

Pertenhall & Swineshead Parish Council

A Quality Parish Council.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs Garry Telling

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NEWSLETTER January 2009

'Representing and serving two villages'

Dates for your diary

Parish Council meetings in the year 2009. All dates are Thursdays and most are at 8.00.

These are all open meetings and everyone is welcome to attend.

March – 12th – Swineshead – meeting for the Electors – 7.30

See below.

May – AGM – 14th –

Pertenhall Village Hall - 8.00

Litter Pick in both villages.

Sat. 14th March 2009 – and Saturday 3rd October 2009.

Thank you all those who came to help with the October Litter pick.

Annual Meeting for the Electors

At this meeting the council will report on its year's work, and residents have the opportunity to raise any matters of interest or concern. All residents are warmly invited to come along to air their views.

Emergency Services

At the parish council meeting on March 12th there will be discussion about the emergency services and what could be done to help them to find individual properties in our rather spread out villages. If you ideas do please come to the meeting.



Quality Parish Council Status

Four years ago Pertenhall and Swineshead Parish Council was the first to receive Quality Status in the county. In December it was time to re-apply and again Quality Status has been awarded. Congratulations are due to the councillors who run a Parish Council of such standing.

Parish Plan

This was discussed at the meeting on November 20th as part of the regular update of the Parish Plan.

The discussion centred on the section of the plan on Health and Social Care. Actions to be taken include

- writing to the surgeries to offer support
- writing to Alistair Burt MP, sharing his concerns about

ambulance response times and cross county border problems.

- the regular updates of the parish plan at parish council meetings.
- the compilation, and distribution, of information connected with medical matters.
- information about transport to and from hospital.
- First Aid Courses organised by Rodney Tate.

Some points to note:-
Emergency number for use on mobile phone – 112 will work on any mobile phone network across Europe.

Public Emergency Dental Service. One can always ring NHS direct to obtain this

information. 0845 4647

SmartWater

Phials of SmartWater have been made available for every household in the two villages. This has been funded by Confident Communities money from BCC.

The SmartWater will be delivered to every resident who wants to have it. Its use, and the accompanying paperwork, will be explained.

Its use can, in some cases, reduce insurance costs and it provides an extra safeguard for your valuables.

*There will be a meeting in **Pertenhall Village Hall on 28th February from 11 till 12, and in Swineshead on March 7th, for the use of SmartWater to be explained by the police. It will then be distributed to every householder who comes to the***



Your councillors at work in Swineshead Village Hall, November 2008

Tim Kingham, [P] Thomas Bates, [P] Steve Pollard, [P] Garry Telling, [Clerk] Brian Stevens, [Sw, Chairman], Neil Pateman, [P] Jan Herdan, [Sw] Michael Whitlock [Sw].

meeting or who makes contact with the Homewatch coordinator.

Highway Matters

Pertenhall

Thomas Bates [01480 860 275]

The work done on the road edges between Chadwell Lane and Swineshead is generally considered to be very poor. Recent work has improved the situation somewhat.

Councillor Tom Wootton said that if the clerk wrote to him with an outline of complaints he would look into the matter. We hope for the best.

Swineshead

Michael Whitlock [01234 708 362]

The Highways Partnership money has been spent on improving the walkways/pavements in Swineshead. A dropped pavement has been installed near the church. Everything looks very smart.

Neighbourhood Watch.

Pertenhall

If there is anything you would like to discuss with Iain Johnson please get in touch with him on 01480 860 914 or iainjohnson@tesco.net

Swineshead

Area Coordinator Jean Constant, 01234 708 671.



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For more information on home
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01234 841212