

Egginton Parish Council Newsletter

Your Parish Council thought it would be a great idea if we told you about some of our recent projects, some successfully completed and others recently started on behalf of our parish. Often the work of the Parish Council is not very visible to the general public and consequently we thought we would use the new Egginton email database to keep you informed of our projects.

1. We continue to move forward with the work of D.O.V.E. and the Lower Dove Flood Alleviation Scheme. We remain in regular contact with the Environment Agency (EA), who is now at the detailed planning design stage of the flood defences. You may have seen EA officers around the village recently taking measurements for the flood defences.

The EA have taken on board the feedback from villagers who attended the consultation on the raising of Church Road instead of a floodgate, as this may be a much better long-term solution for the village. Also, Halcrow have been appointed as the design engineers and Birse as the build contractors. The requirements of the various communities as well as the technical issues regarding construction and ongoing maintenance of the new flood defences will be discussed at a work shop meeting to be held on Tuesday 9th August. Lisa Brown will be attending this meeting on behalf of our community.

2. The ditch in Fishpond Lane, which has been the cause of many complaints from residents in recent years, has now been cleared and re-graded by the District Council. The valve located in the existing flood bank has been serviced and is now fully operational so water will drain more freely, avoiding the previous problems of stagnating water.

3. Following a successful trial to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets and the installation of temporary dog pooh bins around the village, your Parish Council are funding a further permanent bin in Blacksmith Lane at the entrance to the allotments. This temporary bin was found to be the most extensively used.

4. Your Parish Council arranges a full width cut of the verges in the village at the end of July and the end of the growing season in the autumn. This initiative helps make the village tidy and more attractive.

5. A programme of work to improve the facilities at the Catherine Jonathan Playing Fields has now started. The paths have been restored, the goal mouths on the football pitch have been re-turfed and the Egginton School PTA has kindly agreed to replace the goal nets. Further work will include the restoration of the entrance and the refurbishment of seats and picnic tables. We are also pursuing quotations for renovation of the children's play equipment.

6. Following a long and active lobby of the County Council, pavements are being resurfaced and kerbing replaced in Elmhurst and Dove Grove.

7. A proposal by Severn Trent to build a new access road across the ancient ridge and furrow land between Church Road and their Waterworks adjacent to the River Dove was strenuously opposed by your Parish Council on the grounds that the construction would destroy this historical landmark. Severn Trent consequently have revised their proposals and their engineers, Atkins, are now working on a plan for the new access road to hug the A38 using the existing Church Road Pumping Station entrance.

8. A proposal by the Derbyshire County Council to reduce street lighting was opposed by your Parish Council on behalf of residents. It was noted that Egginton has very little street lighting at present and an elderly population.

9. Your Parish Council are continuing to put pressure on the County Council to make improvements to the road in Ashgrove Lane. We are looking to strengthen the edges of the road and improve the road surface by filling in the potholes.

10. A project aimed at improving the approaches to the village (Gateway Project) has been initiated. We will be looking at how we can improve the appearance of the Egginton Brook Bridge, village signs and planting - as a beginning.

11. A Sub Committee of the Parish Council, to include non parish council residents, has been established to organise Jubilee celebrations to take place in June 2012.

12. Your Parish Council has and will continue to lobby and make representations against developments which are out of scale and out of keeping with our rural environment. We have responded on your behalf to the new Local Plan Consultation (LDF). For full reference to this document please see the village website.

Egginton Parish Council
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