



SHADWELL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2012

The Chairman's Letter

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

In January, you will receive a Questionnaire from the Steering Group asking for your opinions on all aspects of Shadwell and village life. The Parish Council and the Steering Group urge you to spare the time to complete and return this most important document.

Why should I bother?

Eventually, you will be asked to vote on the completed plan. You can influence what goes into the plan as the process develops – the plan will not be adopted by LCC unless 50+% of voters agree. So – it is vital that we take your views into account.

What goes into the Plan?

Our hopes for the future! These may be:- Buildings and facilities we want to save; views, green spaces and our village environment we want to protect; transport, schools, health facilities we wish to improve. *HAVE YOUR SAY*

Why do we need a Neighbourhood Plan?

Leeds City Council is required by the Government to supply some 75,000 homes over the next 15 years. That is quite a considerable number and these will be built across the city.

North East Outer Area – of which we are a part – is being asked to take some 4600 of these homes. (The area roughly runs from Shadwell to Wetherby/ Boston Spa/Thorp Arch, from Harewood to Barwick/Aberford and all villages in between.) It is generally accepted that all the communities will need to take some development. Until we have a plan, developers can keep adding possible sites (known as SHLAA sites) for development and will argue that homes should be built in our area of Leeds rather than to the south of the city.

UNLESS WE HAVE A PLAN (At the moment, SHLAA sites in Shadwell alone would produce over 1000 houses.)

Do we need more housing?

Some of you may be keen to have a lot of new housing in Shadwell, and you can make this known on the questionnaire. It is not all about preventing development and it may be that residents would like to see hundreds of new properties being built in the village. If that is the case, Shadwell would need many new facilities and amenities – not to mention an improved road network and infrastructure – and these aspirations can be made known on the questionnaire.

Alternatively, it may be that you can see the need for a limited amount of development. But - what style, size, shape, what building materials, etc? Large homes, small homes, affordable housing, retirement homes? And - where shall they be built? *We can have a say in this provided we all engage in the process.*

If we have more housing, what's in it for us?

We would get 'some money' from the Community Infrastructure Levy raised by the City Council from the developers to put towards amenities, infrastructure, etc – but so far, LCC haven't decided what percentage of the levy would go to the local community.

How can I find out more?

We will be holding an open event in the Village Hall early in the New Year. Keep an eye open for notification on the village noticeboards and on the websites of the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan.

Please come along and see maps showing areas which have been proposed for development. Come and talk to members of the group and ask questions and give feedback. You will be most welcome.

. . . Remember: We will be expected to take some development, but this is our chance to make sure we get what we want and what is best for our community

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN OPEN MEETING CONCERNING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING ON SATURDAY, 19 JANUARY 2013 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

To find out more, and keep up to date, you can click on to the NP Website: www.shadwellneighbourhoodplan.co.uk

Debbie Potter
Chairman, Shadwell Parish Council

SHADWELL INDEPENDENT LIBRARY

Over 18 months ago, Leeds City Council announced their intention to close Shadwell Library. There were a number of Public Meetings at which the Community indicated a strong desire to keep the Library open. A petition to that effect was signed by over 700 residents and a committee was formed to make sure that could happen.

This is to let you all know that, when the Leeds Library Service ends its involvement with the Library at the end of December, the local group is formally taking over. Leeds is leaving us the computers and all library stock (which will have been further improved by the end of the year) and we shall be adding new books and CDs as time goes on. We already have a wonderful selection of donations waiting to go on the shelves.

So, from the 7th January 2013 we shall be open at the following times:

Monday 10am to 12 noon

Thursday 3pm to 5pm

Saturday 10am to 12 noon

and coffee, tea and biscuits will be available for our users. These hours will be reviewed when we find out what suits most people.

Further changes will be gradual, but already extra heaters have been bought and many plans are afoot. We are particularly keen that the library will become a multi-purpose venue, a community building that can be used for all sorts of activities including the recently formed Shadwell History Society, a film club, small concerts, art classes and exhibitions, adult education, a place to meet your Parish Councillors, your local City Councillors and your Member of Parliament, as well as the local police and any other activity which may be suggested by you.

