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

Welcome to the October 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, Woodington Feeds Cadnam and the Courtesy Filling Station shop, Romsey Road.

## ***All change for Clerking duties at the Parish Council***

### ***First – A Very Sincere Thank You to Our Outgoing Clerk & RFO, Susan Brayley***

As was announced in our June Newsletter, our current Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, (RFO), Susan Brayley is leaving us at the end of September. All members of the Parish Council wish Parish Hall Susan a very sincere and huge thank you for the amazing job she has done to support us as a Parish Council. Susan has dedicated her time – above and beyond the call of duty – to ensure we function as efficiently as possible as a Parish Council.

In her period of tenure, just under two years, as well as managing the day to day efficient running of the Parish Council, Susan has undertaken some extremely important projects to ensure that the Parish Council has 'got its house in order' in the light of major new local government legislation.

This has included preparation for the new data protection regulations, ensuring our accounts are completely accurate for auditing and dealing with subsequent actions, managing the archiving of the Parish Council historical minutes (back as far as the start of the Parish Council!), addressing our 'transparency' arrangements and refining and reducing our paperwork. A lot of ground to cover in a relatively short time, I am sure readers will agree!

Susan has worked for the past month with our incoming new Clerk and RFO, Suzanne Middleton, to ensure we have the smoothest possible transition and enable Suzanne to 'hit the ground running!'

Susan certainly leaves the Parish Council in very good condition and ready for the next stage of its development. I am sure that all readers will join the Parish Council in extending a very warm thank you to Susan for all her hard work and the very best wishes for the future.

***Thanks Susan! All our best wishes.***

### ***Secondly – A Very Warm Welcome to Our New Clerk & RFO, Suzanne Middleton***

Parish Councillors extend a warm welcome to the new Parish Council Clerk and RFO, Suzanne Middleton who joined us in August and has worked alongside Susan Brayley for the past month getting herself acquainted with Copythorne and the work of the Council.

Locally based in Ashurst, Suzanne knows Copythorne well.

Suzanne joins us from previously working as the part time Secretary to the Parochial Church Council at St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst, where she also undertook duties as Health and Safety Officer and Electoral Roll Officer. Prior to that, Suzanne has a very extensive work history in a number of roles including, recently, the University of Exeter Director of Human Resources and as a Personnel Officer at Southampton City Council.



Suzanne brings extensive experience and expertise to the Parish Council and is already working on a number of areas for us. Suzanne has already formally taken up her post during September and will shortly be solely 'in charge' and engaged with managing Parish Council business and keeping us on the straight and narrow in respect of recent legislation, building on the development work undertaken by Susan Brayley, our outgoing Clerk and RFO.

We all look forward to working with Suzanne into the future

***A Very Warm Welcome to Suzanne!***



### **And Finally - New Chairman & Vice Chairman & a New Co-opted Parish Councillor!**

At its meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> September, following the resignation of Cllr. Joe Reilly, the Parish Council undertook elections for the new Chairman and Vice Chairman. **Cllr. Simon Lucas** was elected **Chairman** and **Cllr. Steve Herra** elected **Vice Chairman**. In addition, **Graham Chilcott** was **co-opted** to the Council, filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Cllr. Reilly.

### **'Your Parish Hall –Have Your Say' Consultation Event a Great Success!**

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September, between 11.00 and 13.00, the Parish Hall hosted the first of two consultation events on the future development of the building and what goes on inside and around it.

Over 120 people from the local community attended during the two hour drop-in event. Members of the Committee and existing users were on hand to talk about what they do and a display of the initial thinking in respect of building developments was available.



The event was buzzing for the whole 2 hours with some fantastic discussions taking place as current thinking was explored with members of the Parish community. This was all given sustenance by teas, coffees and some amazing cakes served throughout the event by members of the Women's Institute.

Most importantly over 50 response forms were received providing individual views from those attending, on the current plans and any ideas or suggestions for what they'd like to see in the future in terms of services, activities and events.

All the ideas and suggestions from the feedback will be reviewed by the Committee over the next few months and at a **second community focussed event**, planned to take place in **early 2019**, the Committee will feed back on its thinking for possible future plans based on all the feedback!

The Parish Hall Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped to make this a very successful event and all those who attended. This is the next major step in our Parish Hall development and they want to get it right! **Watch this space for the date of the next community event early in the New Year.**

### **Neighbourhood Policing Survey – Your Chance to Influence Policing Decisions**



Our CPSO, Richard Williams has asked us to bring to your attention that Hampshire Constabulary is currently consulting on its latest Neighbourhood Policing survey. This is your opportunity to tell the police what the main issues are in our community, and what crimes we would like to see the force target. By completing the survey, which only takes a few minutes, we can influence the setting of the Policing Priorities for our area for the next six months. Just click on the link below or copy it into your search engine to complete the survey. This helps Richard and his colleagues to help us, so a few minutes well spent, by completing the survey. The survey is open until **30/10/18**.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Newforestdistrictpriorities2018autumn>

### **New Heart Start Training Sessions**

A new Heart Start Training session has been announced. Coordinated by Jackie Rhodes, the session last 2 hours and take place in the Parish Hall Annexe on 30<sup>th</sup> October. A £3.00 donation from each participant for the British Heart Foundation is requested. This training includes support for you to use of the newly installed defibrillators at various locations in the Parish, as well as learning about blood loss, recovery position and CPR.



For more information, Jackie's contact details are: [jackierhodes1111@gmail.com](mailto:jackierhodes1111@gmail.com)

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

The next parish Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 p.m.** in the **Parish Hall Annexe**. There is no meeting being held in August

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