

I am pleased to be able to report, that all Councillors have agreed to write this monthly article on a rota basis. That means you will only have each of us once every nine months! It perhaps however more importantly demonstrates the keenness of the new Council to communicate with you all – so make sure if you need anything – communicate back!

The meeting started with some minor changes to the Committee's, but on a 'point of order' these could not happen as they had not been listed in the agenda. So you will note even at our lowly level of government, we are bound by process.

We were distressed to learn that we had been invaded and indeed had incurred two casualties in the process. Apparently our lovely village is also attractive to bees, which had decided the Recreation Ground was a good place to establish their new home, but had unfortunately stung two children playing in the area in the process. Needless to say, the Parish Council swung into action and the bees were subsequently and safely removed to pastures new.

A pasture new brings us nicely to Letts Green pond. Have you been out there recently?

Perhaps we should have a project to move it more to the centre of the village? It is however worth the trip out. We have now placed a notice board there with some information on the history and flora/wild life. Do let us know what you think of this 'village pond'.

Keeping in touch with you via this media is but one way, and you are reminded of our web site at <http://www.knockholtparish.org.uk/> (which incidentally has a picture of Letts Green pond on the home page). However, we are not happy with our web, and we are looking for new inspiration to bring this site into the current millennium!! We would be keen to learn if anyone out there would like to assist us in that endeavour.

So the 2012 Olympic logo is released, and you will no doubt have your own opinion of that, (and perhaps the entire Olympic thing). As a Parish Council we are mindful that we have some responsibility for leading the village, and for making others aware of the opportunities in the village. It will therefore come as no surprise, (although it did to some of my colleagues), that we are actively looking at the potential opportunities, or indeed threats, to the village with the 2012 Olympic Games being 'just down the road'. Watch this space, but again if you have any thoughts – let us know.

Have you noticed recently thundering great lorries coming through the village? Apparently KCC had contracted a company to use an area down Deerleap Lane for the storage of 'road waste'. We with Sevenoaks are looking into all of this. We consider our village is just not appropriate for so much heavy traffic on such a regular basis. If you have any concerns then do not hesitate to contact either us or SDC or indeed both.

We have historically had a good resident, who has of their own desire to keep our village nice, taken fly tipped articles down to Dunbrik Waste Disposal site. That was until some gentlemen down there decided it was 'industrial waste or similar' and could not be left. Interesting situation, SDC recently have not been so good at clearing our lanes of dumped rubbish, but when we do it, that is not acceptable either. Something else we are trying to resolve!

The next meeting is on Monday 2nd July at 7:45pm in the Village Hall, we hope to see you there, but if you need to make any contact, the Clerk on 532150 will be pleased to assist you.

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