

Pertenhall & Swineshead Parish Council

A Quality Parish Council.

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Clerk to the Council: Mrs Garry Telling

Chairman: Mr Michael Whitlock

NEWSLETTER April 2010

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Dates for your diary

Parish Council meetings in the year 2010. All dates are now Wednesdays and most are at 7.00 or 7.30.

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

Note change of dates.

May 12th – AGM -

Pertenhall – 7.30

The meetings for the rest of the year will be decided at the AGM, and posted on the web and on notice boards.

Bulky Waste Collections for 2010.

Pertenhall – 19th June - 14.30 to 15.30 and 30th

October, same times.

Swineshead – 19th June – 12.30 to 14.00 and Sat. 30th October, same times.

Highway Matters

Pertenhall

Thomas Bates [01480 860 275]

Swineshead

Michael Whitlock [01234 708 362]

See above.

At the Meeting for the Electors both Highways representatives stated that there is no money for spending on the roads. Some work has been done, but very little and to a very poor standard.

Wednesday
12th May, Pertenhall
Village Hall
7.30

This is the AGM
Please come to the
meeting.

Much more can be
achieved if the
councillors have the
support of the
residents.



Close Cottage

An old friend in Swineshead--



---being renovated

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.

Litter picks, March 2010

About the recent litter pick Iain Johnson says, "The litter pick was a good one. The weather was fine. There were 10 adults and 3 children, who collected 18 bags of rubbish. The next litter pick is likely to be in September."

Alan Constant says, "Many thanks are due to the 13 adults and 5 children who collected 26 bags plus a beer cask during the litter pick in March."

Thanks are due to both Iain and Alan for arranging and organising the litter picks. They make a huge difference to the appearance of our villages.

From the Chairman's desk.

At the Annual Meeting of the Electors we had the Mayor of Bedford, Dave Hodgson, to speak to us.

We told him that we were concerned that small villages had different needs to the town of Bedford. He was asked about travellers' sites, broadband, the future of the Margaret Beaufort School, rural transport, rural crime, pot holes, salting of the roads, and emergency response times.

He listened and explained the problems of finding money out of the budget, while keeping down the Council Tax. He is clearly trying to please everyone but has an unenviable task ahead of him. So it is unlikely that all the potholes will be filled this year.

It was good, however, to meet the Mayor and I hope the discussions we had will be of use both to him and to all of us.

Michael Whitlock.

JAG – Joint Action Group

Steven Pollard is the parish council representative on this police action group.

If you have police matters which you would like to bring to his attention please contact him on 01480 861 414.

He can report your concerns for discussion at the next JAG meeting.

Parish Plan Review

The Parish Plan was initiated in 2006 when questionnaires were sent out. It was decided at the recent parish council meeting that a dedicated meeting should be held in 2011, five years after the start of the plan.

If any members of the public feel that a particular 'action' in the plan needs to be discussed by the councillors they are asked to contact Jan Herdan on 01234 708 692

Trading Standards

To report an unwanted cold caller telephone the hotline on **08454 04 05 06**.

For more information on home security call Beds police on 01234 841212

Your Parish Council

Your Parish Councillors

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- ◆ **Tim Kingham [Pertenhall]**
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- ◆ **Jenny Leishman [Swineshead]**
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- ◆ **Neil Pateman [Pertenhall]**
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- ◆ **Steven Pollard [Pertenhall]**
01480 861 414
- ◆ **Michael Whitlock[Swineshead]**
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A new arrival in Pertenhall

The clerk sends copies of the agenda before parish council meetings, and copies of the minutes after the meetings, if requested, to all those who have provided their email addresses for the purpose. Copies of this Newsletter may also be distributed in this way.

If you wish to add your email address to this list please contact the clerk on

gtelling@gefhnndo.co.uk

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