



# The Parish Pen



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Welcome to the latest edition of the Parish Pen, the newsletter of your Parish Council. This newsletter is independent of the Glenfield Gazette and its editorial comments. Earlier copies of the Parish Pen can be found on our web site at [leicestershireparishcouncils.org/glenfield](http://leicestershireparishcouncils.org/glenfield).

As we enter the festive season may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.  
**Tony Greenwood, Chairman**

## Glenfield's Councillors.

As reported in the last Edition of the Parish Pen, next May will see a first for Glenfield. As the current council ends, after four years, all councillors will have to stand down and those who wish to continue serving as a councillor will have to put themselves forward for re-election. This is also a time when anyone else who wishes to become a councillor can also put themselves forward.

The "first for Glenfield" is the fact that the village will be split into six wards, as opposed to three. The premise behind this change is that a councillor, whilst serving the whole of the community, will be elected by a smaller group of residents and would, therefore, be closer to this group and be more aware of issues within the smaller ward.

Glenfield has a total of 21 councillors and these will be split between the wards as follows:

- Central Ward – 4 councillors.
- Faire Ward – 3 councillors.
- Glenfrith Ward – 3 councillors.
- Manor Farm Ward – 4 councillors.
- North Ward – 3 councillors.
- Stone Ward – 4 councillors.

To be a councillor you must be over the age of 21 and reside within the parish or within three miles of its borders. Some free time is required. Council meets monthly, usually on the third Monday of each month, with meeting starting at 7:30 pm in Park House. Meetings last for about two hours. Glenfield Parish Council has two committees, the Property and Community Committees. Councillors may, but do not have to, join one of these committees and they meet about seven times per year, again at 7:30 pm in Park House. There are also a series of working parties that deal with specific issues, for example sports and leisure development or planning issues. Membership of working parties is also not compulsory. Thus, the minimum time required is attendance at the monthly council meetings.

Perhaps you may ask why should I want to be a councillor. Councillors are people from all walks of life who want to have an input on improving the environment that they live in. The Parish Council owns and manages two sports grounds, two parks, a children's play area, astro-turf areas, a bowling green, allotments, a sports pavilion, a storage pavilion, portable buildings and Park House, which contains an office, stores, garage and meeting rooms. It has a direct input on virtually everything that affects the village, from planning applications to street cleaning. It liaises with and works with other authorities in the development and management of resources, particularly those that affect Glenfield.

Parish councillors need to be both reactive and forward thinkers, as they manage and develop the area they represent.

So if you believe that there is something you can contribute why not consider becoming one the team. A decision needs to be made over the next few months.

About six weeks prior to the May election notices will appear, called the Notice of Election. This starts the ball rolling and 10 days are allowed for the submission of nominations. Following this notices provide information about nominees and others provide for a poll to be run. After the poll a declaration is made about those elected and the electives then sign an acceptance of office. If there are fewer or the same number of nominations in a ward as there are vacancies then a poll is not called but the candidates are still considered elected in an "uncontested election".

Nomination forms can be obtained from Blaby District Council and require two sponsors, who must reside within the relative ward and must be on the electoral roll.

- Why not consider yourself?
- Are you interested?
- Do you wish to contribute?
- Does Glenfield mean something to you?

**Can you help?**

Regretfully, over the last month there has been a series of incidents on and around Ellis Park, the most serious being a sustained attack on Glenfield Primary School, repairs to which will cost many thousands of pounds.



During the evenings of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of October

a group of two males and two females destroyed roofing tiles, windows and other school property. They also attacked the Air Training Corps building. Interestingly, they were accompanied by a black dog that was wearing a white coat and the dog was observed obediently sitting and watching the damage being done.



We are publishing a few pictures taken from both the school's CCTV system and the Parish Council's CCTV system and ask that any information regarding names and/or addresses of those shown be advised to CrimeStoppers, Leicestershire Constabulary, the Parish Council or Glenfield Primary School. All information supplied will be treated in strict confidence.



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The Parish Council was pleased to advise residents that it has replaced the older of the two astro-turf areas at a cost of just under £12,000. This was partly in direct response to requests from the youth of the village for the council to provide a better surface for their sports. The work was completed and signed off at 4:40 pm on the 6 November 2006. At 7:09 pm a group of youths arrived at Ellis Park in a silver Vauxhall Astra (note the dark wheels) and bombarded the astro-turf areas with over 30 fireworks. Many of the fireworks had a label "spectators must stand at least 25 metres away" and were of organised party strength. Both the brand new area and the area installed just over 12 months ago sustained many burns.



Again, any information should be advised to CrimeStoppers, Leicestershire Constabulary or the Parish Council.

At the Parish Council's Property Committee meeting of the same evening councillors expressed their shock and dismay at the total stupidity of the action. They also deferred, indefinitely, further discussions relating to the provision of a shelter for both youth and families, which was being considered for Ellis Park., because of the risk of damage.

**A Message from the Glenfield Youth Club.**

Hi, this is Charlotte 14 and Molly 14, we are regular attendees at Glenfield Youth Club which is situated at the old library, Glenfield. We have been attending the Youth Club now for 2+ years. At the moment the club is held on a Monday for Internet club (6pm-8pm) but will soon be changing to a session especially aimed toward years 7, 8 and 9. Youth club is also on a Tuesday (7pm-9pm) especially for years 9 and 10. However in the future this will be changing for just year 10+. The future changes will happen in the New Year, with clubs opening from Monday 15th January 2007.



Whilst the new Youth Club has been running we have participated in a whole range of activities such as surfing the internet, making toasties, going on trips to Alton Towers and Lazer Quest, glass painting, making a mural and making a life size model of a woman, which we worked on addressing concerns about self image and how women are perceived.

We are currently organising a babysitting course, a girls club and a DJ workshop. These should hopefully take place in the near future.

Recently both of us have been working towards getting a Youth Achievement Silver Award. In order to get this award we have to help organise 6 activities that are 15 hours each. Our activities are running the tuck shop, organising trips and coming in on a Monday to volunteer to work with the juniors members.

Being involved in the Youth Club is a great way to get young people off the street. It is a fun, warm and inviting place for young teenagers to hang out. This is why our youth club is trying to get more kids to come and join us.

If you have any questions please contact a member of the staff team on (0116) 2311527.

We are currently open  
Monday yr 7+ (6-8pm) and  
Tuesday yr9+ (7 - 9pm).

Changes for the New Year:  
Monday - junior club: yr 7/8/9 (6 - 8pm) and  
Tuesday - senior club: yr10+ (7-9pm)