

Do you have anything you'd like to see included in our next issue?

If so, please let us know

The Parish Council usually meet on the second Thursday of each month (subject to changes—please check the website for dates) at St Thomas and St Andrew's Church at 7pm in the back room.

Members of the public are welcome to attend to raise any issues during the public open session at the beginning of the meeting.

Your Parish Councillors

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Councillors: Ken Allman Isabella Davies
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DOXEY PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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Castle View Park Takeover..... an update

Have you seen all the fantastic new equipment? Well done to all of the children who entered the competition—option C was by far the most popular and is now installed on the park. For those of you asking—"where is the park?" - it's at the rear of the Drive, to the side of the Redrow Estate bordering the Greenway.



Sadly the park transfer was not completed in time for the summer holidays, however children have been able to enjoy the park with minimal issues.

Please do report any vandalism to the Clerk so she can try to resolve. Pictures are also helpful.

(More information inside)

Consultation about speed calming measures along Doxey Road

Parish Councillors met with County Councillor Mark Winnington and Community Infrastructure Liaison Officer Mark Keeling during April.

A full length walk and discussion of issues along Doxey Road was carried out.

Many residents have raised concerns about the current speed bumps and the Parish Council has decided to consult with residents to understand their wishes in order to move forward.

Solutions available are:

1. Removal of ALL speed humps on Doxey Road
2. Removal of all EXCEPT the large one outside the school and one either side of the school
3. Removal of SOME speed humps at SPECIFIC locations
4. Removal of NO speed humps on Doxey Road

In order for changes of this significance there would need to be:

- ◆ **Significant input from the community in favour of the works**
- ◆ **Understanding that if speed calming is removed, it may not be reinstated if speeding starts again**

Works may require funding and legal backing and could take a minimum of 12 months to organise.

The Parish Council will be organising a consultation and a meeting to discuss this at a later date and would ask residents to consider their thoughts.

Castle View Park Transfer

Following long delays in the legal process the Council remain confident that the park will be transferred to the Parish Council in 2017.

We have received complaints from residents who feel the area isn't safe—Redrow commissioned an independent ROSPA report in June and this raised no high risk issues relating to either the area or the equipment.

Once owned by the Parish the area will receive independent visual inspections and litterpicking.

Please report any issues you see to the clerk and if possible send a picture—the graffiti this summer was a disappointment to all and wastes a huge amount of money to remove—if any witnesses this happening please either call the police or take a picture, if safe to do so, in order to secure a conviction.

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Family Strife?
Childcare issues?
Parenting?

Money Management?
Job Hunting?
Benefits & Housing?

Our Vision:
We aim to love our neighbours, welcoming anyone who needs friendship or help and guiding them towards a happier future.



Senior Citizen's Christmas Meal

Saturday 9th December

4.30 for 5pm

Doxey Parish Council are organising the Christmas Meal for the Senior Citizen's this year. If anyone is able to volunteer to help set up and serve on the day, please contact the Clerk or any of the Parish Councillors.

If you would like to attend please complete the slip below and return to the Clerk (49 Doxey Road, Doxey), or to Doxey Church by Friday 17th November.

Please note this is only open to residents **currently** living in Doxey

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Return slip—Senior Citizens Xmas Meal

Name.....

Address

Contact Number

Number of people attending

Any specific Dietary requirements (please specify)

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Parish Council News

The Parish Council continue to chase issues in the community. Residents are reminded to report these to the relevant authorities—please refer to our website for many contact details on the your community page.

- Discussions with Saint Gobain have resulted in hedge cutting along the main Doxey road. This has been a big concern as when the hedge reduces visibility for motorists there have been many crashes at the junction.
- Bellway affordable home switch—the Parish Council would like to thank its members and also everyone who got involved with DASH (Doxey against segregated housing).
The planning application to move additional affordable homes was refused in September.
This is likely to continue with an application at Baswich expected this month and residents are urged to get involved and respond to these planning applications. Both DASH and the Parish Council have Facebook pages and are sharing information as it occurs. Thanks to the residents who also produced flyers which got extra responses.

Finally a big thank you to Rob—who spoke at the meeting as objector on behalf of residents. A well worded and well presented argument.

Comments from the planning committee included: “This is morally wrong” and “all this application does is pave the way for social exclusion and I am not comfortable with it”

Next Visit by the Refuse Freighter to Doxey Church

Saturday October 28th 10am-12pm.

This is free for residents provided by the Parish Council, most items can be disposed of, not large electricals like fridges and freezers

DOXEY PARISH CHURCH

Why not come and join us?



Friday 10 th November	3.15pm	Messy Church at Doxey School
Sunday 12 th November	10.30am	Remembrance Day Service
Sunday 19 th November	6.30pm	Remembrance and Hope Service - as we think of those we love who are no longer with us
Sunday 26 th November	4.00pm	'Doxey Friends' - Coffee, Cake and Community Event
Sunday 10 th December	6.30pm	Carol Service
Sunday 17 th December	4.30pm	Messy Christingle
Tuesday 19 th December	2.00pm	Doxey School Christmas Service
Sunday 24 th December	10.30am	Morning Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion Service
Monday 25 th December	10.30am	Christmas Day All Age worship

www.doxeychurch.co.uk, contact the Vicar, Revd Martin Strang

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