

2008 - a year in the Cemetery

Another year has gone by and it's time for the last cut of the cemetery grass, trim the trees and generally put it to bed for the winter.



Cllr Brian Barber

I hope you are all happy with the appearance of the cemetery these days. We have been very fortunate to have the Community team here every other week, toiling away on our behalf. They have removed all the ivy from the graves, weeds have been drastically reduced and pathways cleared, so on behalf of The Parish I would like to give them a big thank you. Plus another thanks, to our regular contractors for a great job done.



This year we have extended the area for the internment of Ashes, but as these are the most popular burials we will need to plan a new area for the future, possibly with some shrubbery and a bench.

Did you know that you could reserve a burial plot in our Cemetery, called 'EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF BURIAL for a period of 75 years in an earthen grave'. Maybe this is not the right time of the year to be planning ahead, but there again, when is. Once the existing burial ground is full another plot of land will need to be found, and this time it will be located away from the Church, so maybe the time is right. For full details contact the Parish Clerk – Sheila on 01778 343266.

A Merry Christmas from the Cemetery committee.

Chairman: Cllr Brian Barber

Going places - the DSJ Parish Council Transport Committee

During 2008 the Council have been working with Lincolnshire County Council on an ongoing project to introduce a cycle way/ foot path between The Goat in Frognall and the Deepings School to ensure increased safety for our children, and all other users. The Parish Council will be contributing £10,000 towards this project, and it is hoped that it will be installed and in use within this financial year.

Options for installing vehicle activated signs in the village in known hot spot speeding areas are also being investigated and the Council are now waiting for a decision from Lincolnshire County Council who have been conducting trials. Meanwhile, the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership will be installing a temporary sign in Linchfield Road to help reduce the speed of vehicles, and will be monitoring another hot spot area – the Spalding Road. The Parish Council are now encouraging LCC to install 20mph and slow signs in the Deepings School area.

There are now 10 bus shelters in the village and these are owned and maintained by the Parish Council. Unfortunately this year three have been vandalised. These have all been investigated and repaired. Plans have been put forward to make further improvements to the bus stops through the installation of additional hard standings and seating in 2009-10.

Following a survey of dropped kerbs, arrangements are being progressed for improvements to the kerb in Ryecroft Avenue in order to improve access and promote safety for pedestrians.

For 2009, the Transport Committee have a modest budget of £3,500 and will continue to promote access and safety in the village in conjunction with partners.

Stuart Wallis, Chairman Transport Committee



While the Parish Council have been unsuccessful in their bid to have the K6 telephone kiosk in Church Street listed, they have 'adopted' the kiosk from BT in order to avoid its removal.

We have a ^{new} plan

New national planning rules came into effect in October, so people may need to check again if they need planning permission for minor alterations or extensions. Under the new rules planning consent may now be needed – even if previous advice said no planning permission would be required. Any development where work has not started before October 1, must comply with the new rules and may now need planning permission.

- Alterations to principal and side elevations
- Visual impact will be considered for principal and side elevations under the new rules.
- Paving over of front gardens
- Only hard-standings which allow water to drain freely will be allowed. This applies to both new surfaces and repair of existing surfaces over 5 square metres.
- Positioning of side-facing windows
- To prevent overlooking of neighbours. This includes Velux-type roof windows.
- Chimneys, soil and vent stacks and ventilation pipes
- Must not be higher than 1m above the highest part of the roof.
- Some developments will be relaxed by the new regulations:
- Solar panels
- The rules concerning solar panels in conservation areas will be less restrictive.



If your alterations include any of the elements covered by the new rules, you need to check that your plans still comply. Existing planning permission will not be affected.

More information is available at www.planningportal.gov.uk. or call SKDC on 01476 406080 to make an appointment to see a planning officer for advice.