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#### **Parish Council Meetings**

The council meets regularly and you can find dates and venues on our web site. Members of the public are welcome to attend and a brief time is allocated at the start of meetings for questions. Some items, such as personnel issues, may be confidential.

#### Upcoming Meeting Dates All meetings start at 6.30 p.m.

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Palterton Village Hall October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, Hillstown Methodist Church November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Palterton Village Hall January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Hillstown Methodist Church February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Palterton Village Hall



#### Hiring Palterton Village Hall

We've recently made some improvements to the kitchen and toilet areas and the hall can be hired at very reasonable cost for parties, celebrations and meetings. We have a good car park and a bar facility is available.

See our website for more details and to arrange a booking.

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# Hillstown Multi-Play Area

Recently the old multi-play area next to the Hillstown Village Hall has been removed. The Parish Council ran this facility for many years but we reached the point where the playing surface and security fence had become too unsafe to use and needed replacing.



Scarcliffe Parish Council chairman Malc Crane explained: "For 25 years the Scarcliffe Parish Council had a lease for land from the Hillstown Miners Welfare, at a cost of £500 per year, to provide a multi play area offering different sports for all ages. Over the years it has been well used but unfortunately it recently became unsafe.

In February, 2018 the Parish Council went out to tender to carry out renovation work, but the Miners Welfare Trustees refused our request to extend the lease, as they have ambitions to build on that area. Reluctantly we decided there was no option but to demolish the facility on health and safety grounds and to comply with the terms of our lease.

The Parish Council will be working with Bolsover District Council to find ways to improve facilities in Hillstown and we are very excited to have been able to secure a 25 year lease from the District Council for land next to the car park on Cross Street where we are hoping to provide a playground for children up to 10 years old."

# Your Library -Use it or Lose it!



We are extremely lucky to have an excellent Library building in Bolsover that is in a convenient and accessible location. The Library offers a range of services beyond book borrowing, including room hire, access to internet-ready computers and printing services and also local history archives. The Library team also run two book groups, a 'Knit and Natter' session fortnightly and various activities for children, including Baby Rhyme Time and the Summer Reading where Challenge of Mischief Makers, children can collect stickers and rewards for reading regularly over the summer holidays.

You can also seek legal advice, with Derbyshire Law Centre representatives available every week-day from 9am until 4.30pm and The Citizen's Advice Bureau is available until 12.30 each day. For those who need help in finding employment or applying for benefits, Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centre staff members are available every Tuesday until 11.30am

for confidential, free and independent advice.

Our Library is a hub of our community and offers a wide range of services beyond book borrowing, yet because this element of the service is in decline our library is at risk of closure, or at risk of losing its paid staff,

leading to less reliable services. Derbyshire County Council has undertaken a public consultation which closed on July 30<sup>th</sup> and feedback will be published soon. However, in the meantime, please make sure that you play your part in saving our Library by using it regularly. If we don't use it, we will almost certainly lose it.

# Speeding in Hillstown

The Parish Council recently applied to Derbyshire County Council for permission to install a 'vehicle-activated speed reminder sign' on Mansfield Road, following many concerns raised by residents of this road and those surrounding it. People are concerned that vehicles entering Hillstown from Palterton are not slowing down sufficiently and are increasing the risk



of accidents. Unfortunately, permission has been denied, due to a lack of recorded accidents on the road in which injuries have occurred. The County Council also explained that there is a limit on how many of these awareness signs can be set up in an area, as it has been proven that the more of these signs there are, the less notice drivers take of them. However, we are still working hard to ensure that your concerns are dealt with and County Councillor Joan Dixon is attempting arrange for traffic to a monitoring period to be put in place which will hopefully support our cause.

If you would like to comment on the speeding issue, please email us at: *scarcliffeparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk* 

#### **Scarecrow Festival**



The annual Scarcliffe Scarecrow festival took place recently, with several imaginative creations being put on display for others to enjoy and for crows to fear. A Barn Dance was held at The Elm Tree Inn, and Derbyshire Councillor Joan Dixon presented awards on behalf of the Scarcliffe Community Action Group to the local children helped make who to the scarecrows.

Well done to all who took part, especially the winners with their wonderful 'Votes for Women' scarecrow creation, and to the Community Action Group for arranging this entertaining event.

# **St Leonard's Church**

At our meeting in July, it was agreed that £200 should be donated to St Leonard's Church in Scarcliffe, after a request for financial support to help pay for grounds and site maintenance costs. Any local community organisation can apply for a small grant from the Parish Council. Funds are limited, but we help a number of good causes each year. Please contact our clerk for more information.



#### **Community Defibrillators**



Each year in Britain around 30,000 people are struck by sudden cardiac arrest outside of hospital environments. They can affect anyone at any time – from young children at school, to adults at home, work or out in public places. Getting help immediately is essential and the emergency services should be contacted quickly by dialling 999. The next thing to do is to perform CPR and to locate the nearest defibrillator to help the patient. These provide powerful electric shocks to the heart through pads which are placed on the chest. If a defibrillator is used within 3-5 minutes of cardiac arrest, survival rates jump from 6 per cent to 74 per cent.

We are currently working to install at least one defibrillator in each of our three villages. Free training on how to use defibrillators, along with training in CPR, will also be offered to the local community.

# **BUS SHELTERS**

Our new bus shelters have been highly commended by people in the local area, and many have commented on how much more pleasant it is to be able to wait for the bus under a shelter and out of any inclement weather. The electric lighting makes the shelters a much safer place for travellers, particularly for women and children who will be waiting for buses when the dark nights return in autumn and winter.

The council has held a consultation on local views about providing an additional shelter on Mansfield Road, Hillstown and is currently awaiting permission from Derbyshire County Council.



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