. The cost of this project was £1430 with the money coming from the Long Term Budget allocation.



Unfortunately we have recent reports from a resident about some children in Green Meadow playing football, breaking their fence and entering their garden. Please remind children to respect the privacy of neighbours of Green Meadow. Please also note that ball games are not allowed in Green Meadow for insurance and safety reasons.

NEW STREET LIGHTS

The Parish Council has been advised by its Street Lighting contractor that it would be prudent to plan the replacement of the 11 concrete Street Lights within the village as they are now very old and repairs will not be cost effective. The Parish Council took the decision to replace these lights with the Swan Neck style pictured below. Although these lights cost more (approx £1200 each), the Parish Council felt that they provide a more aesthetic look for the village. The first three lights, two in Howard Crescent and one in Long Bottom Lane will be replaced shortly and the remainder as further funds become available.

If you notice that a street light is out of order, or coming on at the wrong time please report its location and number (printed on the column) to the Parish Clerk on 01494 874233 who will ensure that it is repaired.



YOUTH CLUB FOOTBALL TEAM

Seer Green Youth Football Team has now been running for 6 months and is based up at the Recreation Ground. We train every Saturday from 10am to 12noon and have 10+ young people aged 14-16 every week and it has been going really well. We are not currently in a league as we formed the team mid-way through the season but are looking to join a local league next season.

The Parish Council has provided us with our football kit - green and white of course and we are very grateful for their support. We are on the look out for more young people aged 14-16 to join our team and if you are interested please contact Luke Spurway on 01494 677347. We are also keen to hear from anyone who might be able to help with fund-raising, transportation and supporting of the team during next season. If you are interested please contact Jon Bishop on 01494 680633.

*By Jon Bishop & Luke Spurway
Youth Leaders*

BCC DELEGATED BUDGET SCHEME

Each year Bucks County Council provides part of their budget for bids from parishes for local (non essential) highway improvements. Each parish submits their bid and then waits to see if they have been lucky with their submission.

This year (2005/6) Seer Green was successful in requesting for the verge on the Chalfont Road opposite the Parish Church Hall to be reinstated with sett kerbing and improved with the introduction of Grasscrete. This will mean that the hard surface will allow grass to grow through, thus providing a much greener roadside at this important junction within the village. BCC have already requested suggestions for 2006/7 so if you can suggest a scheme please contact the Parish Council.

FLY TIPPING

Sadly we are still experiencing fly tipping in and around the village. Recent dumping of household waste at the Cemetery (see photo below) and unwanted items (saucepans, ovens, light fittings etc) left at the Recycling Centre continue to cause upset to local residents.

The Recycling Centre is only for paper/card-board, glass bottles and jars, cans and plastic bottles. If you cannot fit your rubbish into a container or there is not a container for your item then it does not belong there and should either be disposed with your household rubbish or taken to the London Road Depot in Amersham. Please do not leave items around the containers. If you are unclear what to do with your rubbish then please call CDC Waste Management on 01494 732053 or look at the CDC Website under Refuse & Recycling or email:- wmanagement@chiltern.gov.uk.



PLANNING MATTERS

Your Parish Council takes an active interest in Planning matters within the village since, in the long term, sympathetic developments will serve to maintain or enhance the character and quality of our village. On the downside, ill thought out or opportunistic developments can quickly have an adverse impact. Whilst we have no statutory powers (these are held by the District Council) our views are listened to in determining the outcome of a planning application. We have had some notable successes this year in lobbying the District Council on a number of contentious planning matters in the village.

The rules and regulations covering planning issues are constantly changing and it can often be very confusing to the lay person. If you have any concerns or require advice on planning matters, therefore, please contact the Chair of the Planning Subcommittee (Cllr Phil Clarke, 870512) who will do his best to assist you.

NEWS IN BRIEF

■ Cllr Christine Phillips recently moved out of Seer Green and therefore resigned her position on the Parish Council. At the recent AGM Cllr Phillips was thanked for her hard work on the Parish Council especially her efforts in improving Green Meadow and the Cemetery. She was a valuable member of the Council and will be missed.

■ A new Water Butt has been installed behind the Jubilee Wall of Remembrance to help residents who wish to water Memorials at the far end of the Cemetery.

■ The Recreation Ground Car Park is in the process of being resurfaced and the cost will be shared with Chiltern District Council. We hope that this will provide a safer, more even surface for the visitors to this area.

■ The Parish Council has recently received reports of damage to houses in Manor Road from Golf Balls. We would like to remind residents that Golf Clubs and Golf Balls are prohibited at the Recreation Ground - Thankyou.

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