



Open Letter to The Residents of Elton

Dear Residents of Elton

It has come to the attention of the Parish Council that some misconceptions have arisen about a number of issues.

- The Extension to the Dog Park

The extension to the Dog Park was approved and voted on last summer. Unfortunately, due to other Council business, work on the extension only started this week. This work will continue during March and the spring. Once the grass has grown to a suitable height the fence and a new gate will be added before the opening of the Dog Park Extension.

- The Jubilee Field

Contrary to some posts on the Elton Village Chat page the Parish Councillors have always taken the view that both projects can progress side by side, without either project being harmed by the other. Obviously, some residents disagree with the Parish Council's decision, however, the decision was not taken lightly. The Parish Council considered all available options before making a final decision.

- The Precept

The Parish Precept which is part of your Council Tax, was not increased last year. However, this year after much deliberation, it was necessary for a small increase to be made. This is to cover the cost of running the Parish Council for items such as staff wages for the street orderlies to keep the streets free of litter, grass cutting, Christmas tree and lights, purchase and maintenance of planters around the Village, maintaining and improving the children's Play Area. The Parish Council is also supporting other projects in the Village which will benefit the residents of Elton. The increase in Precept was absolutely not for payment for the Dog Park Extension. A top priority for the current Parish Council is the essential refurbishment of the Play Area equipment to ensure it remains safe. The safety of all our residents is of major importance to the present Parish Council.

Finally, the Parish Council would kindly remind residents that only information on this official webpage and Facebook page has been sanctioned and authorised by the Parish Council as correct.

Other webpages and Facebook pages that express views concerning the Parish Council cannot be taken as reliable. These individuals express views which have not been sanctioned or authorised by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council meets at Elton Community Centre on the second Monday of the month (excluding August) and welcomes residents to the first part of the meeting.

Maureen Wilson Chair of Elton Parish Council