

GAZELEY PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2016

THE PARISH COUNCIL

Gazeley Parish Council meets in the Village Hall on the second Tuesday of every month, except August, at 7.30 pm. Village Residents are welcome to ask questions in the Open Forum section at every meeting.

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Vacancy

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NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of Vacancy

Due to the resignation of Councillor Vini Mallen, a vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council.

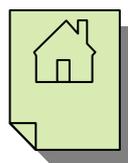
If you have been living in the village for more than one year and you have the time and commitment to join the existing six members of the council, please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

Concerns raised at recent Parish Council meetings include the ever increasing and expanding potholes in Highwood Road and Highwood Crescent; the overgrown trees and vegetation on land at the front of Highwood Court; the poor condition of the public footpath which runs alongside Gazeley Stud; the continuing deterioration of the former Blacksmith's Forge on the village green and the fact that local drains are failing to cope with recent periods of severe rainfall.

All these issues have been brought to the attention of the relevant authority.

Other news:

The Parish Council has been invited to comment on proposals to close Mill Meadow Pupil Referral Unit and transfer the children to other facilities in West Suffolk. You can give your views on this proposal, at the following link: www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations. All responses must be received by Friday 7th October 2016.



Planning Matters

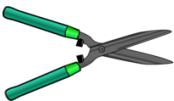
The Parish Council has been asked to comment on an application to substitute a 4 bedroom detached house for two semi-detached four bedroom houses on Plot 2, land at the former Sperrinks Nursery, giving a total of 21 dwellings on the site. An application has been received to demolish the house at No. 50, The Street and replace it with two separate dwellings. Two new houses will be built on land at the rear of the site.

Plans have been submitted for the re-development of the garage and petrol station site in Bury Road.

No objections to any of these applications have been raised by the Parish Council.

All planning applications can be viewed on the Planning section of the Forest Heath website:
www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/planning

 Councillor Charlene Vandenbroucke is overseeing the siting of the speed indication device which the Parish Council has purchased together with Moulton Parish Council and which is to be shared between both councils on a six months basis

 Complaints have been received about overgrown hedges and shrubs that are obstructing local footpaths. If your plants, hedges and trees are outgrowing your own garden, we would be very grateful if you would give them a trim from time to time.

Village News



GAZELEY HISTORY SOCIETY

www.gazeleyhistory.moonfruit.com

July's meeting was a fascinating visit with Clive Paine to St Agnes' Church in

Newmarket, a rare trip to a Victorian gem. Clive, as ever, was entertaining and knowledgeable. After a month off, we are back in the swing, starting off this month with Rod Blackmore's great photographs and stories of "The Suffolk Trinity" (Suffolk Punch, Suffolk sheep and Red Poll cattle). October will bring TWO great events: The Celebration of the Keys" at the Tower of London (17th Oct) AND Terry Cummings on the historical railways of Newmarket (18th Oct). Contact Hilary for details. (01638 750725)

Hilary Appleton



DALHAM & GAZELEY WI

The WI has decided to extend a welcome to non-members, for a small charge of £3, at our meetings in future. This will give visitors a chance to come along to hear a certain advertised speaker, or just to find out a bit about us and what we do, with no obligation to become a full time member of the WI. The committee is currently preparing the programme for next year and we hope to have a variety of speakers to attract more of you to come and join us.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



As you will probably know, for the past year, a monthly Coffee Morning has been held in the village hall on the second Friday of every month from 1030am -1230pm. So far the total raised has now risen to well over £2,500! We can't praise the ladies, who have made this event so successful, enough. It's not just the considerable boost to the roof fund but the fact that it has brought so many residents together and our friends from neighbouring villages and from farther afield are attending on a regular basis too. It really is a lovely social occasion and something to look forward to every month.



Not so long ago, people used to say "Nothing ever happens in this village" but all it takes is for someone to have an idea and to back it up with the commitment to make it happen. Suzy and Vini Mallen and friends had the great idea to hold a "pop-up pub" event in the village hall on 27th August. Obviously they hoped it would be well supported but a crowd of around 200 people turned up! I am reliably informed that everyone had a fantastic evening and they thoroughly enjoyed the hog roast provided by Phil Jay. Plans are underway to repeat the event this month.

Missing from home



This beautiful cat has been missing from his home in Tithe Close for some weeks now. If you have been following the saga of the missing cats on the village Facebook page, you'll know that several cats have been reported missing in the village during the summer. At one point Georgina Foster reported that both her cats had disappeared but, to her relief, her other cat returned home last week, safe and well, after he'd been missing for 5 weeks, so there is always hope that the other missing cats will return. Is there a summer cat camp somewhere that we don't know about? Anyway, if you do have any news of this little chap, Georgina would be very grateful to hear from you on 07725 556013.

