

Parish Council Clarion

An occasional Great & Little Gidding Parish Council newsletter

August 2009

Parish Councillors

Andrew Alexander (Chair)

Robin Hayden (ViceChair, Highways & Police)

Julie Byard (Press & PR and School Liason)

Paul Hodson (Finance & Charities)

Henry Hill (Councillor without Portfolio)

Chris Howden (Village Hall and Allotments)

Rose Foster (Rights of Way)

62 Main Street - 293315

Warren House - Main Street - 293360

5 Chapel End - 293576

17 Chapel End - 293782

9 Mill Road - 293404

9 Main Street - 293679

4 Winwick Road - 293411

Parish Clerk: Sally Dalley,
Tree Warden: Ian Stapleton - 293463

The Parish Council Office in the Village Hall is open on Tuesdays and Thursday from 11:30 to 1:00.

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This newsletter is published occasionally when the Parish Council has particular news that we wish to publish throughout the village, including those households who do not have access to the monthly Parish Magazine or the Giddings website at www.thegiddings.org.uk.

Parish Council

At the recent annual meeting Andrew Alexander and Robin Hayden were relected as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. Councillors Ian Stapleton and Adam Titmus have stood down from the Parish Council and two new Councillors Chris Howden and Rose Foster have joined the ranks. Many thanks go to Ian and Adam for their hard work and welcome to Chris and Rose.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th August at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Great Gidding Garden Group

Will meet on the first Monday of each month, starting on 7th September. The venue will be the Village Hall, beginning at 7.30PM. Cost £1 per person. The September meeting will be a hands-on workshop – “Taking Cuttings”. Bring along a sharp knife and a dibber (or a pencil will do) and learn how to increase your stock of plants. For future meetings there will be a poster in the shop and an item posted on www.thegiddings.org.uk.

Great Gidding Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee

Since its formation in April, the Committee have been working hard to implement changes and improvements to both the Village Hall and the Recreation Ground. Although there are few visible signs at present, it is hoped that we will

obtain funding through grants to carry out various projects – the application process for these funds are extremely rigorous and there is, of course, no guarantee that success will be ours.

We are looking to raise £35,000

Here are just a few of the projects that need to be addressed:

- Replace the flooring in the small hall, the kitchen and the back corridor.
- Replace the kitchen units, to enable the Hall to meet hygiene requirements.
- Install a toilet unit on the Recreation Ground.
- Insulate the main room at the Village Hall to make us feel more comfortable in the winter months, and to reduce heating costs.
- Converting a number of windows to double-glazed units.
- Legal requirements for disabled access mean that two ramps are required, the front door needs alteration and the toilets need major work.
- And after each of the above are completed, there will be some decorating to do.

We, the Committee would ask that the residents of the Giddings please consider if they have a skill that would help us to achieve any of the above mentioned tasks or if you have some time available to carry out some part of the work. It would be really helpful if a small group of people would get together and take on the task of

fund raising, to help us with this huge challenge, to improve the hall and recreation ground. Please note you won't be forced to join the committee! If you wish to make a donation then please send us a cheque payable to Gt Gidding Village Hall & Recreation Ground or pay it direct into the bank account - Sort Code 20.43.63 – Account No 83061035

We look forward to hearing from you - please contact us. We are very keen to encourage more residents to make use of the Village Hall, and the Recreation Ground. Evening classes/groups would be most welcome.

Paul Hodson (chairperson) – Tel 293782

Chris Howden (treasurer) - Tel 293679

Julie Trollove (secretary) - Tel 293598

Great Gidding: History Within Our Lifetime

Want to find out what has happened in the area in the last 60 years? Then come along the **Fox and Hounds Public House, Great Gidding on Wednesday 23rd September 2009 at 7.30pm.**

Everyone welcome, to what will be an informative evening about the place where you live.

Post Office Closure

Despite the efforts of the parish and our surrounding neighbours, the post office sadly closed and has been replaced with a Mobile Outreach Service. For those that wish to make use of this service, the vehicle is situated in Chapel End near to Main Street.

Timings: Mondays 10am - 12 pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
10 am - 11.30am

If you have any concerns/suggestions regarding this service or the suitability of the alternative nearest branches then please contact Mark Lawrence who is happy to address any concerns. He can be contacted by email :
mark.d.lawrence@postoffice.co.uk

or by letter to the following address:

Mark Lawrence
Network Development Manager
Post Office Ltd.
29 East Street
Wimbourne
Dorset
BH21 1AA

Village Shop

It goes without saying, but, please continue to give your support to Jed and Aruna in the shop. They remain a vital part of the community and have promised to keep the shop going despite the blow of losing the post office counter.

Planning

23 Gains Lane – (Erection of two dwellings).

The application went to appeal and won after being refused by the parish and district councils.

76 Main Street (Demolition and Redevelopment of site for erection of six dwellings)

Applications to demolish buildings and erect 6 residential units have been received and are undergoing the consultation process

61 Main Street - Demolition of farmhouse and outbuildings and replace with new dwelling and three additional dwellings.

The application has gone to appeal after being refused by the district council. The Appeal hearing is planned for 25th August at 10am at the WI Centre, Walden Road, Huntingdon.

Highways and Street Lights

You can report any type of highway fault as follows: by phone: 0345 045 5212
email:street.scene@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
or use the online form:
http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/db/CCCForms.nsf/highway_defect

You can also report a streetlight fault as follows:
by phone 0800 253 529
or use the online form
: http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/db/CCCForms.nsf/streetlight_defect

Mobile Library

The mobile library stops alternate Thursdays from 2:05pm - 2:20pm in Chapel End near to Main Street.

The next visit is August 20th 2009.