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Your Parish Council for 2011-2012

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held on 31st May 2011.

Councillor George Pennington was elected as Chairman and Councillor Vernon Chapman was appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Meetings of the Parish Council are held at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Centre on the last Tuesday of July, September, November, January, March and May.

Members of the public are always welcome to attend meetings of the Council.

You can ask questions at the meeting about local issues, subject to notifying the Clerk at least five days before the meeting.

Names and addresses of your Councillors, together with dates for meetings of the Council are posted on the parish notice-board.

Precept for 2011-2012

The Parish precept for 2011-2012 has increased to £10,500 per annum.

In setting the budget, the Parish Council decided to introduce a number of

new initiatives, including support for an annual village fete/fun day; a photographic competition; a best kept gardens competition; awards for the most community-

minded individuals within the village; and monies for environmental improvements in Eldon - there is more about these initiatives later in the newsletter.

Eldon Parish Plan – Tell us What You Think!

Work has begun on a Parish Plan for Eldon and Councillors and local residents are meeting every month to develop the Plan which will guide future development in the village and help to improve the environment for people living in Eldon.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6.30 p.m. in Eldon Community Centre and everyone is welcome to come along and get involved in the process.

An important part of the Plan process is to find out your views about Eldon and the changes and improvements you want

to see in your village.

In the next few weeks you will receive a questionnaire asking for your views. Please complete the questionnaire and return it to the Parish Council – **it is your opportunity to have your say about how your village can be a better place to live in.** There will be a free draw for those people who complete and return their questionnaires, with a prize of shopping vouchers.

We will also be asking young people about the changes they want to see in Eldon. Arrangements have been made for a fun day for young people on **Thursday 18th**

August, when we also hope to ask for their views about living in Eldon. The event will be held in the Community Centre and the field behind the Centre beginning at 10.30 a.m. Refreshments and activities for young people will be provided.

The event is still being planned, but we can tell you that the police dogs, Jet and Ben, will be there, so please make a note in your diary and come along to the event with your children – further information will be posted on the village notice-board beforehand, so please watch out for more news.



Eldon Community Centre

Did you know that Eldon Community Centre has a Cafe which is open on Wednesdays and Fridays between 9.00 a.m. and 12.45 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and take-away meals at very reasonable prices?

The Centre can also cater for special occasions, including - wedding receptions, anniversary or birthday celebrations, engagement parties, social events, children's parties, bereavement receptions and company meetings or conferences.

Room hire, buffets to order and a bar service are all available. Community Centre telephone – 01388 775955 or ring Diane on 01388 773309 or Ronnie on 01388 777462.

Gardens Galore!

Parish Councillors will be having a walkabout in the village on the evening of 12th July to choose the best kept gardens.

The Council is keen to encourage local residents to improve the appearance of the village

and three prizes of £80 of shopping vouchers will be awarded – one for the best garden in each of the following categories:

- Best Flower Display
- Best Vegetable Plot
- Best Kept Garden

If your garden can't be viewed from the highway and you want to enter the competition, you will need to allow us access to your garden. Please contact the Clerk before the judging date so the necessary arrangements can be made.

Get Snapping! – Photographic Competition

The Parish Council will soon have a new website which will also serve as a community notice-board for local people and organisations. We want to you to submit photographs

showing images of the village and village life in Eldon to use on the website. There will be more details in a future newsletter, but please get snapping away now.

We are looking for photographs covering all seasons of the year and prizes will be awarded for the best images submitted.

Community Awards

We all know someone who is a "good neighbour" and works hard to help other people, making our communities better places to live.

The Parish Council is keen to recognise work of

community-minded residents and is introducing an annual community award.

There will be two categories – one for adults and the other for young people up to 16 years.

The Parish Council will be asking for nominations later this year and will award prizes to the best person in each category.

Details of how to nominate people for the awards will be published later.

Look after Eldon!

The Gateway Scheme at the crossroads has made a big difference to the appearance of the village, but sadly, it was vandalised last year. Glass panels were also broken in the new bus shelter.

These facilities are provided for you and

any repairs have to come from your taxes.

If you see anyone vandalising community facilities in the village please report it to your Parish Councillors or Clerk and we will ensure that the perpetrators are reported to the police and damages sought.

Funding has also been provided for some environmental improvements in the village this year – please let your Councillors or Clerk know of any areas in the village that could benefit from a "tidy up", or some planting and we will see what can be done.

Annual Village Fete

In previous years villagers have come together to organise an annual village fete. This year the Parish Council has provided funding to

support the event and make it an even better experience for local people. A provisional date of **Saturday 27th August** has been set and more

details will be provided in a future newsletter.

If you have any ideas for the fete please contact your Councillors or Clerk.

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