

The Parish Council Newsletter

Welcome to the December 2017 edition Parish Council Newsletter. An enlarged version of the Newsletter will be available on the Council's website early in December. Paper copies will also be available from Bartley Post Office and the Courtesy Filling Station shop, Romsey Road.

In this issue: Local Plan Updates; County Budget Consultations, Bartley Forest Farm – Planning Update, Starting School – Admissions, A New Role for District Councillor Diane Andrews and finally, a Timely Reminder

First The Parish Council would like extend its very best wishes all members of our community for a **very happy and enjoyable Christmas** and a **prosperous New Year!**

Local Plan Updates:

Readers will know that both the New Forest District Council, (NFDC), and the New Forest National Park Authority, (NFNPA), have been consulting on the next stage of Local Plan development and finalisation. The Local Plans set out the thinking and proposed development priorities by every relevant local authority for housing and other development in its area.

At its meeting on 14th November, the Parish Council received feedback from District Councillor Diane Andrews on the development of the NFDC Local Plan. As a result of both the feedback received and further understanding of issues such as local area flooding and the requirements for protection of the natural landscape (including input from Natural England), NFDC is now reviewing its original proposals and will be taking their revised proposals forward in in-order to meet the deadlines set for publication of the Plan in 2018.

Similarly, the NFNPA is on course to publish its final Local Plan proposals in 2018 following feedback from the two stages of consultation undertaken in 2017.

County Budget Consultations

Readers will know that Hampshire County Council (HCC), have been consulting communities on addressing the forecast 'budget gap' for 2019/2020 – a total sum of approximately £140m. The Parish Council received feedback from County Cllr. Edward Heron at its meeting on 14th November on progress with the budget review. The County Council met in October to consider the outcomes taking into account feedback received.

We were advised that, obviously, whatever HCC does, it will involve some tough decisions and there are now significant debates to be had in determining the final position. HCC, as a result, is still anticipating publication of the final proposed position in the spring of 2018.

Bartley Forest Farm- Planning Issues

A brief update: Readers will be aware of the ongoing planning issues at the Bartley Forest Farm site. Previously, an enforcement notice to remove the mobile home located there, was issued by the New Forest National Park Authority. (*cont. overleaf*)

Bartley Forest Farm- Planning Issues (cont.)

The owners have now put in a new planning application for the continued presence of the mobile home. At the New Forest National Park Planning Committee meeting on 21st November it was resolved not to accept the new planning application.

Starting School - Applications

Yes, it's already that time of year! The Parish Council has received a communication about new school admissions, from Hampshire County Council (including some cards which have been posted on Parish Council noticeboards).

If your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, applications for school places are now under way. Applications must be received by **15th January 2018**, the national deadline, from parents applying for places for their children starting in Year R and (where appropriate) Year 3. In addition, if your child is now due to transfer to secondary school, applications for places in Year 7 must be received by **1st March 2018**.

Full details are available on the Hampshire web site: www.hants.gov.uk on the **Education and Learning** pages.

Councillor Diane Andrews – A New Role

The Parish Council is pleased to hear that one of our local District Councillors, Diane Andrews, is moving from her current role as Chairman of Planning to an important new role on the District Council as a member of the Council's Cabinet. Diane's role will cover 'Community Affairs', with a brief ranging across areas such as Community Engagement, Community Grants and Support, Customer Services, Elections and Electoral Registration, Community Safety Partnership, CCTV, Careline and Communications.

The Cabinet is the key body within the Council for the administration of the Council's activities and will, in its new format, have eight Councillor members, up from the original 6. We wish Diane all the very best in her exciting and clearly broad ranging new role.

Finally, A Reminder.....

A timely reminder from our October Newsletter: This is the time of year when we need to pay attention to under and overgrowth issues on watercourses. If you have riparian responsibilities, now is the time to start clearance of watercourses – details can be found on the HCC web site at www.hants.gov.uk - 'Planning and Environment – Flooding' section.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 12th December, 7.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall annexe

The Clerk to the Council, Susan Brayley, can be contacted by email at clerk@copythorne.org.uk or by post at: Spinaway, Wootton Road, Tiptoe, Lymington, SO41 6FU, Please also note we now have a new telephone number - 01590 681228. Website: www.copythorne.org.uk. Details of individual Parish Councillors, and information on District and County Councillors, can also be found on the Parish Website and on community notice boards.