

Woolverstone News

April 17th 2016

Dear All

Just a couple of items that have come live since last newsletter.

Ipswich High School for Girls, Woolverstone Hall.

Ipswich High School for Girls has applied for an extension to their current licence for outdoor events and sale of alcohol.

“Supply of alcohol (on and off the premises) and regulated entertainment (indoors and outdoors)

Closing date: 04 MAY 2016

Representations must be made in writing for the attention of the Licensing Team, Babergh District Council (as the Licensing Authority) at the address below or emailed to licensing@babergh.gov.uk including your name and address.

Licensing Team
Babergh District Council
Corks, Lane
Hadleigh
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There are four licensing objectives are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

If you feel the extension of the license would cause difficulties under any of these headings then please write to the Licensing Team.

Here is some additional information.

We were told that “the Licence they are now seeking will allow a bit more flexibility, as the existing licence dates back to 2005. New licence (if granted) will be used for school-related events, PTA, hirings and similar activities plus Summer ball, wedding marquees and the like. They want to have occasional open air/camping type activities with music.” In addition, the new licence is to permit events not only in the Hall but in the grounds. They probably do already provide for wedding marquees, but the application is also for up to 10 other open-air events.”

Lee Calver, BDC says, “The new License “will apply to curricular (where not exempt) and non-curricular activities. Activities until 01:00hrs latest (Fri/Sat). Some frequency control proposed in operating schedule.”

Here is an extract from the licensing application:

These times cover all precived eventualities, however it is unlikly that we we be suppling achochol on a regualr basis. Only at school events and at external events , some which will be within our grounds normally located within a marquee. We estimate that we are unlikely to exceed 50 events per year for school events, 20 events/weddings for lettings and 10 events in the grounds during a year, the largest proportion held during the summer months.

If you have a view about this application which you would like to share with the licensing team, you have until 4th May to make representation.

Pavement/ Footpaths

There is some concern about the state of the main tarmacked footpath through the village. The grass/weeds encroach onto it in places and the surface is increasingly buckled and fractured in places making it a hazard to users, especially the older members of our community, or those with young children.

Representation has been made to Suffolk Highways who are responsible for the state of our pavement/footpath. If you would like to add you voice or experience to this please contact Suffolk County Council. Phone or use their website: <http://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/> . Click onto Woolverstone on the map. From the drop down menu on the left-hand side of the screen, select pavements and then the fault.

Reporting this could save someone a nasty tumble.

*****Clerk to the Parish Council*****

Romy Blackburn is retiring from her role as Clerk to the Parish Council in May this year –two months' time!! We are very, very urgently seeking her successor. Romy has penned this plea:

"You are probably aware that I am finishing as Parish Clerk in May and the Council needs to find someone to take my place. They would far rather the task was taken on by someone living in the village. It makes the job easier and a resident will have the village's interests at heart.

This is not an onerous job, I kid you not. I started as clerk when my daughter was 15, I am a single parent, I had a full time job and I had no difficulty in fitting in my clerical duties. So why am I giving up? I have done it now for 15 years and I think it is high time fresh eyes and thoughts are applied. That is one reason, the second reason is that I am taking on more responsibility at Pin Mill Sailing Club, and it is not fair to the Parish Council, if most of my mind and time is occupied by Sailing Club affairs.

This is a job you can take on doing as little or as much as you want.

The basics are: taking minutes of meetings held 6 times a year. The meetings last 2 hours. Writing up the minutes takes an hour, may be an extra half hour to allow for preparing the agenda.

Maintaining the website: honestly, truthfully, if I can do it with no website training, so can you... uploading the minutes, the agenda and the village newsletters... 5 minutes a pop maximum,. Emailing the councillors reminding them of the meetings ... another 5 minutes.

Forwarding email correspondence.... another 5 minutes, 3 or 4 times a week at the outside. Read them, by all means, but it is the Councillors who should be reading them.

Planning applications - we get about 20 a year, I keep a list on my PC. I email the councillors to advise that we have received an application and giving them the reference so that they can look at the plans on the Babergh website. That takes all of 10 minutes.

Take the occasional phone call... and I mean very occasional.

A bit of filing - the files are kept in Berners Hall. Not my personal favourite task and it is cold in the winter months, so filing is done a couple of times in the summer months! Takes, may be an hour a session.

The plus side of the job is that you are involved in the community. The councillors are, I would hope, my friends. Laughter... yes, most meetings.

Please come forward, if you possibly can. The village needs you. My choice was not to be paid but you are entitled to payment, should you wish.

Give me (780731) or Simon (780009) a call."

Some interesting statistics

- There are 1051 parking spaces on the proposed Ganges development
- There will be a projected 1,500 increase in population of Shotley if the Ganges and Marina developments are completed
- There will be an estimated 6,000 HGV trips during the construction phase
- Between 17.00 and 18.00 hours an additional 307 car trips are projected

If you know your neighbour is not on the internet, or does not get this newsletter, please print of a copy and drop it through their letter box. If you know someone who would like to be on the mailing list please ask them to send me an email to the address below and I will add them to the group email list. Many thanks.

Best wishes

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