



## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

**WELCOME** to the second edition of Whatton Village News, the quarterly newsletter produced and distributed by your Parish Council. We would like to take this opportunity to warmly greet those residents who are new to our community and to extend an invitation to all residents to join our meetings during the sessions we have set aside for members of the public.

Details of Parish Council meetings, including the minutes and agenda, can be found on our two notice boards: one on the corner of Main Street and Old Grantham Rd and the other on the corner of Dark Lane and Cottage Avenue.

We would like to wish everyone in Whatton a very safe and merry Christmas and we look forward to working with you in 2008 to build upon our already wonderful community.

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## GRASS CUTTING SERVICE

**FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS** from residents and an in-depth review of the grass-cutting services, the Parish Council took the decision to transfer the contract to a new firm. We are delighted to have subsequently received comments from a number of residents on an improved grass-cutting service in the village. We are now looking at whether or not there is a need for the service to be extended further next spring.

## PUBLIC MEETING CALLED

**THERE HAVE BEEN** several incidents of vandalism and hooliganism on the playing fields. Glass bottles have been thrown at passing cars on Dark Lane and at least one vehicle had been hit. Residents of Dark Lane and representatives of the Nottinghamshire Police Service attended the last committee at which the problems were fully discussed. While the Playing Committee has introduced measures on the playing field it was felt that the issue needed addressing on a community-wide basis. There have been further incidents at Aslockton Station and St. Thomas in Aslockton. Whatton and Aslockton Parish Councils have jointly called a PUBLIC MEETING on December 15 at 10.00 am at Whatton Jubilee Hall. Representatives of the Nottinghamshire Police Service and British Transport Police have been invited. Residents of both parishes are urged to attend.

## IMPROVING THE FOOTPATH

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** has been approached by the Parish Council for guidance involving the public footpath between Church Street and the River Smite. The surface of it is being badly affected by the increasing number of vehicles using it. The path is a popular school route for many youngsters living in Whatton and attending Archbishop Cranmer primary school.

## SPEEDING TRAFFIC

**FOLLOWING A** recent letter from a concerned resident regarding drivers ignoring the 30 mph speed limit on Old Grantham Rd., the possibility of a volunteer group being established in the village to carry out speed monitoring checks has been discussed.

A minimum of six volunteers would be required to undertake training from the police. The speed monitor itself is kept at Bingham Police Station and is available freely to the council to use when available. It is shared by a number of other parishes in the area. Any residents willing to become involved in this project should contact the Parish Clerk, Mike Elliot

## A CALL TO SLOW DOWN

**FOLLOWING THE RECENT** death of a much-loved family pet who was hit by a speeding car, we would like to remind all residents to drive slowly within the village. Pets, chickens, children and adults are constantly walking in our streets and some cars are being driven too fast to be safe, especially in the old village where the roads are narrow and there are no pavements.

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# CHANGING TIMES

**WE THOUGHT** you would be interested in reading some excerpts of Whatton Parish Council meeting minutes from way back in 1934. It's funny how some things never change and others change completely...

**A Parish Meeting was held in the School room Whatton, on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 1934 at 7. 00 pm**  
Present: There were present Messrs E F Matthews (Chairman) A.T. Hall, J G Burton, Ed H Heazell, F E Gallimore, Rev E Y Dawson, E P Richardson, W H Olivant, A Mumby, G Burton, G F Greasley, A Taylor, J Mitchell, W Barsby, F T Stokes (clerk)

Minutes: The last Minutes were read and signed.

Parish Council: The Meeting was convened by an Order of the County Council dated 6<sup>th</sup> November 1934, made under the Authority of the Local Government Act 1933 whereby parishes with a population of 300 and upwards at the 1931 Census should elect a Parish Council.

Chair: As M Matthews the Chairman of the Parish Meeting was a Candidate for election to the Council the chair was taken by Mr E P Richardson, on the motion of Mr Matthews seconded by Mr Heazell.

