

CLERK'S REPORT ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 2007

CLOSURE OF THE POST OFFICE

The Parish Council has received assurances from Post Office Limited that it is actively seeking an interim Subpostmaster to help re-establish a Post Office service as soon as possible. Mr P F Pycock, Head of Business Development, says he is aware that the closure is a major inconvenience for customers of the village Post Office and apologises for that inconvenience. It may take further pressure on the Post Office to ensure that an interim Subpostmaster is obtained as quickly as possible and/or other arrangements are made to provide Post Office services. Mr Pycock's address is 80 - 86 Old Street, London EC1V 9NN.

I have received a most unsatisfactory response from Postwatch who says that the closure was completely outside the control of Post Office Limited - but they are the organisation that closed it!

In the meantime, I am sure it would benefit the many people without private transport, especially the elderly, if they could be given lifts to other Post Offices. I understand many do not like using Hertford Post Office as they feel very insecure collecting their pensions in the town. If you need a lift or are able to offer a lift, please let me know and I will try to put you in touch with each other.

CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT

Despite the appalling weather, this was enjoyed by a large number of people, including more children than ever before. Everyone appreciated the brazier provided by the Scouts and well over £100 was raised for the charity Kandelight.

"OUR VILLAGE: OUR MUSEUM" PROJECT WITH HERTFORD MUSEUM

Hertford Museum is looking to work with local villages to promote the history of their parish. The Museum has lots of objects in its collection from the villages around Hertford. If you would like to be involved, please let me know.

20MPH LEAFLET

Just to remind you that you have until 31st January to return your form to the Country Store.

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

All nine Parish Council seats are up for election this year and at the election on 3rd May 2007, people will get the chance to vote for who they want to represent them on Hertford Heath Parish Council.

Being a parish councillor gives you a chance to make a difference in your community. You do not need to have any experience or affiliation with any political party, you just need to be passionate about your community.

Interested? We hope so! Speak to Mary Bourne, Chairman of the Parish Council, to find out more.

To be eligible to stand, you must be over 18 years of age, a British Subject or a citizen of Northern Ireland or a citizen of another member state of the European Union, and be on the electoral register for Hertford Heath. If you are not on the register then you must have owned property, lived in (or within 3 miles of the boundary) or worked in the Parish throughout the 12 months immediately before the election.

You will be able to get nomination forms from East Herts District Council or from me from March. You will need to find a proposer and a seconder who are on the electoral register for Hertford Heath. Nominations close at noon on Wednesday 4th April.

PARISH NEWS RECORDED ONTO TAPE

The Parish Council has learned that a local resident reads the Parish News onto tape for a villager with poor sight. Facilities are available for these tapes to be copied. If you would be interested in getting the Parish News on tape, do let me know.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5th February 2007 in the Mission Room at 7.30pm. Members of the public are always welcome at Parish Council meetings.

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