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### ***The Parish Council Newsletter***

Welcome to the June 2018 edition of the Parish Council Newsletter. An enlarged version of the Newsletter will also be available on the Council's website early in June. Paper copies of the colour version will be available from the Bartley Post Office and the Courtesy Filling Station shop, Romsey Road.

### ***Work on the New Playground Nears Completion***



After all the hard work on fund raising and the procurement of the supplier, Creative Play, the company started work on the new playground at the Parish Hall on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

This is an exciting moment for the project and main construction works are well under way. At the time of writing, the final safety surface has yet to be laid, together with a few final pieces of equipment. There has been a short delay in respect of the original programme due to inclement weather conditions over the last week in May. However, the playground is on track to be completed in the first part of June

A grand formal event to open the playground is planned for the **1<sup>st</sup> July**. More details on this will follow in due course. A great result to see the hard work becoming a reality.



Well done to the Friends of Copythorne Playground and all the members of our community, local businesses and Parish, District and County Councillors who have helped make this happen!

### ***Bartley Post Office – Major Refurbishment Works***

Bartley Post Office is undergoing some major upgrades and refurbishment. The works are due to commence on **2<sup>nd</sup> June** and the Post Office will be closed and be completed ready for the Post Office to re-open on **12<sup>th</sup> June**.

**The shop will be open during the works** except for one day only, when some work is being done to the ceiling. As yet the date for that is not confirmed but will be advertised as soon as the contractors have agreed their programme.

### ***Community Police Support Officer (CPSO) Surgeries & 'Adopt a Post Office'***

The CPSO, Richard Williams, is planning a surgery for members of the community to come and discuss any issues related to police work at the **Parish Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30 p.m.** Richard is keen to hear from members of our community about any specific or general issues which help improve the ability of the police to respond to concerns, so please use this opportunity to talk directly to our local Community Police Officer.

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### **Community Police Support Officer (CPSO) Surgeries & 'Adopt a Post Office' (cont.)**

In **July**, there will be two surgeries – one at the **Parish Hall** and the other at the **Bartley Post Office**. Dates and times for these will be published on the Parish Council web site and the venues, once they have been confirmed.

The Bartley Post Office venue will now form part of the '**Adopt a Post Office**' scheme, which is being promoted jointly by the police and the National Post Office security team, formally linking Police Community Support Officers to a Post Office branch. The scheme is designed to increase the visibility of police in branches as well as raising awareness of crime and how to combat it providing a greater profile for local policing via a core village asset. Thus far, 24 police forces have become involved, including Hampshire Constabulary

More information can be found about this scheme at [www.onepostoffice.co.uk](http://www.onepostoffice.co.uk).

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### **The New Council Year Begins**

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council took place on 8<sup>th</sup> May. This meeting marks the start of the new Council Year. Elections were held, as they have to be every year, for the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Councillor Joe Reilly was returned for a further term as Chairman and Councillor Simon Lucas was returned for a further term as Vice Chairman.

### **Parish Council Meeting Dates 2018-2019**

The dates for all Council meetings for the forthcoming year are also agreed at the meeting and are now confirmed, so they can be noted in your dairies. All meetings are on **Tuesday evenings**, take place in the **Parish Hall Annexe** and all start at **7.00 p.m.** with the exception of the **Annual Parish Meeting** which takes place in the main **Parish Hall** and starts at **7.30 p.m.**

**Meeting Dates for 2018:** June 12<sup>th</sup>;  
July 10<sup>th</sup>;  
August – No Meeting;  
September 11<sup>th</sup>;  
October 9<sup>th</sup>;  
November 13<sup>th</sup>;  
December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting Dates for 2019:** January 15<sup>th</sup>;  
February 12<sup>th</sup>;  
March 12<sup>th</sup>;  
March 26<sup>th</sup>, *Annual Parish Meeting – starts at 7.30 p.m.*;  
April 9<sup>th</sup>;  
May 14<sup>th</sup> *Annual Parish Council Meeting*

(The Annual Parish Council Meeting in 2019 will not only be the first meeting of the new Council Year but will also be the first meeting of a newly elected Parish Council following the Local Council elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.)

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### **Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting:**

The next parish Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.00 p.m.** in the **Parish Hall Annexe**.

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