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Land Purchase

The Parish Council has just completed the purchase of about 4 acres of land on Costock Road, immediately to the east of Sheep Plank Lane. The land has been derelict for many years. So why did we decide to purchase it?

It is hoped that, in due course, a car park can be constructed at the Costock Road end of the site, to serve the Playing Fields opposite. Many will know that there are significant parking problems, particularly on Sundays during the football season when there may be 8 teams playing at once. It is not yet determined what to do with the rest of the site. One thought is to create a lake adjacent to Kingston Brook, possibly for fishing, and to reinstate an osier (willow) bed around it. That area was the source of much of the willow rods used in basket-making, which was one of the major East Leake industries over a century ago.

So when will all this happen? Well..... it depends on:

1. Funding being available to clear and develop the site
2. The successful treatment of Japanese Knotweed which infects the middle of the site. This is an invasive weed which cannot successfully be dug out and requires regular chemical treatment over a number of years.

Your input

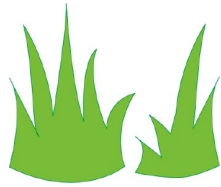
If you have constructive ideas about how this site could be used to benefit the community, please let the Parish Council know. But remember that most of the site is located in the floodplain and is not suitable for any sort of building.



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Keeping the Place Tidy



We all enjoy seeing the place clean and tidy, but whose responsibility is it to mow the grass, get rid of weeds in the gutters, tidy up flowerbeds etc? The answer is - it depends! Apart from areas that belong to landowners, there are many public spaces and quite a few bits and pieces of what you might call "no man's land" that no-one seems to care for. Some areas are the responsibility of the Parish Council, others the Borough Council or Nottinghamshire County Council. A recent trend is for management companies to take care of communal spaces on new estates rather than one of the councils. So when you think "they" should do something it's not always down to one body. Due to budgetary constraints, the councils only schedule a certain number of visits a year, and it's inevitable that grass and weeds do not completely respect these timetables! If there are areas of particular concern to you, by all means contact the Parish Office and we'll help you find out who to approach about getting something done.

While we're on the subject though, we would just like to thank all the unsung heroes around the village who mow the grass verge outside their house or adopt some of these spaces and keep them looking cared for. It would be difficult to single anyone out, but there are some stunning examples around the place and we applaud you for the work you do. Of course not everyone can do this, but some can and do, and it really makes a difference and gives pleasure to others.

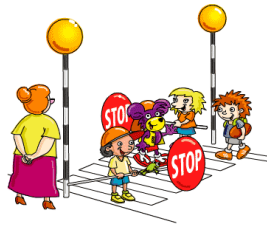
East Leake Neighbourhood Watch



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch are keen to encourage new Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the new housing areas within the village plus any roads that are not currently covered. This helps to combat issues of crime, anti-social behaviour and generally increase community well-being. Full support is available with information, signage on lamp-posts etc. Meetings take place at the Parish Office and the role is easy!

School Crossing Patrol Vacancies



School crossing patrols help children and adults to cross the road safely on their way to and from school. They are commonly known as "lollipop" people. There are over 140 patrol sites in Nottinghamshire. School crossing patrols are paid positions. If you are aged over 18 and are in good health, you could apply for a job where there are vacancies, which currently includes East Leake. Relief patrols are also needed to cover a site or group of sites when the regular patrol is off work. This may suit you if you only want occasional work.

To find out more about working as a school crossing patrol or getting a crossing patrol for your child's school, contact Nottinghamshire County Council's road safety team:

- telephone 0115 977 4373
- email roadsafety@viaem.co.uk.

Remembrance Sunday Road Closure, Sunday 12th November 2017, approx. 10.20am - 12 noon



This year the Parade will be in East Leake. If you live on Main Street and roads off, between Gotham Road in the village centre, up to Station Road by St Mary's Church, the road will be completely closed to traffic during the Royal British Legion parade and service. No vehicles will be allowed and may instead travel via Castle Hill and Rempstone Road, to the East and South, and Station Road to the West, and Woodgate Road to the South. Gotham Road and Costock Road will not be affected.

Please respect the volunteer marshals who will be keeping participants and the public safe for this important occasion, in accordance with police guidance and official regulations.

If you would like to volunteer to be a marshal at the road closure please contact the Parish Office.

Defibrillator



In an emergency would you know where to find a defibrillator in our village?

Defibrillator

It would be a good idea if you could go and take a look to see where they are the next time you are in the village.

They are in the following locations: the Fire Station, the Village Hall and the Leisure Centre. Very shortly an additional one will be installed at the Playing Fields on Costock Road. This has been purchased through funding by Councillor Andy Brown our Nottinghamshire County Council representative.

Should you have to use one you should firstly phone 999 and give them your location and a code will be given to open it. The Emergency Services will then send out a paramedic and they would also talk you through what you need to do. Instructions how to use the defibrillator are clearly explained inside the appliance once it has been opened and can also be found on the link below.

