

FLINTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH NEWS

February 2019

The next meeting of the parish council takes place in the village hall on Monday, March 11, and it will start at 6.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend, and to take part in the item allowing the public to participate.

DOG BARKING APOLOGY: Local resident Sue Culligan has given an apology to those in the village who may have been upset by the barking of her dogs. She is not currently able to exercise her dog Yorkie on the Flintham Estate and says this means she will be seen more around the lanes exercising the dogs.

DWELLING BURGLARY: Police are investigating a report of a burglary at a dwelling on Inholms road at Flintham when items were stolen. The incident was on December 8.

VOLUNTEER PLAY PARK INSPECTOR: The parish council is looking for someone interested in expanding their community skills brief by assisting councillor Paul Brookes in the monthly play parks inspections on the two sites in the village. RoSPA training is available for the work and could be arranged for the person concerned. The monthly inspections take between one and two hours, with the work being to check the safety aspects of the equipment.

Paul says he will assist on the inspections and will handle the resolution of any faults found. He adds: "This is an ideal opportunity for anyone interested in expanding their community support portfolio."

Coun. Brookes can be contacted on 01636 525077.

VANDALS COST MONEY – AND YOU: Increased incidents of vandalism in the play parks are likely to effect the running costs for repairs which will impact the Parish Council Precept which is set every year by the Parish Council according to the budgetary demands for the Parish. Please be vigilant in challenging anti social behaviour and call 101 to report any incidents you might see.

FLINTHAM SCHOOL COUNCIL 2018-19. The school council for 2018-19 is Year 1-Isaac, Year 2 James, Year 3 – Amelia, Year 4 – Lottie, Year 5 – Oliver Year 6 – Lois and Leo.

A NEW statement from Rushcliffe Borough Council says there are hopeful signs of movement in the battle to get Flintham's 'infamous' eyesore of the former Islamic School site at the entrance to the village demolished.

Mr Dave Mitchell, Executive Manager Communities for the Borough, told the 'Parish News' that the owners of the property have now made contact with a demolition firm and it is understood subject to some legal matters that are still to be completed, the work to clear the site could begin at any time. The former officers mess – more latterly the Islamic school – is an eyesore and residents will welcome any move to rid the village of it.

YOUR LOCAL PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

Thursday May 2 will be election day in Flintham if sufficient names are put forward to seek a seat on the local parish council.

The whole parish council as it stands currently will stand down as the seven members end their term of office in April and new councillors will come into office after May 2. If there are insufficient names put forward to make voting necessary, the names submitted will be considered elected. If more than seven names are put forward, an election will be held.

Rushcliffe Borough Council will be making the necessary election packs available in March and completed papers have to be returned to them by 4pm on April 3.

ANOTHER LOOK AT A VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROJECT

The parish council is to give further consideration to the possibility of having a Neighbourhood Plan for the village.

Two council members, Debra Pennington and Sue Clayton, are anxious to move the idea forward, saying with big changes being considered at County Level for the administration of the local authorities, the need for a Neighbourhood Plan is being revisited.

Any-one with a contribution/suggestion is invited to contact either of the councillors.

The formation of a Plan is not a swift process but there is funding that can be applied for. The contents of any Plan put forward by the parish would need to be adopted by a referendum in the village before it could be put to Rushcliffe Borough Council to seek their approval of it.

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Flintham Parish Council Members

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St Augustine's Flintham

February service

Sunday 24th February, 11am, Holy Communion (CW)

Message from the Churchwarden

Thanks to all who attended the Carol Service in December and gave generously to the collection, which raised just under £500. It is our intention to earmark this for measures to increase disabled access to the church. — Iain Munro

FUNDING FOR FEST RUNNING OUT

This year is the final one for September Fest funding by the grant received in 2016 from the Celebrate Fund and its future could be in doubt.

Ideas for fund raisers and inclusions are being looked at and ideas from villagers would be most welcome. Anyone who can put forward any comments is asked to please contact the Organising Team, Parish Councillor Sue Clayton, Roy and Paula Simpson or Parish Councillor Debra Pennington.

The shining legacy from the entire initiative is the Village Choir which has enjoyed a wider audience in competition with other local choirs.

THREE PER CENT PARISH RATE INCREASE

A parish precept rate of £14,250 — an increase of 3 per cent on the current figure — has been agreed by the parish council for the 2019-2020 year. The money is spent in the parish on such things as grounds maintenance and grass cutting, grants, administration, subscriptions, meeting expenses, insurance and newsletter printing costs.

FLINTHAM SOCIETY ACTIVE AND BUSY

The 2017-18 year was a busy one for the Flintham Society and Museum, says Chairman Sue Daly in the annual report.

"This has been another busy year," Sue said, "The 'Remembering the 1960s' team has continued to extend their reach and the themes they offer to groups working with dementia, and we have engaged with other village organisations such as the Community Choir, Flintham Primary School, St Augustine's church and the SeptemberFest organisers in several of our activities.

"Most pleasing has been the opportunity to bring the committee back to full strength with the introduction of new blood and fresh ideas. This, combined with the experience and diverse expertise and willingness of existing committee members, has enabled us to fulfil our remit and continue to develop."

Sue offered her thanks to all of them, as well to their museum mentor Clare, plus other volunteers and supporters, for their hard work and contribution to the work of the Society.

The Flintham Society is an educational charity with two objectives: the first is 'to advance the education of the public' by encouraging an interest in the history and development of Flintham; and the second is to promote 'charitable purpose(s) for the benefit of the inhabitants of Flintham'.

Sue Daly says their priority will be to raise more money to cover the annual expenditure. "We aim to take the 1960s project to diverse dementia related groups and turn some of our resources into games for sale to activity organisers at care homes" adding they will at the same time continue to encourage volunteers to be involved in research and to help with the organisation of the museum, events and activities.

CUBAN BAND AT PARISH CHURCH EVENT

A Concert being held in Flintham Parish Church on March 27 will have a Cuban band providing the music.

Organisers say for this year's concert they have moved away from folk music and booked a six piece Cuban band. The Son Yambu in Concert event will be at 7:30 on Wednesday March 27 at St Augustine's Church. Tickets £11.00 adult, under 16s £6.00 £8.00 Family Special Price £25.00.

Son Yambu is a UK based band who play authentic Cuban songs - the essential Afro-Cuban sound that originated in the streets of eastern Cuba at the turn of the Century.