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Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month in The Young People’s Centre, Drapers Avenue, commencing at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

A part of each meeting is set aside specifically for residents to let the Council know their views on local issues - come along and have your say!

Community Hub

An item first reported in our June 2016 newsletter has finally come to fruition. The Parish Council has officially taken over the former Young People’s Centre building from Lancashire County Council to ensure the building is retained as a community facility.

We are now looking to establish a community group, comprising of residents and representatives from local organisations, to oversee the management of the building, renamed the Eccleston Community Hub, and a preliminary meeting was held in May to start the process, with Cllr Alan Whittaker nominated to lead the project. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Cllr Whittaker or the Clerk (contact details to the left).

We will also be working towards reopening the youth club, to be run on a volunteer basis, to provide a much needed facility for our young residents. We did appeal previously for volunteers to assist with the youth club and a couple of residents kindly put their names forward. If you would like to help please contact the Clerk (details to the left).

More houses?

Residents may have received a public consultation leaflet from De Pol Associates regarding a proposal for housing and allotments on land adjacent to Sandringham Road and Parr Lane. The leaflet focuses mainly on the provision of allotments and any reference to housing is minimal.

Residents should be aware the Parish Council strenuously opposes housing development on this site. The site is ‘safeguarded land’ in the current Chorley Local Plan and it is undesirable to develop the site at this time.

If this goes ahead, traffic issues on the estate roads and Lawrence Lane at its junction with The Green will be greatly increased and additional pressure will be placed on school places, medical facilities and the village infrastructure (sewers, drains etc).

If residents are mindful to respond to De Pol’s leaflet, perhaps they should bear this in mind.

Parents…….

Do you know what your younger family members are getting up to when they’re out and about in the village?

Our back page contains information from our local PCSO relating to problems which are regularly occurring in the village. The Parish Council has been hit by damage to, and the subsequent theft of, a piece of play equipment from The Hawthorns play area and damage to seats on the Millennium Green and the sign board at the entrance. Those young people responsible for the damage to the play equipment were identified and spoken to by the Police and the theft is under investigation.

Remember, the cost of this damage is borne by the residents of the village through your council tax bills.

We would ask all residents to report incidents of anti social behaviour, nuisance and damage to the Police by calling 101.
Chairman’s Report

Following resignations earlier this year, I am pleased to share that Eccleston Parish Council is now back to a full complement of councillors. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members, Cllrs Holborn and Miller.

As always we extend an invitation to residents to join our Council meetings. You may have a concern that you would like to raise, a view you wish to express regarding a current issue, or indeed just want to hear about current Council matters.

As you will read under the “community hub” article on the front page, this Council is looking for support from residents to help join a working group supporting the management of Eccleston Young People’s Centre. Again, I would encourage residents to attend our next meeting, if you would like to support. Alternatively, you can share your input, feelings and support with the Clerk or Cllr Whittaker directly.

Also, I would like to thank the members of the Village Activities committee, for hosting a Ceilidh at St Agnes’ church in April. It was great to see so many residents enjoying the event and filling the dancefloor, a great evening was had by all. The committee will be working towards further events in the village over the coming months and we will keep you informed of these as and when they are confirmed.

July will see St Mary’s host an Open Gardens event in the village once again. Let’s hope the good weather continues over the coming weeks!

Kate Brown

Village Events

The Ceilidh, on Saturday April 22, at St Agnes Church Hall was another event put on by the Village Activities Committee and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

We’re running a Best Kept Garden Competition, alongside St Mary’s Open Gardens Event. Further details are on page 3 of the newsletter.

The Committee is working with local resident Jo Atherton on the staging of the Eccleston Musical Showcase Concert in October 2017 - this will be an opportunity for musicians of all ages, instruments and abilities to perform, at St Agnes’ Church in Eccleston - to register your interest in performing, or for further details, please contact Jo on 07913 876077 or jo@joviolin.co.uk

Following the success of the evening in February we’re also hoping to stage another music evening with Chris Bannister.

Further details on both these events, and the Lancashire Night on Saturday 25 November, will be provided in the September newsletter.

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**Best Kept Gardens 2017**

In conjunction with St Mary’s Open Garden event, the Village Activities Committee is organising a Best Kept Garden Competition which will be open to all residents of the village.

The competition will comprise of 3 categories (small, medium and large gardens) with prizes of vouchers of £50 for 1st prize and £25 for the runner up in each category. The vouchers will be eligible for spending at a local plant supplier.

Full details and entry forms are available from the Clerk (see front page for contact details).

The Ironman UK event will again be held on Sunday 16 July 2017.

Whilst no roads in the village will be directly affected, delays will occur on Southport Road (A581) (westbound) from its junction with Ulnes Walton Lane, between 8.00am and 4:00pm and Doctors Lane into Mawdesley and Croston will be closed from the Syd Brook Lane/Blue Stone Lane junction.

All road closure information and maps for the race can be found via the link for resident information at:

http://eu.ironman.com/triathlon/events/emea/ironman/uk/residents/road-access.aspx#axzz4DFZresTM

Contact Ironman on 03330 116 600 or at uk@ironmanroadaccess.com

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**Bin Collections**

The changes to the recycling collections which came in at the beginning of May caused some confusion for residents as to when the different bins are collected.

Visit chorley.gov.uk/bins for your collection dates.

As some households had more than one brown bin for garden waste, Chorley Council is asking those with surplus brown bins to get in touch so they can be collected and redistributed to properties that have not had a brown bin before.

To have a surplus brown bin collected visit chorley.gov.uk or call 01257 515151.

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Yet again, we are receiving numerous complaints regarding Anti Social Behaviour in the village. In particular, The Millennium Green has been significantly damaged recently, as well as the play area on The Hawthorns.

Parents…do you actually know what your child is up to and where they are when not at home in the evenings? Are you aware there is a drug problem within the groups of kids hanging round in the village? We are!!! We are finding the evidence in the areas of The Millennium Green and the Recreation Ground on Draper Avenue. Do you know the signs and symptoms of your child using drugs? Would you like any advice on what to look for? We can point you in the right direction to get help.

On another note, we would recommend that during the warmer weather you still keep your doors and windows secure, especially overnight. Sheds and garages are also being targeted, so make sure all locks and padlocks are kept secure.

Our Summer Drink Driving Campaign will be starting soon, and we are advising that if you are going to have a drink, do not drive. We often receive intelligence about drink drivers, and use covert vehicles to target anyone we receive information about. Don’t take the risk…we could be behind you !!!

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