You will all know that the building needs a great deal of money spending on it and at the moment we have a number of grant applications being processed. When we know the result of these we shall be able to form concrete plans for further refurbishment. At some time we will have to close for a while to allow work on the roof, damp-proofing, electrical and plaster work, but we will keep you all posted. You will have to be patient and accept that the Committee is working very hard to get this venture off the ground and we look to you not only for support, but patience as well. If you want to volunteer to be a Librarian or for any other activity please get in touch with

Robert Dyson at shadwelldyson@btinternet.com - Tel 0113 2737440

Close up of a Councillor – Councillor Debbie Potter

Although I was born on the Wirral, I have lived in Leeds for most of my life and feel very much a Leeds and a Yorkshire person! I attended Talbot Road Primary School, and Allerton High School, and then trained at the North of England Secretarial College. I worked as a secretary and then PA for a large agricultural firm, which was great fun and very varied. I then went off on a tangent and became a Fitness Instructor – a job which I still do. My husband and I moved into the Village and we were still unpacking when I was asked to act as Secretary for Shadwell Residents Association – so I have always been involved in Village life. I became as Parish Councillor and then, after a few years, Chairman. I also set up Shadwell in Bloom with 2 of my PC colleagues. I have many interests – badminton, tennis, swimming, walking, gardening, local history, dancing. I enjoy holidays – recently catching the cruising bug - and ‘going out’! I live in Shadwell with my husband and 2 cats.

Snow Wardens Needed

As you are aware, the Parish Council has already employed two local contractors to clear the snow from the side streets of Shadwell. Leeds City Council would like to trial a scheme where “snow wardens” will clear the footways and the Parish Council is looking for volunteers.

The scheme would see volunteers working under the guidance of a ‘Snow Champion’ to clear snow from footways and pedestrian areas to allow people better access to bus stops, shops and other local services and amenities.

What LCC will provide;

- A supply of bagged rock salt
- Snow shovels
- Fluorescent vests
- Information & advice leaflets on snow clearing
- Advance weather information when we receive a forecast of snow
- A Highways Services contact at one of our 3 operational depots

If you are interested in volunteering, or need further information, please contact our Snow Champion, Cllr Norman Taylor on 0113 2737393

SHADWELL HISTORY SOCIETY

STEVE BURT ON THE HISTORY OF ROUNDHAY PARK TUESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2013 7.30pm RECREATION CENTRE

Steve Burt is a very inspirational and entertaining speaker. He will be telling us lots of interesting facts and humorous stories about Roundhay Park and some of its links with Shadwell. Steve is currently Visiting Professor of History at the University of Huddersfield, and historical adviser to the Civic Trust. He has written a number of books including: ‘An Illustrated History of Roundhay Park’ and ‘An Illustrated History of Alwoodley’.

£2.00 includes Tea or Coffee, ALL WELCOME. Please let Denise know if you will be coming- thank you. E mail- denise.trickett@btinternet.com or Tel.2737250

Restoration of the War Memorial

The Parish Council, in partnership with the Shadwell History Society, is proposing to restore the War Memorial to its original appearance, to ensure the ongoing tribute to those that lost their lives in world wars from our local community.

The War Memorial is located in the churchyard of St Paul’s, within the Shadwell Conservation Area. The Memorial is Grade 11 listed and was built in 1923 using ashlar stonework. It has octagonal steps, a base, and a shaft surmounted by a crucifix. The base has dates ‘1914-1918’ and ‘1939-1945’ carved on the front, and there are inscriptions of 27 names from the First World War and 7 from the Second World War.

The Memorial has deteriorated over time due to the process of natural decay. Many of the inscriptions are at a stage where they need sharpening, re-cutting and/or cleaning, and much of the structure needs repointing.

Maintenance and conservation will be in keeping with the original historic stone. It may also be possible to add the names of those who have given their lives in subsequent conflicts.

Looking after the memorial is a community responsibility. The Parish Council and hopefully our local Ward Councillors will be jointly funding the renovation work.

John Hague, from the Shadwell History Society, is researching the backgrounds and histories of the men whose names are on the memorial. For further information on this, please contact John@leedsgasservices.co.uk or for information on Shadwell History Society contact denise.trickett@btinternet.com

Information from the Clerk

Website

Our website is up and running with just a few “tweaks” required. The Clerk is receiving ongoing training but needs news items and events from local organisations. Please “like” our new Facebook page – www.facebook.com/ShadwellParishCouncil and you will receive regular updates from our Clerk on such things as road closures.

Annual Parish Meeting

A date for your diary! The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 15th April 2013. We have already booked Russell Martin, Highways Maintenance Manager, Leeds City Council to speak to us and answer your questions on Potholes!

Meetings for next 3 months

Full Council (7.30pm)	14 January 2013 11 February 2013 11 March 2013
Planning (7pm)	14 January 2013 11 February 2013 11 March 2013
Finance (7.30pm)	7 January 2013

All meetings are held at the Recreational Centre

Your Shadwell Parish Councillors will be holding a surgery once a month in the library. If you have any concerns or just want a chat please come along.

Surgeries for the next 3 months

5 January 2013
2 February 2013
2 March 2013

Councillors and contact details

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