

# FLINTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH NEWS

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### SPEEDWATCH HELP NEEDED

At Flintham Parish Council's December meeting, a letter from Aslockton Parish Council asked if the council was still interested in being involved with the Community Speedwatch scheme. Four villages share the use and costs of a speed gun. Coun. Digby Burley said he would attempt to recruit three people to make up a team of volunteers after Coun. Sue Clayton said she was the only volunteer still involved. If volunteers come forward the police will be asked to train them. The general feeling was that the council should continue to be part of the scheme. There was interest in a new scheme with different equipment and a willingness to attend a training meeting.

The Local Government Boundary Commission has completed the Electoral review of Nottinghamshire. Flintham will be in the new Bingham East division for County Council elections.

Sports Ground and Play Park: The chairman Coun. David Cartledge updated the council in regard to grant funding from Sports England. It has been confirmed the total grant for the ground drainage scheme will be £68,000. The Council will seek further help from WREN. The councillors agreed that the clerk should write to Jenny Kirkwood of RCAN to thank her for the help she had given the chairman during the funding application.

## PLANS FOR 95 FLINTHAM HOMES

**Rushcliffe Borough Council has been asked to give permission for up to 95 homes on the now derelict site of the former Officers' Mess site on the edge of the village. The figure is almost double the one put forward in plans submitted and refused for the site 15 years ago.**

The application in 2000 was rejected on instruction from the Highways Agency saying the construction of an additional direct access to the A46 in Flintham would be "detrimental to highway safety and to the free flow of trunk road traffic."

The application will go to a meeting of the Borough Planning and Development Committee, but could yet be three months away from that, although it is expected the parish council may be looking at the plans at their first meeting in the New Year, on January 11.

Submitted on behalf of the Madni Trust who ran the Islamic School in the former RAF buildings, part of the new application calls for permission for 6 x 1 bedroom apartments, 7 x 2 bedroom apartments, 7 x 2 bedroom houses, 2 x 2 bedroom bungalows and 6 x 3 bedroom houses which are affordable properties.

Scott O'Dell, Planning Consultant and Urban Designer for Derby based Planning Design Practice Ltd says the scheme has evolved through a rigorous design process taking into account opportunities and constraints such as local context, the Borough's Residential Design Guide SPD and best practice design principles.

#### **Brownfield Site**

The application site comprises approximately 3.4 hectares of Brownfield land off Inholms Gardens on the northern extent of Flintham, described by the

developers as a rural settlement within the Borough of Rushcliffe and situated approximately 9km to the south west of the larger settlement of Newark-on-Trent and 10km north east of Bingham.

Mr O'Dell says Flintham benefits from a number of local facilities which include a primary school, village hall, church, public house, community shop, public transport links and recreational facilities while Newark-on-Trent and Bingham, as larger settlements, offer a wide range of additional facilities.

The site is dissected by Inholms Gardens leaving two parcels of land. Inholms Gardens has been recently improved as part of the A46 upgrade to a dual carriageway. The site as a whole is bordered by tree planting and the A46 slip road and overpass to the north; fields to the east, cricket green and residential development to the south and the A46 to the west.

The site currently accommodates a number of derelict buildings and substantial areas of hard-standing. It has been vacant for many years and is overgrown while the buildings have deteriorated through vandalism and being open to the elements. Flintham, says Mr O'Dell, exhibits two primary character areas which are easily identifiable due to their spatial separation and time of construction. 'Old Flintham' has a mixed agricultural and country estate character with traditional forms and the use of red brick and clay pan tile. 'New Flintham' represents the character in the immediate vicinity.

#### **Outline**

The application has been submitted in outline with all matters reserved, as such the layout and external appearance of the proposed dwellings has not been finalised and is for consideration at a later stage. However, the application is accompanied by an illustrative layout which demonstrates how 95 dwellings could be accommodated on the site.

The redevelopment of this site will inherently contribute positively to the character and appearance of the village through the removal of unsightly buildings and their cartilage.

The agent for the Madni Trust says the site is located such that nearby residents will not be adversely impacted upon in terms of their amenity.

The proposal includes the formation of two access points onto Inholms Gardens.

