

Allhallows Parish News

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Happy New Year to everyone in the Parish. It has been a difficult start to the year, but members of the Parish Council have been working to see what improvements can be made. The Chairman, Margaret Abbott has met with the Environment Agency about problems with the River Ellen. The Parish Survey (see below) has been helpful in informing Councillors about various issues.

Parish Survey: Thank you for all your responses. One of the outstanding revelations has been how confusing it is for us all to ascertain which council is responsible for various aspects of daily life. In fact, the Parish Council has little power, but is able to convey concerns and issues to the different Councils. We also comment on planning requests and matters. Our two Allerdale Borough Councillors (Bill Finlay and David Wilson) and Jim Lister our Cumbria County Councillor attend every meeting. They can be contacted via the Parish website (see at the top of this newsletter) or by their phone numbers on the back.

Parish Survey Findings:

Jim Lister has been asked to contact Cumbria Highways about road flooding and blocked gulleys. Margaret Abbott is in contact with the Environment Agency about the River Ellen.

We have heard nothing recently about the proposed removal of some streetlights. The Parish Council certainly has no money to fund any extra lighting. The Council is aware of any possible problems and has raised these concerns to Electricity North West.

Jim Lister has been made very, very aware of the Parish Council's concerns over the state of the roads in the parish. We know about the heavy vehicles. However we have had a unique success within the county! We objected very strongly to the proposed increase in the speed limit between Mealsgate and Fletchertown and were the *only* community that were not ignored.

The bus shelter is proving to be a difficult problem to solve. At the moment there is a debate over the siting of this. Safety considerations must come first. We know that the buses transporting students to the two secondary schools pick up and drop at different places. We are trying to resolve this problem. We also know how much the 39 bus on a Tuesday and a Friday is appreciated. The County Council are fully aware of this debate and we hope to reach a satisfactory conclusion as soon as possible.

We hope to have the temporary speed monitor back very soon. If you are willing to offer to host this then please get in touch. Of course reductions in police numbers is an added problem.

Parking is an ongoing difficulty. Obviously the absence of any public transport to help the working day necessitates the use of one or more cars for every household. Also, we have no right to own the parking space outside our homes. Fletchertown is particularly troublesome. Parking at the end of the road, just by the junction of the B5299 is causing a huge problem and the police have been informed. Recently an ambulance had great difficulty answering an emergency call because of negotiating a blocked road in the village.

The Allhallows centre car park is needed for hall events and is a private facility. Instead the now empty recycling area is an overspill car park for residents. Despite a suggestion, there is no money or land to build any garages.

Public Participation: The Parish Council meets on the **first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. (except August) in the Allhallows Centre in Fletchertown.** The Agenda is displayed on the parish noticeboards. The AGM is held at the May meeting at 7pm. At every meeting there is an agenda item inviting members of the public to speak for 5 minutes about a matter concerning them. You can just turn up, or if you prefer you can send a letter beforehand to the Parish Clerk, or to a Councillor. We also have a parish website www.allhallowspccumbria.co.uk which has records of all meetings from 2011. As mentioned previously, as well as the Parish Councillors, the Borough and County Councillors attend.

Allotments: There are no vacancies at present.

Dogs: There have been complaints about dog mess; please clean up after your dog, and an increase in noise. The Parish Council asks that dogs are not left to bark for a prolonged time.

Allhallows Centre: The Centre is in regular use. Are there events that you would like to be part of The Centre Committee makes an enormous effort to accommodate the different tastes of everyone? Nobody should complain that there is nothing to do, so check with the notice boards. Regular events include

Bingo on the 1st Friday of the month at 7pm

Quiz nights with pie and peas next one, Saturday March 12th 7.30pm

Vintage Toy exhibition 25th-28th March with raffle and tombola

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