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The Parish Council Newsletter

Welcome to the February 2019 edition of the Parish Council Newsletter. This two page version of the Newsletter is available on the Council’s website. Paper copies of this version are also available from the Bartley Post Office, Woodington Feeds and the Courtesy Filling Station shop, Romsey Road.

Parish Council Noticeboards – A Policy to Help Manage Them

At the meeting on 8th January, The Parish Council received a report on the Parish Council Noticeboards – their condition and use. **There are 7 Parish Council noticeboards in various locations.**

At various time of the year, the noticeboards can, in some cases, be quite overburdened with notices and often, become very messy as a result. While this shows how much is going on in the Parish, it can also detract visually and environmentally from the purpose of the noticeboards. Parish Councillors undertake regular tidying of the noticeboards, but this is time consuming and does not solve all the problems.

To that end, the Parish Council approved a policy initiative to help manage the noticeboards to enable them to be both clear to use and updated regularly and we need the community to help us in this objective. To that end, for a pilot period of three months, as of the start of February:

- Please could the noticeboards be used specifically for **community notices** and not for advertising ‘for-profit’ business activity. There are many other locations where businesses can advertise in the Parish.
- Please could you post notices **no bigger than A5 size** (14.8 x 21 centimetres) which, given the size of the noticeboard display area, will better manage space for more notices.
- Please **only use drawing pins** to affix notices – staples damage the backboard and are hard to remove.
- Please can you remember to **take notices down once the event / activity has happened**. Posters should not be in place, ideally, for more than 4 weeks.

We are also going to look at the long term future for the noticeboards as some of them are nearing the end of their useful life and we will be receiving a report at the next meeting of the Parish Council as to their repair or replacement which would include making them more waterproof.

Please help us in looking after our noticeboards - they are a valuable resource for our community!



Affordable Housing in Copythorne – An Update

The Parish Council has invited the New Forest District Council Housing Enabler and a representative from HARA to the next meeting (12th February), to give a presentation about **possible proposed development** within Copythorne Parish.

We have proposed a **two stage process** to hear about and then discuss any implications of any proposals.

The first session is a ‘listening’ one, to hear from the promoter presenters and for Parish Councillors to seek any clarifications. We do not propose that this session will include a discussion. Of course, members of our community are very welcome to attend to hear the presentation but we do not propose to take questions from the public at this session.

Affordable Housing in Copythorne – An Update (cont.)

The second session at the 12th March meeting will be for the Parish Council, having had time to consider the presentation and **for members of the community to discuss it with each other and with Parish Councillors, to engage in a discussion on the possible proposal**. This is also the opportunity for members of the community to be engaged with that discussion. However, in order to manage the session efficiently as we will have limited time, we would be very grateful if, in the first instance, questions which members of the community may have, could be sent in advance to the Clerk – at the latest **3 days before the meeting**, (i.e. by 8th March). This will enable us to coordinate questions and avoid repetition.

Obviously, additional issues / questions can be raised at the meeting, but within the time available, this will help ensure that the breadth of possible key issues raised is addressed.

This is a very early stage in what will clearly be a long process with **many more opportunities** to undertake discussions prior to any definitive proposal, were a possible development to be identified by the promoters.

Flooding Update

Copythorne - Flood Risk and Coastal Defence Investigation Report has been received from Hampshire County Council (HCC), as the lead local flood authority. The report principally addresses the flooding event that occurred over the winter period of 2013-14, reviews actions taken and considers if any further actions are required. If you wish to receive a copy of this report, please contact the Parish Clerk (contact details below).

The Parish Council's flooding working party will report to the Parish Council's March meeting.

Reminder – Up-Coming Annual Parish Meeting

In our last Newsletter, we mentioned the up-coming **Annual Parish Meeting**, (APM) taking place on the **26th March** and its theme of **'Celebrating success in Our Community During the Past Year'** and also thoughts about a 5 Year Plan for the Parish.

Under the heading of 'Local Success' – we would **welcome any suggestions** for presentations by groups which might be made reflecting good things happening in our community in the past year. Please contact the Clerk with any ideas.

Also, we are receiving nominations for the **Annual Parish Award** for any individual or small group who have made a real difference for our community this year. Last year's well-deserved winners were Brian and Jo Hole at '4 Ways', for their continued services for the community in the operation of the store and Post Office. If there's someone you'd like to nominate for **this year**, please send your suggestion **under a confidential cover to the Clerk no later than 22nd February**.

The full agenda for the APM will be published in early March.

Bag and Bin.....

A short note to remind all dog owners in the Parish, when walking their dogs, that all the litter bins on the highway are suitable to use for the disposal of suitably bagged dog waste. Walking a dog is a great pleasure to many in our community and helping to keep dog waste under control by 'bagging and binning'!

Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting:

The next two Parish Council meetings will take place on **Tuesday 12th February & Tuesday 12th March 2019 both at 7.00 p.m. Parish Hall Annexe.**

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