

# GAZELEY PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2017

## 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.

### Members of the Parish Council

Mrs Judy Moatt	01638 750151
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### Parish Clerk:

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### District Councillor

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### Suffolk Police

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## VILLAGE CONTACTS

### Village Hall Bookings:

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### Dalham & Gazeley W.I.

Mrs Lynne Francis 750170

### Gazeley History Society

Mrs Hilary Appleton 750725

### Table Tennis Club

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**TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2017**

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2017**

Your opportunity to receive an update on events and issues that affect the Gazeley community, and to question those who make the policies and effect the decisions.

Presentations invited from: Suffolk County Council; Forest Heath District Council; Suffolk Police Safer Neighbourhood Team; All Saints' Church; Village Hall Committee; Events Committee; Gazeley History Society; Women's Institute; Speedwatch; the various Village Clubs and others.

**Gazeley Village Hall  
Tuesday 23rd May  
19:30 - 21:00**

**SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE AND HAVE YOUR SAY!**

### **Gazeley Civic Pride Award**



Do you know someone who you believe has contributed to the benefit of the Village in a significant way and deserves some

recognition? If so, why not nominate them for a Gazeley Civic Pride Award? Strict nominee confidentiality will be maintained. For more details and a Nomination Form please go to the Gazeley Parish Council website at <http://gazeley.onesuffolk.net> or contact the Clerk to the Council at [gazeleypc@aol.co.uk](mailto:gazeleypc@aol.co.uk) or telephone 01638 750170. **Hurry, Closing Date 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017.**



The Parish Council has made arrangements for contractors to carry out maintenance work on the pond site at the corner of Moulton Road and The Street. The work will be carried out in May. Contrary to rumours, this does not include the removal of any trees from the site, the dredging of the bottom of the pond or the disturbance of birds' nests.



## Village Enhancement

Gazeley Parish Council is keen to enhance the visual effect in the village and welcomes self-help programmes to achieve this aim. However, most of the appropriate land is Council or Church property and certain provisions and safeguards need to be in place before any work is undertaken. Of key importance is the need to comply with current Health & Safety legislation, potential liability issues and, not least, the sustainability and affordability of the project over time. To this end if you wish to undertake any village enhancement programme or work, please complete a questionnaire, which is available on the Gazeley Parish Council website, address as above, to enable the Parish Council to make an informed decision as to whether to sanction the work.



You may have noticed that all the post boxes in the village are looking very smart. After the Post Office received a report that they were looking very shabby, together with a request to refurbish them, they were given a new coat of paint almost immediately.

Whilst the Parish Council is always willing to contact the local authorities on your behalf, we also recommend that any potholes or streetlight outages are also reported by residents. It's very easy to do this via the Suffolk County Council website: [www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk). For guidance, a pothole should be larger than a dinner plate and the depth of a golf ball before it is regarded as a priority so it may still take some time before minor potholes are repaired. Residents without access to the internet can still contact the Parish Clerk on 01638 750170.

## Tithe Close

The street signs at the two entrances to Tithe Close have never been refurbished since the estate was built around 40 years ago and they are now looking very shabby. Councillor Rona Burt has agreed to make a donation from her Locality Budget to pay for new signs to be installed this summer.

## Recreation Ground

On receiving a request from residents, the Trustees of Gazeley United Charities have agreed to provide a picnic bench to be installed next to the children's playground in Stubbins Lane. Contractors will soon be carrying out repairs at the playground as several areas are showing signs of wear and are in need of refurbishment.



Gazeley Village Hall will act as a polling station when the County Council elections are held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May and the General Election is held on 8<sup>th</sup> June. Details of candidates standing in this area will be posted on the village notice-board.



## Speed Indication Device

Initial results from the SID showed that approximately 500-600 vehicles passed through the village in a sample 24 hour period and of those, 20 - 25% were exceeding the speed limit, albeit by only a few mph, so it does seem to be effective in slowing traffic.

It has been suggested that a Community Speedwatch group might be formed in the village. Six volunteers are required to run the scheme on a regular basis so if you would like to find out more about this, please attend the Annual Parish Meeting or contact the Parish Council.



It was literally standing room only at the latest Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on Good Friday. The hall was filled to capacity and all the volunteers were working flat out to keep the refreshments coming. Churchwarden Simon Gash announced that the team has now raised an excess of £5,000 since they initiated the coffee mornings to raise funds for the roof fund of All Saints' Church. This monthly event really has become a very enjoyable and not-to-be missed occasion.

## Mill Meadow PRU

The Secretary of State for Education has now given formal permission to close Mill Meadow PRU. Discussions on the future of the site will be held between the Schools Department of Suffolk County Council and the Trustees of the charity which owns the part of the land on which the school building stands.

## Vacancy

Following the resignation of Councillor John Chambers, the vacancy has been posted on the notice-board. If there is no request for an election, signed by at least 10 electors from the parish, then the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

