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The Parish Council Newsletter

Welcome to the July 2018 edition of the Parish Council Newsletter. This version of the Newsletter is also available on the Council's website. Paper copies of the colour version are available from the Bartley Post Office and the Courtesy Filling Station shop, Romsey Road.

The Parish Council Needs to Recruit a New Clerk!

Sadly, our current Parish Council Clerk, Susan Brayley, is leaving us at the end of August and we need to recruit a **new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer**. This is a very important role, crucial to the work of the Parish Council and without which, we could not function.

Do you have organisational and administrative skills?

Do you have financial management experience?

Are you fully computer literate – especially on Microsoft Office?

Do you have knowledge of local government, the regulations affecting it and its operation and while not essential, even a qualification as a Local Government Clerk?

Are you keen to help the Parish Council achieve its goals and undertake its work effectively and efficiently?

Then this could be the role for you!

The role is based on flexitime up to **15 hours per week**, including at least one main monthly meeting a month and is home based

Salary in the range £19,430.00 to £21,962.00, (Pro Rata), depending on experience

The application closing date is 4.00 pm 13th July 2018

Interviews will take place on 18th or 19th July 2018

Application forms and all information can be accessed via our website at:
www.copythorne.org.uk

or

Apply to the Parish Clerk on: e-mail parishclerk@copythorne.org.uk

A celebration of the excellent support and unstinting service Susan has given us as a Parish Council, during her tenure of the role, will be published in a future edition.

The Commemorative Bench is now in Place!

The Parish Council is very pleased to report that the Commemorative Bench, purchased as a part of the 100 year anniversary of the end of the First World War, with the help of a generous grant from County Cllr. Edward Heron, is now installed at the War Memorial.

The bench is specifically designed for the anniversary. It is a restful and reflective spot for those attending the War Memorial or simply passing by.

Our thanks go to **Dave Moulard**, for undertaking the installation.



Hampshire County Council – Concessionary Travel Scheme & Street Lighting Consultation

Hampshire County Council (HCC) is undertaking a **consultation** linked to its need for major savings across the County in the light of budget reductions. This particular consultation is focussed on the issues of **street lighting reductions** and more importantly, the **concessionary travel scheme (free bus passes)**. HCC undertook a consultation in 2017 regarding travel subsidies and in February 2018, the County agreed not to remove the financial support which it provides for supporting passenger transport services across Hampshire.

However, there is still a need to find £1.1m from the concessionary travel scheme, recognised as one of the few areas in transport support over which the Council could, subject to regulatory controls, exercise suitable change. Full details of the proposals together with a response form, can be found on the HCC website at www.hants.gov.uk in the ‘**About the Council – Have Your Say**’ section. Highlights are:

In respect of the **street lighting reductions**: HCC proposes to switch off street lighting for specified periods during the night in residential areas. While referring to housing estates and densely populated areas, it may be of interest to those villages in our area where street lighting exists.

In respect of **concessionary travel subsidies**: The core proposal is that HCC is considering the addition of a **50p. flat charge** per journey for those using the Older Person’s Concessionary Bus Pass, (requiring a change in the law governing concessionary fares). HCC says estimated savings of approx. 4m per year would be invested back into public bus service subsidies. The consultation also offers the following proposals:



(Picture from ITN news)

Proposal 1 - operational changes to the currently supported public bus and ferry services which HCC supports;

Proposal 2 - to replace some supported public bus services with alternative forms of community transport, such as Taxishares and Call and Go;

Proposal 3 - to reduce the amount of printed information material and make better use of electronic information;

Proposal 4 - to reduce support available to organisations that provide, promote or support transport services;

Proposal 5 - to remove the use of the Older Person’s Bus Pass on Taxishares, Dial-a-Ride and Call and Go

The consultation runs until **midnight on Sunday 5 August 2018**

Community Speed Watch (CSW)

A brief note about CSW. Our local scheme is now operating well and is regularly out and about, as reported at the Annual Parish Meeting in March this year. With success of operations, it would be useful to have more volunteers. If you’re interested in helping this very useful service in our community, please contact the organiser on cke8163@gmail.com

Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting:

The next parish Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday 10th July 2018 at 7.00 p.m.** in the **Parish Hall Annexe.**

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