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/heart/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators/how-to-use-a-defibrillator>

Retirement of Lesley Bancroft



As I am sure most people are aware, our Clerk Lesley retired at the end of March 2017. She joined us in 2010 from a finance role in the education sector. Her background meant that she adapted very well to controlling Parish Council finances, and to the line management of the Council staff. She always made herself available to councillors and members of the public with a smile, and was well known to many of you. You may still see her in the village as her home is a stone's throw away.

Our new Clerk is Neil Lambert, a family man living in Loughborough. Elsewhere in the edition you will find a short piece Neil has written to introduce himself.

New Clerk—Neil Lambert



Hello to everyone living and working in, or visiting East Leake!

My background has been in the Voluntary and Community Sector, including time at Nottingham CVS on Mansfield Road, but mainly in Leicestershire, most recently at John Storer House in Loughborough. I still live in Loughborough, with one son at home doing GCSEs in 2018, but the other 2 grown up, graduated and moved away.

It has been a big learning curve for me finding out about what the Parish Council does, and how it operates, and how we work with other Councils (Rushcliffe Borough and Nottinghamshire County) and local people and businesses. It's important to ensure we do the things we can and should, but also to work with others when they have responsibility and not us.

The Parish and Borough and County Councillors are all actively striving to maintain and improve the Village and I am moved by the pride many people have in wanting the environment to look good, and for everyone to feel good about their East Leake.

If you would like to meet me in person, I'm in the office or around the village each weekday morning, but if you'd like an appointment please ring or email.

The web site www.east-leake.gov.uk now contains more and more up-to-date information about what the Parish Council does and we also have a Facebook page giving the latest news

Members of the public are welcome to attend Council meetings and notices are displayed on Notice Boards as well as electronically

I look forward to meeting more local people as the weeks pass, and would welcome any suggestion you have for making East Leake an even better place

Stop Press!

Please see Facebook/Website for up-to-date developments on the Skate Park.

JAMES (JIM) BROWN



It is with deep regret that we have to report the sudden death of Jim Brown in late July. He is now at rest with his family back in Liverpool.

Jim was employed by the Parish and Borough Councils for 14 years as the village litter picker and one could not wish to meet a more conscientious worker. He was out there in all weathers and wouldn't finish early even on Christmas Eve if he had not finished his round. He was certainly the only Parish Council employee who was missed when he was on holiday - people would call in at the office to ask if he was on holiday if they started to notice litter on the recreation ground or village centre.

As mentioned above he hailed from Liverpool and was a fanatic Everton fan, which is why he called everyone "blue". He worked for several years at the Ford Motor Company factory and for a while on Liverpool docks until he made the decision to further his artistic talent and came to Loughborough College to study art. He joined the Nottingham Fine Arts Society and always exhibited at their biannual exhibitions and usually managed to sell some of his exhibits and picked up a number of commissions. His other passion was long distance walking, always spending his holidays in The Lake District.

He did have his little foibles. He would not use a mobile phone (scramble your brain) or eat Indian food, and was a fanatic republican, never having a good word for any member of the Royal Family.

Dates for your Diary



- ◆ 12th November— Remembrance Sunday Parade—10.45am St Mary's Church
- ◆ 25th November — Christmas Lights Switch On
- ◆ 7th April 2018—Meet Your Village—EL Village Hall
- ◆ 23 June—East Leake Carnival

THE BORING BUT NEVERTHELESS NECESSARY STUFF.



Perhaps the least exciting thing the Parish Council has to do each year is to undertake a detailed review of the current year's income and expenditure and project forward to calculate what we will need in the following year.

Some Councils simply say inflation is 3%, so increase everything by that figure, but this inevitably means that those Councils never do anything new.

We, from day one, have preferred to prepare an Action Plan covering a period of 5 years in which we try to identify and cost the projects that we would like to be able to fulfil and prepare the annual budget accordingly. This has enabled us to extend the Health Centre car park, install the new children's playground, renovate The Glebe and Rest Garden and extend the Council's Works Depot.

The Action Plan is reviewed from time to time and this review has just been completed, with the extension of the Gotham Road car park, the acquisition of land on Costock Road for Playing Fields parking and the installation of fitness equipment in Meadow Park being identified as priority items.

The process will not be full completed until January 2018 when the budget for 2018/19 will be set, but rest assured we will keep you advised of the outcome.

Amenities Update



As a Parish Council we are continually striving to improve our village. You

may have noticed there were extra hanging baskets and flower towers this year, we have replaced/repared all but one of the fingerposts and a new shelter has been erected in the Rest Garden. Coming soon are some replacement benches (an ongoing project over the next few years) and three new picnic benches have been ordered for the recreation ground together with the planting of two trees to provide shade in the summer.