

Parish Tree Scheme

The Parish Council would like to encourage residents to make use of this scheme, organised by SCDC, to plant trees or hedges within the village. Plants can be obtained at a discounted price for:

- Restoring gaps in hedgerows
- Planting new hedges on farmland or parish land
- Planting trees on private land if they will contribute to the landscape
- Copses, tree belts or small woodlands
- Churchyards
- Commemorative planting on village greens and public spaces

If you would more information, or would like to take part this year, please contact Cllr Tim Chase (685228) or the Parish Clerk (723623) by mid August.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

July 2010

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Parish Council website: www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

Village Hall News

Auditions for the next Kettleburgh Players Production start on **Thursday 9th September at 7:00 pm** in the Hall. **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs** is the next production, with lots of opportunities for all, on stage and behind the scenes. Come along and find out more. The pantomime takes place on 10th, 11th & 12th February 2011.

Gritting Bins

Following the treacherous roads in the icy weather earlier this year, a new grit pile has been requested at the top of Mill Lane. If you are aware of any other places in the parish where grit would be an aid to safety in winter, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Village Grocer

The mobile shop, operated by Damien Payton, now visits Kettleburgh on a regular basis. It stops behind the Village Hall on Fridays from 11:00a.m—12 noon. Items available include bread, milk, fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy produce, groceries and household items.

Local events *(in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated)*

25 July— Autojumble—Church Farm
26 July— Salsa class (1st of six)
6 August— Coffee morning
29 August— Family fun day—Village Green
4 September— Village Produce Show
18 September— Race Night – IAO KGT
23 October—Old Tyme Music Hall evening—IAO the Village Hall

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Report from the Annual Parish Council Meeting

At the meeting on Wednesday 19 May six parishioners were present. As District, County and Police reports had been received on 12 May, there were no further updates.

The first item of business at the Annual Parish Council Meeting is always to elect a chairman for the year. Cllr David Harris was unanimously re-elected as Chairman, with Cllr Trevor Jessop as Vice Chairman.

PLANNING DECISIONS from SCDC:

C10/0117: 1 & 2 Stone Cottages – Replacement & Repair of windows REFUSED

C10/0752: Aleenta - Erection of single storey front extension APPROVED

PLANNING APPLICATION:

C10/1066: Kettleburgh Hall – Removal of stud & plasterboard wall and reinstatement of ornamental beams. The applicant, Ms Amanda Purves, explained that planning permission was required as Kettleburgh Hall is listed. The work does not affect the intrinsic character of the building and allows for a more suitable living arrangement. Councillors unanimously supported this application.

Kettleburgh Terminal Pumping Station: Longstanding problems with increasing outflow from Anglia Water's (AW) sewers have resulted in sewage discharge to the River Deben. The Environment Agency (EA) refused AW's retrospective request for discharge consent at the beginning of 2009. AW has appealed against this decision and a hearing took place at Seckford Hall on 20 May 2010, which included a site meeting. The appeal was dismissed. The background to this matter is given opposite.

Traffic Calming: The SCC proposals for traffic calming have been adapted with a new design for more visible gateways. Once agreed, work should begin soon. It will be possible to use our own funding for an additional gateway on the Framlingham Road. This will need to be approved and signed off by SCC Highways.

Financial Matters: The Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010 were received and approved. The revaluation of the Village Green will be recorded once the necessary paperwork is completed. The Annual Return Statements of Assurance were completed and signed and the necessary documents will be sent to BDO, the external auditors.

Clerk's Report and Any Other Business: Cllr Chase has contacted Flagship Housing with regard to the planting of trees on their small area of grass by the bus shelter. Flagship Housing agreed to the planting, with the Parish Council being responsible for work and maintenance. Cllr Durbin suggested that villagers could be made more aware of Parish Council Meetings if they are advertised outside the Village Hall. Cllr Germain offered to produce posters for display outside the hall on the weekend before each meeting. Cllr Jessop distributed Kettleburgh Annual Reports to Councillors for delivery. As last week's Annual Parish Meeting was largely devoted to the Parish Questionnaire, reports from village organisations were not read out, but were produced in printed form for every household. They are also available on the village website. Magnox South sponsored the production. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Jessop for his work organising the printing and collating.

Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2010 –11

8 September

10 November

12 January 2011

16 March

18 May – Annual Parish Council Meeting

All meetings start at 7:15p.m, with refreshments served from 7:00p.m.

Kettleburgh Terminal Pumping Station

Cretingham, Brandeston and Kettleburgh were put on 'main drainage' approximately 25 years ago. Sewage from Cretingham is collected and pumped to Brandeston, this along with the sewage from Brandeston is pumped on to Kettleburgh. From Kettleburgh the sewage is pumped to Framlingham Sewage Treatment Works for treatment.

The system is a foul only or 'separate' system. Such sewers cannot transport all flows in extreme weather events and the Cretingham, Brandeston and Kettleburgh pumping stations all have Environment Agency (EA) consents in place for 'sewage in an emergency', allowing an overflow discharge in the event of mechanical or electrical failure. Anglian Water (AW) obtained the first consent for Kettleburgh pumping station in June 1985 and another in June 1992 on the basis that the discharge was of sewage effluent from an 'Emergency Overflow' at an estimated frequency of 1 - 2 times per year. The discharge to be made from an identified outlet into the adjacent, unnamed, tributary of the River Deben, and be screened by a 15mm bar screen. This consent, which remains in force, also specifies that an alarm should be provided, and that AW should supply a yearly report to the EA of the operation of the overflow.

A formal caution for an unauthorised storm overflow discharge was issued by the EA to AW in February 2009 following a series of incidents of storm overflows from the pumping station. Since April 2008, AW have reported all overflow events thus the EA became aware of the frequency of such events. In February 2009 AW changed its response to overflow discharges from allowing them and tankering on occasions, to sealing the outlet and tankering away all storm sewage. Since then no overflows to the tributary have occurred**.

Throughout 2008/09 AW have been investigating why unusually high flows in the sewer are encountered during periods of wet weather. They have made some progress in eliminating surface water flowing direct to pumping station wet cells and relining and renovation of certain sewer stretches discovered to have deficiencies. To what extent this has been successful is unknown.

The EA received an application from AW for a discharge consent to regularise an existing unconsented storm overflow from the Kettleburgh pumping station in October 2008. The EA refused the application on the 9 February 2009. AW appealed against this decision and an appeal hearing was held on the 20 May 2010 by the Planning Inspectorate. On the 28 June 2010 it was confirmed that the Inspector had dismissed the appeal.

The current situation is unacceptable and the overflow outlet remains sealed.

*(**Such 'tankering' causes local nuisance but usually, although not always, prevents discharges out of the pumping station's 'wet cell'. For example, there have been many incidents of discharges from manholes in the 'Chequers' garden adjacent to their letting rooms, the last occurrence taking place in the week commencing the 12 July 2010.)*

A copy of all documents submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and the Inspector's decision is held by Kettleburgh Parish Council.