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### 95 HOMES from page one

Mr O'Dell says: "The proposal would result in the social benefits associated with helping to address the District's shortfall in housing supply, and providing affordable housing to meet a local need. The proposal would broaden the choice of quality homes in the village, and contribute positively towards the vitality of the community through increasing and diversifying its population with new residents which can support the local services and engage in social and community events."

## Bits & Bobs

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE County Library Service has confirmed dates and times of the 2016 mobile library visits to Flintham. The first one of the new year is January 27 and the next one is February 24.

Dates for the rest of the year are: March 15, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 13, August 10, Sept 7, October 5, and November 2.

The mobile library stops at Inholms Gardens (No. 16) 12.10-12.25.

Main Street, phone box 12.30-12.50pm.  
Coney Grey Spinney 14-40-14.55pm

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POLICE are being asked by the parish council to look at a problem of motorists who regularly park their vehicles near to the junction of Woods Lane and Main Street in the village, making it impossible for those emerging from the side lane to see what is approaching on the Main Street from either their left or right.

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ST AUGUSTINE'S Church at Flintham Service for the New Year is on Sunday January 4 at 11am - Holy Communion (CW)

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Mambo Jambo in Concert was staged at Flintham Village Hall as part of the Village Ventures Programme supported by Notts County Council.

### SMILE AT OUR ENGLISH LANGUAGE

The tip was so full that I had to **refuse** more **refuse**.

Now.....

## IT'S HORSE FOULING THAT IS A PROBLEM.

**A complaint has been made over a nuisance caused by horses fouling footpaths in the village.**

The main complaint involved the roadside path from the village school towards Coney Grey with one parent saying because of the fouling it is at times impossible to walk on the path, pointing out that the volume of any dropping is of course much larger than a dog fouling incident.

Said one person unhappy with the situation: "A dog owner can - and most times does - pick up the droppings, but that can't happen with a horse and so the droppings are left and become a hazard and a nuisance."

Horses being walked or ridden on pavements can from time to time be seen in the village and the owners are being asked by those who are concerned to be aware of the problem in the hope they will take action to change where their horses are taken.

## POLICE INVESTIGATE TWO INCIDENTS

TWO incidents in Flintham are being investigated by police.

The first involved Vehicle Interference on the Fosse Road when the offender smashed a window and removed wheel nuts to steal alloy wheels and the second was a burglary at a property on Woods lane when the offender had forced a shed door to steal items. Some items were later found in a field.

### NEW FLINTHAM BUS KERB

As part of a wider programme of raised bus kerbs, Notts County Council has confirmed they will be installing a new raised bus access kerb at the stop on Spring Lane at Flintham. It is anticipated that the necessary works should only take a couple of days at the site, so disruption they say should only be minimal.

### Support for Sports Christmas Raffle

THANKS to Kevin and Jo at the Boot & Shoe who raised £210 by selling raffle tickets for the Sports and Social Association's Christmas draw.

### VILLAGE PLAN FOR FLINTHAM A POSSIBILITY

AT a Parish Council meeting in September it was agreed to begin working towards developing a Village Plan if the need for such a major piece of work could be demonstrated.

Representatives from six Flintham organisations met in December to discuss Flintham's future, using the ex-Islamic School as a starting point. The proposed redevelopment offers a number of challenges, including both opportunities and threats. Communication, community facilities, traffic and parking were discussed and it was agreed to continue the discussions in January. Please contact the Parish Clerk for further details and for a copy of the notes of the meeting.

### The Gift of Presence

Mind Full, or Mindful?

Time going too fast

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Rushing through life with a constant 'to do' list that never gets completed?! Does this often leave you feeling **stressed, frustrated and unfulfilled?** Have you heard about the amazing benefits of **Mindfulness?** Would you like to learn about how to be more present, and therefore experience life in a more fulfilling, rich and satisfying way?

I run Saturday taster workshops or evening courses in West Bridgford.

For more information contact Lydia Weston on 07786 527665 or [lydia.weston57@gmail.com](mailto:lydia.weston57@gmail.com)

### THANKS FOR REMEMBERING PENELOPE STEVENSON

Keith and Sue Tunnicliffe (late of Charnell's Cottage, Inholms Road) donated £74.50 in November 2015 to Hayward House Hospice in memory of Penelope Stevenson. The money was raised from the sale of garden flowers and home grown tomatoes.

Keith and Sue would like to thank everyone who contributed and send their Flintham friends and neighbours best wishes for the future.

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