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Mickfield Village Centre Questionnaire

The results are in and it made for interesting reading/discussion.

Almost half of the households in Mickfield replied - thank you all for taking the time to do so.

Whilst most were happy with the Centre as it is, there were some positive ideas to make it more accessible and user friendly. Some mentioned the outside lighting and the Parish Council are looking into this.

The Car Park also came in for some criticism. Whilst the size was deemed adequate, it was felt that it was in poor condition. The surface does need attention and we are discussing the best way to approach this.

There was mention of the gate always being locked. We appreciate that you would prefer to drive your car onto the Car Park to use recycle banks, but it is kept locked on the advice of Suffolk Police (to deter uninvited visitors from taking up residence on the Meadow - it would be much more difficult to evict them if the gate had been left open).

The kitchen also came in for some criticism, with suggestions that it needs updating. We are taking advice as to the best way forward.

All of the above are being costed and we hope to gain quotes and perhaps then funding - we will keep you updated with news on all of the above as we have it.

Again, a big thank you to all that took part and particularly Councillors, Rooke and Vince for co-ordinating it from start to collection.

A copy of the survey and the results will be posted on the Village Notice board.

Speeding

The Police have advised us that we do not qualify for the Mobile Speed Camera as;

- there aren't enough vehicle movements in any day (ie the road isn't busy enough to justify use of the camera)
- there have been no accidents
- the proportion of those speeding is not high enough
- we do not have enough local amenities such as school, shop, pub (etc) to warrant further investigation.

We are still checking the idea of sharing some facilities with another local Parish but no news on that yet. It was decided that acquiring our own speed gun/flashing signs, even if approved, would be cost prohibitive. We are looking to post the Police findings on the Village website.

Mickfield History Club

The first meeting of the History Club was deemed a success and all decided to make it a monthly meeting - more on that overleaf.

Next Meeting

Next meeting of the Parish Council is at 7.30pm on 2nd March 2015 in the Village Centre. All are welcome to attend.

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HISTORY of the VILLAGE

MICKFIELD HISTORY CLUB

The inaugural meeting of a "Mickfield History Club" was held in the Village Centre on January 14th.

It was a very well attended meeting, with a lot of support for the general idea of collating some sort of history of the village, and many suggestions and ideas of how this could be achieved.

The main points noted were;

- to aim towards collating and publishing a history of Mickfield,
- the history could cover the development of both the village itself (buildings and amenities), its residents and village events through the years
- that "publishing" could be in the form of a book, websites, CD/DVD, etc - as many media as practically possible for ease of sharing and distribution
- content could be derived from many sources - memories of those who have lived in Mickfield that we can contact, photos, public & church records, etc.
- to record interviews with current residents - particularly those who have been resident for many years, to create a more complete and accurate record
- to reach former residents who may be able to contribute to the project, through personal contacts, family links and other local networks - specifically to publicise the project in the Six Village News to reach others that still live locally
- we should archive the results of the research with the Ipswich Records Office for persistency
- to link up with History Recorders and the Suffolk Local History Council
- As well as looking backwards to recapture the past history of the village, the future history "starts now", ie we should also include current events to build the future history.

The next meeting will be held at **1930 on Weds 18th February**, in the Village Centre, when we will continue discussions and start to develop an action plan.

Anyone interested is again very welcome to attend.

Hiring the Village Centre

This centre remains available for hire for events. Please contact Mike Heyhoe with all enquiries.

