

# **NORTHLEACH WITH EASTINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**Town Council Meeting – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. This meeting is a key one for the Council as they will be finalising the Precept. The Precept is the amount of money that the Town Council requests from Cotswold District Council. These funds are used by the Town Council to carry out its business for the residents of Northleach with Eastington Parish.**

**Please look at the Town Council noticeboard in the Market Place for full details of the Council's meetings. All members of the Public are very welcome.**

## **Northleach Neighbourhood Development Plan – Press Release**

Northleach with Eastington Town Council has begun the process of delivering a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Parish. An application has been made to Cotswold District Council (CDC) to designate the Parish as the area within which the plan will operate.

The Council intend that the plan be developed in the context of CDC's emerging local plan for the district and that it should address housing need, employment, local business and general infrastructure needs as well as heritage impact so as to ensure that the Town continues to thrive as a working Town with a well-balanced community. The Council is already engaging the local community in meetings to begin the process of consultation over the future of the Parish for the next twenty years.

In the New Year the Council will engage external consultants to assist in the preparation of a plan for consideration by the Parish as a whole and with the drafting of appropriate planning policies. If the plan has the support of the Parish, it will be subject to a check by CDC before it goes to an external examiner. It will then be the subject of a local referendum. If a majority vote in favour of the plan, it will be adopted as part of CDC's Development Plan which also includes relevant government policies and so assist in determining future planning applications in the Parish.

The Council is being supported in the task by many local residents, the Northleach Residents Association, the District Councillor and Cotswold District Council. If you would like any further information, please contact one of the following: Town Clerk, Cat Crompton at [clerk@northleach.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@northleach.gov.uk) Chairman of the Town Council, Cllr Vicki Hewer on [victoria.hewer@btinternet.com](mailto:victoria.hewer@btinternet.com) or the District Councillor, Chris Hancock on [christopher.hancock@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:christopher.hancock@cotswold.gov.uk)

## **The War Memorial**

The Town Council and British Legion would like to thank Keith Blundell for his help with the War Memorial. He and Kerry Hughes have ensured that the memorial is well planted and kept neat for the last seven years. If you are able to support by looking after this key area in the Market Place please let the Town Council.

## **Town Council Vacancy**

The Town Council has a Councillor vacancy following the resignation of Lucy Roberts. If you are interested in joining the Town Council or would like more information on what this involves please contact the Clerk on the email address above. There are interesting times ahead with a Neighbourhood Development Plan in progress which will help the town determine its own future developments. In addition councillors make decisions on a huge range of matters including planning applications, purchases for the town, grass cutting, playground maintenance and cemetery management. The Northleach website [www.northleach.gov.uk](http://www.northleach.gov.uk) has details of the Council's role and you can catch up on previous minutes too. The closing date for applications is January 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **Leaves and Drainage**

The Town Council are receiving a high volume of enquiries about debris blocking drains. Highways clear the drains only once a year in the Autumn but because of the topography of Northleach and excess runoff from the fields, the lower ends of Northleach frequently suffer and the Town Council are requesting extra sweeps. In addition the Town Handyman inspects the worst affected drains on an additional basis. The Town Council would appreciate if each household would please ensure that drains outside their homes are kept clear of leaves and debris. This would ensure that surface water can run freely down the drains. If you are unable to do this please contact the Clerk on the details above for assistance. Cotswold District Council will come and clear leaves from pavements on request. If you are aware of a particularly bad area please let us know.

Northleach with Eastington Town Council would like to wish all residents a Happy New Year and hope that 2014 is a happy and safe one for all.

Northleach is facing interesting times ahead and the Town Council is keen to ensure that residents are kept up to date with everything that is going on. Our Community email list is growing – would you like to be on it? If you would like to be kept up to date with these or any other local issues please contact us using the detail below to be added our email communication list. In addition we communicate using the Northleach Facebook page, the Town Council Facebook page, the Standard and Echo newspapers and we are in the process of upgrading our website.

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