

**BLITHFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**SPRING 2019**

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**Parish Council Meetings**

**Meetings of Blithfield Parish Council are now to be held on the first Thursday of each alternate month in Admaston Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.** Planning Applications meetings are held when necessary and these are advertised on the parish notice boards.

An Annual General Meeting and Ordinary General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 7 May 2020 and the next three Ordinary General Meetings are scheduled for 4 July, 5 September and 7 November 2019

**Works at Drointon Cadent Gas Site, Booth Lane**

Cadent sent the following information regarding the above:-

" You may be wondering what we are doing. Well its all part of our commitment to maintain the integrity of our pipes and assets.

Cadent maintains and operates the gas pipe network in your area, including the gas pipes up to and including the safety valve at the gas meter.

We wanted to let you know that we'll be carrying out work to upgrade the fencing and lighting and associated works for the above ground installation site on Booth Lane from early Spring.

The first activity you may have seen on the ground was the tree and vegetation clearance associated with the areas planned for construction this spring/summer. This took place during March to ensure that there will be no risk to nesting birds. Our ecologists have been busy undertaking surveys and all tree and vegetation clearance was carried out under the supervision of one of our ecologists. We'll do everything we can to minimise disruption to you while working at the site and construction traffic will avoid populated areas where possible. Your gas supply will not be affected by our work and the project will last approximately 12 to 18 months.

Still have a question?

You can call us on 0345 83351111. We're happy to help

Or for more information please visit

<https://cadentgas.com/about-us/the-gas-industry>"

### **Repair of Stile**

After a request two years' ago that the stile to the public right of way on Newton Hurst Lane be repaired, we are happy to report that this has now been completed.

### **Admaston Village Hall Car Park**

The entrance to the car park has now been repaired. The water that used to collect at this point has been diverted by the introduction of a drainage system and a small ramp installed to divert the surface water into the drain and into the wood.

### **Parish Council Election**

Following the recent Parish Council Elections, every candidate wishes to thank all those residents, who took the time and trouble to vote, for their support and interest. The turnout was given as 50.9%. Not bad compared to many other returns. However, we would like to see an even better turnout at future elections and hopefully more faces at our bi-monthly meetings. After all, it is your Parish and your input is needed.

As you will see, the results have brought about a change in the make up of our Council, with our long-serving Chairman (Councillor Anthony Vernon) stepping down from the post whilst remaining as a Councillor and a new Chairman (Councillor Peter Atkins) being voted in. With Councillor David Leech having moved out of the Parish and not standing this time, Kevin Massey (no relation to Councillor Phyllis Massey) bringing younger blood onto the Council, was elected to serve alongside Phyllis and Stanley (Stan) Hulme, who continues as Vice-Chairman.

As stated at the beginning of this newsletter, please be aware that your Council have decided to change the day of future meetings to Thursdays and the start time to 7.00 p.m. This, we trust will give a better opportunity for residents to attend and get involved.

### **Security in the Parish**

There have been two incidents recently which you should know about. A high value car, a Bentley convertible, was dumped behind a farm building in Newton and on reporting it to the police, at the request of the farmer, the police picked it up within hours and to date are "still investigating". The other incident concerns a number of tyres dumped in a field in Booth Lane near Dappfe Heath corner. The entrance to the field was not secured and made an easy target for dropping off the tyres. Some time ago rubbish dumping along this road was a problem which was addressed successfully. Please keep an eye open for anything suspicious and, if possible, take a registration number and pass it to either your local neighbourhood watch co-ordinator or to the police.

### **Lengthsman Vacancy**

We have a job vacancy for a Parish Lengthsman for general maintenance. The contract would be for 50 hours per year at £10 per hour on an ad hoc basis. For further details please contact the Clerk to Blithfield Parish Council on 01889 500350 or email [blithfieldpc@gmail.com](mailto:blithfieldpc@gmail.com)

### **Abbots Bromley Surgery**

Patients can access general information and advice from a receptionist from 8 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. by telephone or in person, Monday to Friday.

Morning Surgery Monday to Friday – 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Evening Surgery Monday, Tuesday & Thursday – 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

(no evening surgery on Wednesday & Friday)

Dispensary Monday to Friday 8.30 a.m. to 12 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

**Closed Saturday and Sunday**