

SOUTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL



Firstly, I have inserted a beautiful picture that was taken at our outdoor carol service. This happened on Saturday 20th December and so many people attended. It was a really lovely evening and something we hope to continue every year. Thank you to Peter Farquhar for organising this.

In my last article I mentioned that the Parish Council would be meeting to discuss the Precept for the year 1st April – 31 March 2027. This is a busy meeting with all members of the Parish Council invited to attend. This year we have had a slight increase in the Parish Tax Base, this has meant that even with the increases allowed for the rise in the costs of utilities and grass cutting etc, we have still managed to make a small saving of £1.10 per Band D property, so this year the charge will be £69.12. We have managed to decrease this figure, albeit only a small decrease for three years in a row. Hopefully, you will agree that this is great value for money considering the amount of work that is undertaken throughout the Parish.

At one of our meetings last month Alan Evans decided to retire from the Parish Council. Alan had been with us on two occasions but together they added up to about 30 years' service. Alan was an active member of the Planning Committee, sat on the Finance Committee and the Policy Committee. Over the time Alan was involved in the production of the Neighbourhood Plan and all the large development areas in South Wootton. He will be greatly missed; but we all wish him a happy retirement. This now brings me to report that the Parish Council now has three vacancies for Parish Councillors. We currently have 12 members who are a friendly bunch, all volunteers. If you would like to learn more about the role, please pop into the office and see me or Moira. We can give you a little background on the working of the Council, frequency of meetings and Committees, or if you would prefer, we can put you in contact with another Parish Councillor who can talk you through what goes on, and their own personal experiences.

The Assets Committee remain very busy with a number of projects on the go, including a new Bus Shelter to be positioned between 1-3 Grimston Road, a new bench for the Village Green, this we have decided to install with a plaque on it dedicated to the late John Smallwood and the Pond dredging to name but a few items.

Wootton Park 200 Club:

As always, we still need more members.

If you would like to join, please contact me in the office by telephone, or by email. The annual subscription is £24. All the money raised goes straight back into the park.

The Parish Office at 24 Church Lane, South Wootton, Kings Lynn, PE30 3LJ, is open to the public between 9am and 11am on each weekday morning except Wednesdays. You can leave messages on the answer phone by calling 01553 824355 or you can email us. Moira or I will respond as soon as we can.

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