

PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

PROGRESSIVE PARISH PROVISION

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PARISH APPRAISAL

Last summer the Parish Council carried out an Appraisal to determine what you thought of the parish and how it could be improved. 164 households out of 250 (66%) responded - thank you. Of those who responded to the question, almost half thought that the Council was poor in publicising its activities and decisions. A similar response was received regarding the way in which your Council Tax is spent. This newsletter is our first step towards responding to these concerns. Other issues identified by the Parish Appraisal will be addressed by the Council over the coming months.

CONSERVATION SCHEME

Parishoners have expressed concern about the state of the footway on Main Street for several years. In particular, there is now a noticeable slope towards the road and the surface is beginning to crumble. When parish councillors raised the matter with officials from the Borough and County councils, it was suggested that rather than simply resurface the footway with tarmac, materials should be used that are more in keeping with the natural stone buildings that line it. As a result, the Parish Council has decided to pursue a scheme of environmental improvements to Main Street, similar to those carried out in Linby and other villages within the Borough over recent years.

The Council want to hear your views. A public meeting has been arranged for 7.15pm, on Wednesday, 21st April 1999 in the Village Hall and you are cordially invited to attend. It is essential that in undertaking such a scheme materials are selected that blend in as near as possible with existing stonework and samples of proposed kerbs and pavings will be available for inspection. The following possibilities have so far been

identified. In each case, it will be necessary to remove the existing tarmac and restore the height of the kerbs to provide a level surface.

Kerbs: Some of the existing stone kerbs are damaged and it is likely that others will crumble when they are lifted. In any event, it is proposed to replace existing concrete kerbs with kerbs of a more sympathetic material. Replacement kerbs could either be 'conservation' kerbs or of sawn York stone.

Option 1: resurface with similar tarmac.

Option 2: resurface with concrete tegular blockwork (colour and patterns to be decided).

Option 3: resurface with riven York stone paving slabs, new or used (subject to availability).

Option 4: resurface with small-element concrete paving to match the 'conservation' kerbs (colour to be decided).

Each option has its own advantages and draw-backs. More information will be provided at the meeting.

It is proposed to replace all present vehicle crossings and install 'dropped' kerbs at appropriate points to facilitate access by pushchairs, wheelchairs etc. Anyone with specific requirements or suggestions should let us know before or at the meeting.

In addition, it is hoped that by the use of embellishment kits the current street lamps on Main Street can be made to look more appropriate. Due to the inefficiency of the present lighting system, we are also looking into replacing the luminaires.

Because this is a scheme to enhance the Conservation Area, it is hoped that special grants will be available towards the cost from County and Borough Councils. The Parish Council will also consider contributing from its Capital Grant allocation.

NEXT MEETING: The next Parish Council meeting and Annual General meeting will be held at 7.15pm on Wednesday, 12th May 1999, in the Village Hall.

AND FINALLY: Parish Council and Borough Council Elections will be held on Thursday, 6th May 1999. Don't forget to vote!