

Protecting our village identity

In an attempt to get the mismatch between the village name and postal address finally settled a letter was sent to Clipstone Parish Council asking for their views on holding a new ballot with the simple question, should the name be Old Clipstone or Kings Clipstone? At its April meeting last week the Parish Council voted not to respond at all.

During the meeting we were told that our village was not a separate village. Old Clipstone was just the '**old part**' of Clipstone village. Accepting this will compromise our unique identity and threatens the open space between the two villages. Already there are moves to allow more building this side of Baulker Lane.

Becoming a separate parish would help protect our identity

Classed by Newark & Sherwood Council as a large village, the 110 homes with the Old Clipstone postal address and the 30 outlying properties with an Edwinstowe postal addresses could make up a new parish.

Having our own parish council to act as a community focus will give us more say in the future of our community. It will also make sure that a fairer proportion of the money raised by the parish is spent in our part of the parish.

Note - Cavendish Park has a Clipstone Village address so isn't included.

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However, we are naming the parish not the village. A possible compromise is to use **Clipstone Regis** for the parish, the name bestowed after Parliament was held at the Palace in 1290. The village name can be resolved once we have our own parish.

The next step

We need to petition Newark & Sherwood Council for a 'Parish Review'. This requires the support of at least 50% of our 256 registered voters directly affected by the proposal but the more support we can get the better.

After informal soundings a number of us have got together to organise the required petition. If you want to join the steering group or have very strong views about the name please let me know as soon as possible .

Spring cleaning on a huge scale

For 8 years I've been picking up litter on Squires Lane and more recently between the two villages. This year I decided to do something about the litter and fly-tipping disfiguring the rest of the parish, some of which had been there for years.

A vast area from Warsop Windmill to the Vicar Water Country Park, from Peafield Lane to forestry Holdings Road has been cleared. Gorsethorpe Lane was particularly bad. There are still a few hot spots and large items to deal with in the next few weeks. A huge quantity of bottles, cans and polythene bags have been collected. Bob & Ann Davies (Squires Lane) allowed me to put large quantities in their skip. Mine and neighbour's bins have been filled weekly and Newark & Sherwood Council have removed a lot – especially tyres.

The Parish part of the Council Tax went up 25% this year. Yet the Parish's litter picker doesn't come to this end of the parish.



Work to start to stabilise Palace ruins

English Heritage have provided 80% of the money to pay for the work and the County Council the rest. The English Heritage report described the site as ruins of 'an important provincial royal palace'. The stonemason will be starting work in the next few weeks and will be on site for about four months.

Please do not go near the palace whilst the work is taking place.

Path to Sherwood Pines

The County Council have asked the Planning Department to make a rural path link to Forestry Holdings Road a condition of planning consent for the proposed Forest Lodge complex in Sherwood Pines. The photo shows the new path link at Maythorne (Southwell). The only such link in the county it has a low cost hardcore surface.



Sherwood Forest Caravan Site

A number of residents have voiced their concerns over the very visually intrusive extension to the caravan site. The owner told me that he is also concerned when I raised the matter with him. A very large number of trees, including quick growing Leylandii have been planted to provide a screen, It is just a matter of waiting for them to grow.

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