

Recreation Ground Improvement Project

The Lindale Village Recreation Ground Fund kick started its campaign for a new children's playground with its first major fundraising event on Wednesday (16 February). Around 50 children from Lindale and beyond attended a special Kids Disco hosted by renowned local entertainer Dave Simpson, who very generously donated his time for free and kept youngsters enthralled for an hour and a half with games, music, dancing and magic tricks. The event in the Village Hall was a great success, raising nearly £200 via admissions and refreshment sales.

100 Club launch

Many thanks to all those who have completed applications to join the 100 club, due to be launched in January 2011. Regrettably there have not yet been enough applications for it to be viable and so the start date has been deferred. A flyer and application form is enclosed with this newsletter; please support the fundraising project to improve this valuable and widely used facility.

(N.B. No cheques will be cashed until it is confirmed that the draws will proceed, all cheques will be returned if it is not possible to proceed)

Public meeting to 'Talk Toilets'

A public meeting was held at the Royal Oak pub on Monday 21 February to discuss ways in which local residents, trades-people and businesses might support the PC both financially and practically, if we take on the new lease to keep the toilets open. The Chair and Clerk gave a brief presentation, outlining the financial and practical implications. Because the budget for 2011/12 has already been set there will be a shortfall in the amount which it is estimated that it will cost to run the toilets for this year and the meeting was delighted to learn that Hadwins (Lindale) Ltd have generously offered to cover this for 2011, and to review the situation annually going forward. In addition South Lakes Services, who currently provide cleaning services for Hadwins, have offered in principle to undertake cleaning at no cost to the Parish. We are most grateful for these pledges of financial and practical help. It is hoped that local tradespeople will continue the support they previously gave to the Sports Club by helping with repairs, decorating etc. The final details are still under discussion but the Parish Council will consider the arrangements at the meeting on 2 March and will make a final decision regarding taking on the lease with SLDC, so that the village will continue to benefit from this facility.

Dog Control Order

The 2nd Consultation period closed on 20th February. In light of the points submitted and their own deliberations, following the 1st Consultation, councillors decided that the proposals would be amended to drop the requirement to keep dogs to the footpath, while retaining the requirements to clean up faeces and to keep dogs on a lead. This will effectively allow access for dogs on leads to all parts of the recreation ground. The Parish Council will now be able to consider any further representations received and proceed with a formal decision to make the proposed Dog Control Order.

Councillors are aware that to 'do nothing' on this issue is not an option. It is hoped that the revised proposals will prove a sensible way forward, acceptable to the majority of residents, and will enable us to fulfil our obligation to protect the health and safety of recreation ground users.

Good News on the Wilkinson Monument Appeal

The tender process in respect of the proposed work on the Wilkinson Monument has now been completed and we hope to appoint a contractor in early March 2011 with the work commencing in

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Spring 2011. We are very grateful to the community, the Taylor Newton and Hibbert Trust and other organisations which have helped us raise the funds for this project.

Highways Issues

The Parish Council is currently working closely with County Councillor Bill Wearing regarding a number of Highways issues relating to the Parish.

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