Nominations: Nomination papers were handed in on behalf of:

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| Buxton Stanley John       | 13 votes |
| Greasley George Frederick | 13 votes |
| Hall Alfred Thomas        | 14 votes |
| Heazell Edwin Henry       | 6 votes  |
| Matthews Ernest Fred      | 13 votes |
| Mitchell Joseph           | 13 votes |
| Mumby Alfred              | 10 votes |
| Olivant William Henry     | 8 votes  |
| Tyler Arthur              | 12 votes |

Voting: On the names of the Candidates being put to the Meeting the votes given for each were as shown in the above table.

Thereupon the Chairman declared the following seven persons elected Parish Councillors for the Parish of Whatton for the period ending 15<sup>th</sup> April 1937.

Stanley J Buxton, George F Greasley, Alfred T Hall, Ernest F Matthews, Joseph Mitchell, Alfred Mumby, and Arthur Taylor.

Subject to a poll, which was not demanded.

E F Matthews  
Chairman

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Declaration We the undersigned, hereby declare that we are willing to act as Parish Councillors for the Parish of Whatton to which office we were elected at a Parish Meeting held for this purpose on 28<sup>th</sup> November 1934.

T. Hall E. F. Matthews J. Mitchell Mumby G. F. Greasley A. Tyler Stanley J Buxton

Chair: On the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Buxton Mr E F Matthews was unanimously elected Chairman for the ensuing period ending 15<sup>th</sup> April 1935.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting were read and signed.

V.Chair: Mr A.T. Hall was elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing period in the motion of Mr Buxton seconded by Mr Greasley.

Quorum: On the motion of Mr Buxton seconded by Mr Hall it was resolved that

Any four members of the Council constitute a quorum.

Clerk: In the motion of Mr Buxton seconded by Mr Greasley it was resolved that Mr F T Stokes, Aslockton, be appointed Clerk to the Council at a salary of three pounds (£3. 00) per year. The appointment to be determined by one calendar month's notice on either side. The salary to be apportioned as from the eleventh of December 1934.

School for Meetings: It was resolved in the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Tyler to pay the Managers of Whatton School the sum of ten shillings per year for all Meetings of the Council or Parish and any Committees appointed by the Council.

Footpaths: The Chairman undertook to call the Highways Surveyors attention to the practice of horses being driven on the sidewalks in the village.

Drains: The Clerk was instructed to call the Sanitary Inspectors attention to a defective sewer near the Blacksmith's shop.

T. Hall  
Chairman

# BITS AND BOBS

**FOLLOWING AN OBJECTION** by Whatton Parish Council the application for the erection of a mobile telephone mast on the British Telecom site (Dark Lane) was withdrawn by the applicant.

**A DANGEROUS TREE** on Dark Lane was reported to the Parish Council. Residents were concerned as the tree was leaning over the road. The Parish Council acted promptly and the tree was removed within days of the problem being reported

**THE PARISH COUNCIL** has introduced a trial period for public participation at its meetings and includes the special item at the start of the meeting immediately after the minutes of the previous meeting. Chairman Coun. Gregg Redford says he would welcome any residents attending its meetings, held in the Jubilee Hall. Agendas for the meeting are displayed on the village notice boards, including the one inside the hall.

**A NUMBER OF** complimentary comments were received by the council on the first issue of the newsletter, and thanks are offered to those people who took the trouble to make their views known.

**ALTHOUGH THE PARISH** does not have a post office of its own, the Parish Council wrote to Post Office Ltd to object to their proposals to close 2500 offices countryside, and 33 in Nottinghamshire. The Parish Council said it was vital that closures did not leave villages without a direct transport link to a village where there was a post office. Happily the Aslockton Post Office was not on the closure list.

**A SURVEY CARRIED** out by Rushcliffe Borough Council on the acceptability or otherwise of rooms it uses for polling stations showed Whatton would continue using the Jubilee Hall. The conditions there were quoted 'acceptable' and the Borough says there are no causes to make it look to change the existing arrangements.

**Any parishioner in Whatton who would like to receive an emailed copy of the agenda for Parish Council meetings or would wish to receive the minutes in the same way should make contact with the Clerk, Mike Elliott, at [elliottnews@btconnect.com](mailto:elliottnews@btconnect.com) with their request. There is of course no charge for this service.**

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