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### **The Parish Council Newsletter**

Welcome to the January 2020 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 available from Bartley Post Office, Woodington Feeds; Courtesy Filling Station shop, Romsey Road and the Forest Pharmacy.

# 2020

**The Parish Council wishes all in our community a very happy and prosperous new year....**

We are keen to promote events affecting our community in our Newsletter as well as our own activities. If you have something you'd like the Parish Council to know about and support, please do let us know via the Parish Council Clerk, David Rigby.

### **Review of Our New Forest Electoral Boundaries – An Update**

Readers will know from both our December and November Newsletter editions of the review which has been commissioned by New Forest

District Council (NFDC) into the Electoral Ward boundaries. The **Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE)** will be undertaking the review, as is always the case for this type of activity.



In our two previous editions we published a timetable for the review, which was due to commence on **26<sup>th</sup> November 2019**. However, readers may have noticed a small interruption to normal 'political' activities in the form of a general election(!) This had the impact of postponing the Electoral Boundary Review for a short period, as the process was affected by the purdah rules, which prohibit functional political activities taking place during an election period.

A new **consultation timetable** has now been **partially** prepared as follows:

1. Consultation on Warding Patterns (what should the NFDC electoral ward boundaries look like):  
**Starts 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**
2. Consultation on draft recommendations (a document published by the LGBCE for review):  
**2<sup>nd</sup> June to 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020**
3. Final Recommendations from the LGBCE:  
**3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020**

To access the consultation pack (from 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019) and to make a submission, go to: [www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk)

Or you can email your comments to: [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk)

Or, if you prefer 'snail-mail', you can write to: **Review Officer (New Forest), 1st Floor, Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0TL**

The results of the consultation will be used as the basis for the **Local Government Elections in 2023**.

### **Parish Village Signs – An Update**



In our December Newsletter, we included an item on the developments for two of our **5 Year Local Parish Plan projects: Parish Benches and Local Parish Owned Telephones Boxes**. We also indicated that our third project, **New Village Signs**, was still a development work in progress.



We are now very pleased to announce that the final arrangements for the **Village Signs** project have been completed and the project planning is now under way and the signs for the first stage have been ordered.

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The new signs will provide a unifying design to all the village signage in the Parish and will include recognition of both the Parish and National Park connection.

For the first stage, signs for **Winsor, Cadnam, Copythorne** and **Newbridge** will be delivered and installed in the spring of 2020. Signs for **Bartley** and **Ower** will be delivered and installed in the new financial year, 2020-2021.

By way of clarification, the **second phase signs (Ower and Bartley)**, have been identified as having unique characteristics which will require a little more time to resolve – such as in the case of Bartley, the exact location for the new signage. More on the resolution of this will appear in a future Newsletter after further consultation and investigation.

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### **Looking Forward into 2020 – The Annual Parish Meeting**

Amongst many other scheduled activities, one of our major community events is the **Annual Parish Meeting**, which is set to take place at:

**7.30 p.m. in the main Parish Hall on the 24<sup>th</sup> March**

The Parish Council facilitates this meeting on behalf of the Parish, but it is very much focussed on the Parish and its community and is **not** a Parish Council meeting – **it's yours**. (This is a very different meeting to the **Parish Council Annual Meeting**, which is concerned with the start of the Parish Council Year and which takes place in May.)

We are considering the possible detailed agenda for the meeting and following the success of the meeting format over previous two years, hope to have a blend of presentations from local groups, detailing activities and **celebrating success** and some more **substantive discussion items**, details of which will be advised in the future.

The Parish Council is planning to include a brief update on our **'5 Year Local Parish Plan'** development progress. Within this aspect, the Parish Council would like also to have an item about the development of a possible **'Local Parish / Village Design Statement'**, which would be a crucial tool in helping us influence the shape of future developments when proposed, in our immediate Parish area. Also, the Parish Council is investigating a forward feasibility for **Community Transport** and will also raise this at the meeting. More on both of these in a later Newsletter issue! The final agenda will be published in **mid to late February 2020**.

**We would welcome any suggestions or offers for presentations from our community**. Please let the Clerk know if you have anything you'd like to offer / suggest.

Please make a note of the date for the Parish Meeting in your diary – **we'd really like to hear any of your ideas for the meeting and also to see you there on the night!!**

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### **And Included in the above ..... The Annual Parish Award**

One of the 'events' at our Annual parish Meeting is the now regular feature of the **Annual Parish Award**. This award has been in place now for two years and is a part of our celebration of local achievements and contributions to our local community as a whole.

We'd like to ask all Parishioners to think about and let us know of any particular individuals or groups who might qualify for consideration under the award for outstanding contribution to the life of our community. You can send your suggestions to the Clerk – details below.

More detail including full criteria will be published in our **February** edition and on our website. **Please let us know your ideas!**



2019 Joint  
Award winners:  
Holly Green &  
Laurie Gibbs

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**Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting:** The next two Parish Council meetings will take place on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 and 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020, both at 7.00 p.m. Parish Hall Annexe.**

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