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The Parish Council Newsletter

Welcome to the March 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.

First Up: Final Reminder - The Annual Parish Meeting 2020

As reported in our last two editions, one of our major upcoming community events is the **Annual Parish Meeting**, which is set to take place at:

7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start in the main Parish Hall on the 24th March

The Parish Council have now finalised the agenda, on behalf of the community, including suggestions from community members.

The meeting will include the usual report from the Parish Council on its work in the past year, as well as the work of its Advisory Committees. We hope that our District and County Councillors will also be attending to feed back on their work in the past year.

We have a range of presenters lined up, including pieces on:

- An update on **community policing matters** from our PCSO, Richard Williams including the latest report from our **Community Speed Watch** team of volunteers;
- Presentations on **The British Legion** activities and **Stanley's Own Magazine**;
- An update on development planning for the **Parish Hall**;
- An update and further consultation on the **5 Year Local Parish Plan**;
- An item on **Community Transport** and a consultation on its future viability.

plus, of course, a slot for a **question and answer** session local matters over the past year. The full agenda with timings is now available on the Parish Council web site.

Finally!! – Don't forget that this is also the occasion when we make the **Annual Parish Award**! There might still just be time to submit any final nominations. Please make contact with Clerk (details below),

There will be **refreshments** at the end of the meeting kindly provided by the **W.I.** and a chance to mingle and chat!

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!!**



Review of Our New Forest Electoral Boundaries – Parish Council Endorsement



At the meeting on **11th February** the Parish Council received and discussed a report with a proposed Parish Council response to the **New Forest District Council (NFDC) Electoral Boundary Review** proposals.



The report recommended that the Parish Council accepted and endorsed the NFDC proposal for the boundary revisions which would affect Copythorne Parish.

The NFDC Review is being undertaken by the **Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE)**.

Readers will know from previous editions of the Newsletter on this topic, that one of the objectives for the NFDC review was to remove three 'anomalies' affecting Parish Councils where there was a 'split' Parish Council ward. **Copythorne was one of those three 'anomalies'**.

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Review of Our New Forest Electoral Boundaries – Parish Council Endorsement – cont.

The formal proposal creates a single ward for **Copythorne Parish (North and South now combined) along with Bramshaw, Netley Marsh and Ashurst and Colbury**. This would create two District Councillor seats and fit with the NFDC overall objectives for the review, including the requirement for the numbers of electors per District Councillor (+ or – 10%).

Members of the Parish Council had a lengthy debate on the proposal, including consideration of two other options raised at the meeting (which can be seen in the Parish Council minutes for the meeting), but eventually had a **majority vote in favour of the NFDC proposal**. The Parish Council response has now been submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission.

The results of the consultation will be subject to final consideration by the LGBC prior to being laid as an order before parliament for approval.

The consultation closes on **2nd March 2020** and the results will be used as the basis for the **Local Government Elections in 2023**.

Forest Pharmacy Develops New Community Services!

Our local pharmacy, under the new management of our **Pharmacists, Sunny and Daisy**, has been undergoing some changes over the past few months since they took over. Sunny and Daisy are developing **new services for our local community** as well as updating what should already be available in a modern community pharmacy, to ensure that we have the best of provision locally.

The new services they now provide include:

- a private consultation room in place for any confidential advice customers may need.
- a free repeat prescription collection service
- free blood pressure check
- diabetes check
- cholesterol check
- full health check
- weight loss programme
- erectile dysfunction service
- travel health
- NHS New medicine service
- NHS Medicines use reviews
- NHS 'flu jabs.



Of course, one of the major services local community members can enjoy is that all **prescriptions can now be made and collected** from Forest Pharmacy and many of you have already transferred your prescription needs to them.

Sunny and Daisy send their best regards and thanks to the local community for making them so welcome and supporting the pharmacy and hope that the new services will prove of interest to a wide range of people.

The pharmacy is now **open between 8.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. weekdays** and will shortly also be open on **Saturdays from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** Their telephone number is **02380 812 734**.

We are very fortunate to have a local dispensing pharmacy within the Parish. It is a valuable resource and the Parish Council is keen to help Sunny and Daisy to make it a real success. As the phrase goes – **'use it or lose it'!**

Date of the Next Parish Council Meetings: The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday 10th March 2020, at 7.00 p.m. Parish Hall Annexe.**

The **Annual Parish Meeting** takes place in the main Parish Hall **on 24th March at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.**

SPECIAL NOTE: The April Parish Council meeting will take place at the **Stanley's Own Scout Building** and not the Parish Hall **on Tuesday 14th April 2020 at 7.00 p.m.**

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