

USEFUL INFORMATION

Village Website

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Parish Council Meeting Dates

Next meetings: 20 Sept, 25 Oct,

22 Nov. All 7.30pm in Sampson

Room, Memorial Hall.

Refuse Skip Dates in 2010/11

7.45am - 10.45am

Oddfellows Road Car Park

Aug 14, 28; Sept 11, 25; Oct 9, 23;

Nov 13, 27; Dec 11; Jan 8, 22.

Peak District National Park

Authority (PDNPA)

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www.peakdistrict.org

Mobile Library

Thursdays, 10am-1pm, 2-5.30pm

Oddfellows Road Car Park

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OUTSEATS PARISH COUNCIL



NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2010

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Cutting back hedges and other plants overhanging roads and footpaths

As the summer draws to an end, the Council would like to remind local residents of their responsibility to cut back the hedges and other plants on their properties that overgrow roads and footpaths. The Council have received a number of complaints regarding hedges that are growing out into the roads making visibility difficult for traffic, or that make it difficult for pedestrians to keep out of the way of traffic. While the Council appreciates the effort required to keep hedges and other plants cut back, they would be grateful if property owners would do what they can throughout the Parish.

Vacancy for a Councillor

Following the departure of Councillor Graham Markham, there is a vacancy for a new Councillor. There will not be a need for a full election

for the new Councillor; the Council are allowed to "co-opt" a suitable candidate. A number of Outseats residents have now put their names forward and the Council hopes that a decision can be announced in the near future.

Vehicle Activated Signs

The Council is very happy to note that a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) has now been put in place at the top of the village, just below the Millstone Inn. The police report that this is already having an effect on the speeds of cars driving down the hill into the village. The Joint Transport Committee are continuing to try to arrange for a second VAS to be installed near the entrance into the village coming from the direction of Bamford and there have also been enquiries about a third VAS to be put in place nearer the bottom of the hill.

Planning

Since the last newsletter, Council have received a planning application regarding Cumulus on Ranmoor Lane and have recommended approval. Both Outseats and Hathersage Parish Councils have also written to the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) to note their concerns regarding a proposal by The Plough in Leadmill to erect a semi-permanent summer marquee for weddings and other social events. There is a concern that such events would potentially cause a significant noise nuisance for many residents of Hathersage and Outseats, particularly given the nature of the landscape in the valley that causes noise to reverberate around a wide area.

Finances

Since the last newsletter, the Council's principal expenditure, other than the Clerk's salary and expenses, has been £105 on training courses, £227 in audit fees, £315 for insurance and £127 on stationery.

Forum on Ancient Byways

The Council have joined forces with a number of parish councils and other interest groups within the National Park that share its concerns regarding the rapid and continuing degradation of unclassified highways, including the Long Causeway. A new group has been formed called "the Forum on Ancient Byways" (FAB). FAB have already been active in lobbying DCC and PDNPA at a public meeting held in Bakewell in June and a strong letter has also been sent to every member of the PDNPA. There is a concern that little will be done, especially now that new funding

constraints are being applied, but for some lanes (including Long Causeway) there is a fear that if action is not taken soon then their state of disrepair may become irreversible. The Council will continue to be active in this regard.

Village Website

The Village Website is now up and running and can be accessed at www.hathersage-outseats.org.uk. As well as offering information on the village and services available, the website also includes the agenda, minutes and other notices posted by the Council. It even includes back-copies of this newsletter.

It has been suggested that a Website Coordinator be appointed to organise the parts of the website that are not specifically about the work of the parish councils. In particular, the "What's On" part of the website needs to be regularly maintained and updated. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, they should contact the Clerk.

Issues with Sat Nav Units

The Council are aware that there are a small number of lanes in the Parish that Sat Nav units recommend drivers use, even though they are virtually impassable in places. This has led to damage to some vehicles and could also be very dangerous. Letters have been written to DCC and to our new MP, who is pursuing this issue.

The Future of the Swimming Pool

A public meeting is planned for later this year, probably in October or November, to discuss the long term plans for the future of the pool. Any repairs or alterations to the pool will

be expensive, so it is important that as many members of the community as possible contribute to this discussion. Once a date for the meeting has been arranged, it will be advertised throughout the village, including on the village website. As background in advance of this meeting, below is a statement previously issued by Hathersage Parish Council earlier in the year:

- Following recent rumours that there was a possibility that Hathersage Swimming Pool was facing closure, the Parish Council would like to make it clear that it is not planning to close the pool, has never discussed doing so and is fully committed to keeping the pool open.
- It has been aware, for a number of years, of the water leakage problem from the scum channel surrounding the pool. When first noted the main area of leakage was from the outlets and deep end length of scum channel.
- When the pool filtration system was replaced in 2002/3 it was decided to incorporate two skimmers situated at scum channel level at the deep end. These are more cost effective and efficient as the water is now contained within the filtration system and not lost to waste, reducing the amount of cold water top up to the pool.
- However it was noticed in 2005/6 that the grout line directly below the scum channel (changing room side towards the deep end) was cracking and there was some movement. This also coincided with increased water seepage into the boiler room and plant room.
- Although temporary repairs to the scum channel have been carried out, it became obvious that we were fighting a losing battle. It was decided to authorise an investigation of the scum channel down to below the top of the original pool tank.

- This confirmed that, when the scum channel was added to the top of the pool in 1970 approx, the quality of work was not up to today's standards and that there had been seepage from this area for quite a considerable time (evidenced by calcification down the outside of pool tank).
- Engineers and structural surveyors Nashmead were instructed to draw up specifications for a structural repair. This has been done and submitted to the Council. However, before spending a substantial amount of money following their recommendations for a straight forward repair, the Council is investigating alternative options through independent experts.
- A swimming pool consultant has been approached to make sure we achieve the best possible outcome for the long term future of the pool.
- Following his initial report it became clear that there are alternatives to a straightforward repair which would bring the pool into line with modern hygiene and energy standards, all of which could possibly be achieved for a similar cost to simply repairing the causes of the leak.
- Advice from another consultant is currently being sought. When all advice has been received the Council will consider all options and decide what it believes to be the best option based on the cost, the likely permanence of the repair and the long term sustainability of the pool.
- Once this process had been completed it is the Council's intention to hold a public meeting to explain the situation and hear the views of village residents and pool users.

Parish Council Meetings

The dates and locations of the next Parish Council meetings can be found overleaf and are also available on the village website. We welcome attendance by all our residents.