

Welcome to Issue 2 of the new format Newsletter. I'll start with an apology for the delay in getting it out to you; it was our intention to publish the newsletter quarterly, but to be honest, there hasn't been much news to share. With the print and distribution costs being relatively high, I decided to delay publication until we'd got something to say, though we will aim for quarterly mailings whenever practical.

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To all Dog Owners

For the Health & Safety of all residents (especially children), and for our groundsman, Peter Ellis (who has to deal with the problem), may we remind all dog owners that excrement must be bagged and taken home or put in a bin

Changes to The Elsea Park Community Trust Board

The composition of the board changed back in January when The Chairman regretfully accepted the resignation of the Bourne Town Council appointed director, Cllr Trevor Holmes.

Trevor had served on the board for a considerable time, but felt there was a potential conflict of interest between his duties as a director of the Trust and his responsibilities as a member of Bourne Town Council. Trevor's breadth of knowledge, contribution, and sense of humour are certainly missed!

The Board thus ran "one light" until April's meeting, when Trevor's replacement, Cllr Shirley Cliffe introduced herself. Also present for the first time was Angela Bailey, who volunteered her services as a Resident Director in response to a trawl at the last AGM.

Angela's appointment takes the number of Resident Directors up to five, and we'd like to remind you that we are always on the look out for additional resident directors to join the board, particularly if you can offer expertise in legal, operations, or administrative disciplines.

Please contact Melanie Hart if you are interested in joining The Board

Members will recall that the Springbank Play Area was closed and fenced off last summer due to the graffiti and vandalism that had occurred. Additionally, residents in the near vicinity were suffering noise and nuisance, particularly once darkness fell.

In the November newsletter, we asked if anyone could suggest how we might resolve or reduce these problems, but in the absence of any ideas, and to enable the play area to re-open, we have decided on the following course of action (in consultation with residents in Springbank Drive).

- The swinging basket that suffered the most vandalism and abuse will be removed
- The remaining equipment will be repaired and refurbished as required
- The existing railings that surround the play area will be replaced with six-foot closed hoop railings and a lockable gate
- The Trust will then formally adopt the play area, and arrange for the play area to be locked each evening and unlocked each morning. People using the play area will be obliged to vacate it upon request so that it can be secured
- The opening times and rules will be displayed on a notice affixed to the railings

We sincerely hope that this approach will enable children to enjoy the play area whilst maintaining the quality of life of residents directly affected by the location of the play area.

We appeal to all parents to ask their children to respect the rules that are being introduced. This compromise, whilst not ideal, aims to strike the right balance for all parties.

Direct Debiting up & Running

The Direct Debit scheme announced in the last newsletter was introduced this year to enable members (who so wish) to spread the cost of the Annual Community Trust charge

Unfortunately, a delay in setting up the system meant that April payments could not be processed, resulting in a double payment in May.

General Appearance Of The Site

As promised by Dan Browne, the rubble at the bottom of The Pollards has been removed along with significant volumes of soil etc to the North of the existing development. In the coming months, The Trust will inspect and formally take over more of the open spaces which will then be maintained to a much higher standard than in the past.

We continue to receive complaints from members about neighbours who:

- Park in allocated parking spaces that belong to others, or who “hog” visitors parking slots with second (or third) cars.
- Park on pavements to such an extent that people pushing buggies etc are forced to walk in the roads as they are unable to get past.
- Put their wheelie bins out too early, or leave them out too long after being emptied
- Park opposite driveways or block drives. This makes it difficult for residents to enter or exit their own property.
- Park commercial vehicles on Elsea Park in breach of the restrictive covenants that are a condition of house purchase.

Can we respectfully request that residents be considerate to others, whilst reminding you that some of the issues mentioned above may constitute an offence against the Road Traffic Act, local byelaws, or could result in civil proceedings.

Update on the Road Situation

Our resident expert, Peter Garnham , continues to engage with LCC and Kier, and has provided the following update:

Relief Road: Remedials are programmed and LCC advise they are awaiting traffic management plans prior to approval.

Elsea Park inner roads: Kerbing and surfacing remedial shave been agreed for the main distributor / spine road through the estate, however a decision is to be made on the mini roundabouts. A level survey has been carried out to determine if changes are required to the level of the mini roundabouts and to confirm their exact layout in terms of surface treatment / contrast / materials etc.

Peter has asked further specific questions regarding these phases / roads along with others across the site. He has requested that Kier should consider communicating directly with residents, or The Trust to confirm their intentions this year. If Kier could simply confirm their intention to complete remedial works across the site and resurface selected footways and roads this year it would give many residents some peace of mind.

We have to be realistic and accept that everything is unlikely to be completed in one year however a firm commitment from Kier that residents will actually see progress this year after years of stagnation would be welcome.

Peter will continue to keep up the pressure on LCC and any updates will be posted to the web site.

The trust office is currently located at:

The Garage, 1 The Pollards, Bourne, Lincolnshire, PE10 0FR
(this address should be used for all written correspondence).

We expect the office to be moving to a new (interim) location in one of the Coach Houses opposite the current show homes, prior to moving to the new community centre once the building is completed.

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Elsa Park Community Centre



This picture shows how the new Community Centre (which Kier have advised should be ready by the end of this year) might look.

We are currently investigating the costs of equipping the new building and the fixtures and fittings that will be required.

Whilst Kier are providing the building, the costs of furnishing and equipping the building to suit the needs of the Trust Members will incur major expenditure by The Trust .