

LYDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE YEAR: 1 APRIL 2007 TO 31 MARCH 2008

Speeding

Speeding was raised as an issue of concern at the last Annual Parish Meeting and a Speeding Working Group has been set up within the Parish Council to investigate the options available to try and reduce both the volume and speed of the traffic travelling through the village. A report will be made by the Working Group at this year's Annual Parish Meeting. Lyddington is due to take part in the Community Speedwatch scheme in June.

Questionnaire

26% of the questionnaires distributed to all village residents in January were completed and returned. The comments are being analysed so that a plan of action can be produced.

Playing Field and the Green

The new play area for the younger children of the village is well used and the sand in the pit has recently been refreshed for the summer. Further improvements of the playing field are planned. Regular safety checks of the playing field continue.

Allotments

Eight allotment plots have been dug and the area fenced to keep the rabbits out. All eight are currently occupied and work has started for the season.

Litter

The arrangement with the County Council to empty the general litter bins in the village, paid for by the Parish Council, continues. New bins have been purchased for the bus shelter and the wall of The Old White Hart. Following efforts to tidy the village, Lyddington won the best tidy village award for 2007.

Planning Applications

The Council has considered, and submitted comments on to Rutland County Council, a large number of planning applications during the year. A policy has been put in place regarding the retention of hard copy planning applications by the Council.

Website

A Parish Council website www.lyddingtonpc.org.uk has been developed to house village news, details of Parish Council meetings and other useful information.

Parish Council Meetings

Seven Parish Council meetings and one Annual Parish Meeting were held during the year in the Village Hall. The agenda for meetings is always displayed on the two village notice boards and on the Parish Council website in advance of the meetings. Members of the Parish are welcome to attend the meetings to ask questions and raise issues before the main business of the meeting commences. Meetings are generally held at 7.30 pm on alternate months – January, March, May, July, September and November, with the Annual Parish Meeting at the end of May. A Parish Council newsletter is produced from time to time and delivered to each house in the village. Two have been produced this year – October 2007 and May 2008. Standing Orders for Contracts have been reviewed and the Council is on the process of drafting and adopting General Standing Orders for its governance.

Elizabeth Hobley

Parish Clerk, on behalf of Lyddington Parish Council
23 May 2008