

FANGFOSS WITH BOLTON PARISH NEWS

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The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year

PAYPHONES

The main news of the day is that we appear to have lost the extended battle with BT to preserve the kiosks in Bolton and Fangfoss as active payphones. The options are now to have the kiosks removed or to adopt them for a nominal fee, whereupon they become the property and responsibility of the parish council (PC). Those people who responded to the PC's past consultation were almost unanimously in favour of retaining the kiosks even without the phones. The PC therefore feels it has a mandate to go ahead with the adoption. However, there are some issues associated with this decision, and for two in particular, the PC is asking your help:



Maintenance: both immediate and ongoing maintenance will be required and will be the financial responsibility of the parish. The Fangfoss kiosk has developed a list. Unless we envisage featuring it as the Leaning Kiosk of Fangfoss, it will need remedial work as soon as we begin our ownership and this will be carried out through the PC. Both kiosks are in dire need of paint jobs. **The PC would greatly appreciate offers of help in restoring/painting the kiosks. Please contact the clerk (see over) if you'd be willing to take this on, either as a one-off, or on a continuing basis. Moderate expenses could be borne by the parish.**



Ideas for future use: let us have your ideas for the future use of the phones – they don't have to have the same functions in both villages. Any ideas will be most welcome and considered on their merits.

Find the latest minutes & agendas for forthcoming council meetings on the village website.

<http://www.fangfoss.net>

Contact the parish clerk, Jane Allen, on 01759 368498 email: parishclerk@fangfoss.net
for more information on any item in the newsheet.



WELCOME

The Parish Council would like to extend a very warm welcome, on behalf of the community, to Sally and John, now running the Carpenter's Arms. We hope that everyone who is able, makes use of the pub to ensure its future success. See the main magazine for their advert giving festive season details.

DOG WASTE DISPOSAL



The PC continues to receive complaints about people not clearing up after their dogs. This **very small minority** of dog owners either do not pick up, or pick up, bag the waste, then leave it in the bag by the road or path, where it makes a very unpleasant sight, and where in time the bag will degrade and situation will be no better than had it been left exposed in the first place. Please note that there are bins throughout all the villages where dog waste can be placed. We have also new reminder stickers which are being displayed around the parish. If you have a particular issue with dog fouling outside your house, and would like to display a sticker on your property, please contact the clerk (see over).

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA



The St Martin's Close children's play area had its annual official safety inspection recently and was awarded a clean bill of health, with only very minor issues brought to the PC's attention. The play area also has a weekly spot check, and a monthly more detailed one. If you notice anything that you believe is unsafe when using the play area, please contact the clerk (see over).

PARKING

Parking around the villages is a growing issue and continuing cause for complaint, as numbers of houses grow and car numbers per household increase. It is particularly significant around school during morning and afternoon drop off times. When parking your car on the road, even for a short time, please make sure you are not blocking access, or sightlines for other road users.

ANNUAL AUDIT



The PC accounts has been checked and approved by the external auditors. Copies of the audited accounts are on the notice boards or can be viewed on application to the clerk.