

# Swanland Parish Council Newsletter

## Summer 2007

### A Message from the Chairman

As this is the first letter of a new era for the parish council, can I first of all pay tribute to the work that has been done in the past by all those who have served the parish for many years. Their long experience of events in the village, the history of its development and the number of networks they brought to their work will be very greatly missed. It is only since I took on the role of chairing the council that I can now appreciate the amount of work put in by previous chairs, which is an every day occurrence and not just the meeting at the beginning of the month. This is without the supervision of the big public works contract to convert the old school into the new village hall and to which Colin Hotham devoted many hours of his time.

I could not let this milestone pass without also mentioning Marlene Barker who acted as the clerk for 17 years and provided the continuity that is so needed in maintaining the position of the council within the community. Our thanks and best wishes therefore go to them and also to Wallace Portal, Mike Frankish and John Gaze for their service over this time.

These are big shoes to fill and I will endeavour to do my best along with our new clerk Roz Jordan-Jackson who is already making changes to bring us in to the modern world of easier communications and data handling. It is very difficult to pick up on all the detailed information that is part of the day to day work of a small council but if you need any help or wish to pass on information, please do not hesitate to contact either Roz or myself and we will help if we can or if we do not know ourselves, we can find out through our contacts.

Finally, I would like to put on record my thanks to the new members of the council who have volunteered to put something back into the community and I hope, as they find their feet, they will cover other aspects of council work, which now need to be taken forward as times and pressures change.

**NOTE** – The inner pages of the printed version of this Newsletter have photos and details of the Council on. They are not included with this electronic version as they can be viewed on the Your Council page of the new Parish Council website.

## Blue Bin Reminder Service

Do you sometimes forget to put out your recycling bins? Why not join the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's text message scheme? Once you have joined they will send you a text message the day before your blue bin collection is due to remind you to put your bin out.

Simply text the word BLUE to the number that corresponds to your green bin collection day:

Monday: 07786 200830

Tuesday: 07786 208207

Wednesday: 07786201286

Thursday: 07786 200416

Your first message will be charged at your standard network rate, all other messages will be free.

## Bulky Items

Can be collected by ERYV for £20 for up to 5 items, [not DIY or builders waste]

Call The Customer Service Centre on 393939 for details of collection days etc.

## Fly Tipping

To report any fly tipping please call the EAYC on 393939

Many readers will remember that, for many years the Parish Council employed a diligent, conscientious road sweeper who, regrettably, had to retire. Since it proved impossible to recruit a replacement, the SVA volunteered to find a band of willing volunteers to take on the task of cleaning around the pond area of the village.

The Parish Council is very grateful for these SV A members but, as the area they clear is limited and, from time to time, we receive complaints from residents about the state of particular parts of the village, we wondered if villagers could form their own, very local, groups to clear and clean their own close, street or patch?

In the "olden days" (in living memory of many of us) every proud house wife would sweep and swill the area of pavement in front of her doorstep. There is no reason why this could not still happen.

Many people choose to live in Swan land because of the "village" atmosphere. If you care for the village in which you live and take a pride in living here why not do your bit - join the SV A cleaners group, form your own local area clean-up brigade or just do the patch in front of your house. Whichever you decide, the result will be a better environment in which we can all share.

**Yvonne Dumsday**