

### **The Parish Council Newsletter – Christmas Edition**

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

**In this issue:** Community Speedwatch Update and Further Call for Volunteers, Starting School Applications; Looking Forward to 2019 – Parish Council Meeting Dates; Invasive Non-Native Species Volunteering and Community Playground Safety Inspections Begin.

**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!**

### **Community Speedwatch Update and Further Call for Volunteers**

Our very active Community Speedwatch Volunteers (CSW), have had a very busy year. Those of you who heard their presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting in March will have been impressed with what has been achieved. They have continued to get out and about very regularly to monitor our roads.



And the results are significant! All Speedwatch monitoring is on roads with a speed limit of 30 mph. The warning letters from the Police are sent out to drivers recorded at 35 mph or higher (10% above speed limit plus 1 mph).

- Between December 2017 and October 2018 a total of **2,120** letters were sent out.
- In September 2018, the highest recorded speeder was .... **77 mph!**

This shows what an important voluntary service this is for our community, helping to keep us safe.

The scheme is fully supported by Hampshire police and our local PCSO, Richard Williams, is often to be seen alongside the team when they are out and about.

If you're interested in helping, the CSW Team are always looking for new volunteers. It's a good activity, lots of camaraderie and lots of fresh air! Full training is given and the more volunteers, the more spread out the workload!

For more details, please contact [cke8163@gmail.com](mailto:cke8163@gmail.com) – they'd love to hear from you!

### **Starting School - Applications**

Yes, it's already that time of year!

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015, applications for school places are now under way. Applications must be received by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**, the national deadline, from parents applying for places for their children starting in Year R and where appropriate, Year 3 (transfer from Infant to Junior).

Notifications of a place allocation for on-time applications will then be sent out on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and the waiting lists will be established on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Full details are available on the Hampshire web site: [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk) on the **Education and Learning** pages.

### *Looking Forward to 2019*

At the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November, Parish Councillors received, from the Clerk, the proposed dates for the Parish Council meetings for 2019, which are listed at the end of this item.

2019 is also an important year as, along with Town and District Councils, elections will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May for all the seats on the Parish Council.

The Parish Council always meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall Annexe, unless otherwise stated. The 2019 meetings schedule is as follows:

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	– Full Council Meeting
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	– Full Council Meeting
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	– Full Council Meeting
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>– Annual Parish Meeting – Starts at 7.30 pm – in main Parish Hall</b>
<b>TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY</b>	<b>– PARISH / TOWN / DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS</b>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>– Annual Parish Council Meeting (First Meeting of the Parish Council Year &amp; newly elected Parish Council)</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	– Full Council Meeting
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	– Full Council Meeting
<b>August</b>	<b>– No Meeting</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	– Full Council Meeting
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	– Full Council Meeting
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	– Full Council Meeting
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	– Full Council Meeting

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### *Invasive Non-Native Plant Species – Next Volunteer ‘Himalayan Balsam Pull’ Season*

Plans are being made for the next round of Himalayan Balsam removal from our waterways during the summer, 2019. Within the Parish, we have many areas where the Himalayan Balsam is evident and left in place, it will gradually dominate and smother other plant species. Volunteers are sought for the next round. For more information, contact **Catherine Chatters** on **07770 923315** or **catherine.chatters@hiwwt.org.uk**

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### *Community Playground Safety Inspections Begin*

Parish Councillors have now received training for the visual safety inspection of the Community Children’s Playground at the Parish Hall.

These will take place once a week to check everything on the playground functions properly.

Please notify the Parish Council Clerk of any issues you believe need to be addressed when you’re there with your child. Contact information can be found on the sign at the gate.

The community is, rightly, very proud of our new Playground and we are keen to ensure that it is available to everyone as much as possible. You can help us do so, by keeping us informed of any problems

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### *Next Parish Council Meeting:*

Takes place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall annexe

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*The Clerk to the Council, Suzanne Middleton, can be contacted by post at: 17 Alpine Road, Ashurst, Southampton, SO407AN, or by telephone: 02381120150 or by email at: [parishclerk@copythorne.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@copythorne.org.uk), website: [www.copythorne.org.uk](http://www.copythorne.org.uk). Details of individual Parish Councillors, and information on District and County Councillors, can also be found on the Parish Council Website and on community notice boards.*