



Hartshorne Village Residents Association
Newsletter – July 2018
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The AGM of the Residents Association was held on 3rd May 2018 and well attended by around 40 people.

Elections: There have been changes to the Committee this year. Jim Gosden, having served as Chairman for the past 3 years and conscious of advancing years stood down as Chairman. Kevin Banton from Manchester Lane was elected unanimously as the new Chairman.

Back in September last year the Committee considered the desired attributes of the Chairman and concluded that:-

- 1) He/She should really care about and love the village and believe in and be enthusiastic about the aims of the Residents' Association.
- 2) They should love and care about the countryside in particular the landscape around Hartshorne.
- 3) They should have the time to devote to the Office, i.e. someone retired.

Kevin Banton has all these attributes and we are confident that he will be an excellent Chairman. Kate Landenberger and Hamish Smith were re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Jim Gosden was elected as Membership Secretary as Sarah Ashcroft has stood down. Cathie Rogers and Ray Fairbrother were re-elected as Committee members along with new member Alan Smith from Repton Road who takes the place of Andrew Thomas who has stood down due to work commitments. We thank Sarah and Andrew for all their hard work in the past. (Sarah remains our Webmaster).

Change to Constitution: The Constitution was amended at the AGM to make the Residents Association compliant with the new General Data Protection Regulations.

Honorary Membership: Last year we introduced the concept of Honorary Membership, for any person who has rendered exceptional service or support to the Association but who may not actually live in the Village. The Committee, at their April meeting unanimously agreed to confer Honorary Membership on Kim Coe and the AGM unanimously concurred. Kim has moved house to Goseley and is therefore ineligible to be a member of the Association. She is both a District and a Parish Councillor and has supported us from our foundation and has always been ready to help and advise us in many ways. As an Honorary member she retains the right to attend our meetings and to vote.

Other News:

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. Development in Woodville Road

The Application for 14 houses on the site next to the Victorian villas in Woodville Rd went to appeal, which was held as a hearing. Despite representations against by both the Residents Association and SDDC the Inspector upheld the appeal.

2. Holiday cabins in Manchester Lane

A developer from Ticknall has put in two separate applications to erect 4 holiday cabins behind the houses in Manchester Lane. Both applications have been refused by the Planning Committee. Both applications were opposed by the Residents Association who also fully supported the residents of Manchester Lane in their opposition. The developer has now appealed on both applications. The Hearing will be held on 22nd August. Please put the date in your diaries and attend if you are able. The more people who attend really does make a difference. If this development is allowed it could set a precedent leading to threats to the countryside near the village from other developers attempting to build holiday cabins as an alternative to housing, which is not in Part 2 of the Council's Local Plan.

LOCAL PLAN PART 2 – Local Green Spaces

There was a further public consultation on Local Green Spaces last July to which the Residents Association responded. In addition to the previous sites suggested we emphasised the importance to the village of the Cricket Ground. The District Council through their Environmental and Development Services Committee are carrying out a Local Green Spaces Sustainability Appraisal. This is understood to ensure that any site designated as Local Green Space will have been thoroughly assessed. There will be a final Consultation in 2019.

CONSERVATION – Hartshorne

A public consultation took place in March 2016 on the proposals for conservation in Hartshorne by the then Conservation Officer. A report went to the Environmental and Development Services Committee on 31st May in which the current Conservation Officer did not consider that the Screwmill Cottages should be designated.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Ten members including Councillor Kim Coe attended a training session at Swadlincote Police Station on 24th February, where we trained in the use of the radar gun and the relevant procedures and recording required when carrying out a speedwatch session.

We now have three teams of three who can cover Main Street, Lower Ticknall Road and Upper Ticknall Road. With the better weather we hope to start to be active. Anyone who would like to be involved, please let us know.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT THE MILL WHEEL PUB

In October/November the residents of Screwmill Cottages were informed by the owners of the pub that double yellow lines were to be painted on the access road to the cottages and to the pub car park to restrict parking.

After residents objected the manager requested a meeting with the Residents Association Committee. Having spent an hour putting his case, we suggested that since there had never been any parking problems in the previous 30 years that a camera be installed over the Christmas period to check whether there was a problem. Having reported back to his employers he emailed to say the matter had been taken out of his hands. There has been no further action or threat since.

LIAISON MEETINGS

We have continued to meet on a casual basis with Parish Councillors Kim Coe and Alan Jones. Among matters of concern raised were proposed developments at Buildings Farm, Floral displays on the village approaches, Speedwatch training and dog fouling.

CAROL SINGING AT THE RODNEY

We liaised with Kevin and Lesley and the Church for the second year of Christmas Carols around the Rodney Christmas tree. Again enjoyed by all. This now appears to have become an annual Village event on the calendar.

THANK YOU

We are grateful to all the volunteers who deliver our leaflets and newsletters around the village. Not least we thank all who renew their membership regularly every year, thus expressing their support and confidence in what we try to achieve. If you haven't yet renewed your membership for this year and still wish to support the Residents Association, please complete the membership form below.

THE NEW COMMITTEE

Chairman: Kevin Banton

Secretary: Kate Landenberger (200762), secretary@hartshornevillageresidents.org

Treasurer: Hamish Smith

Membership Secretary: Jim Gosden (217656)

Committee Members:

Cathie Rogers

Ray Fairbrother

Alan Smith

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership is taken on a household basis and only the name of the principal or nominated holder is required.

The membership year runs from 1st April to 31st March.

Name

Address

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..... Postcode

Number of adults at this address Email

Home Telephone/Mobile

I agree with the aims of the Association and wish to become a member/renew my membership

Signed.....

Date.....

Please return this part of the form together with your £2 membership in an envelope to Hamish Smith (Treasurer), 11 Ticknall Rd, Hartshorne

