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Parish Council

Sparsholt Parish Council welcomes new councillor, Pete Chadwick. Pete lives in Woodman Close and will be shadowing Stewart Wooles on the Highways portfolio. All councillors retained their portfolios as above at the Parish Council's May meeting with Sue Wood remaining Chair.

City Council

City Councillor, Caroline Horrill was re-elected at the beginning of May and is one of three conservative councillors representing the Wonston and Micheldever Ward including the villages of Crawley, Littleton and Sparsholt. Contact details for Caroline and her colleagues Cllr James Byrnes and Cllr Stephen Godfrey can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Renewable Energy at Sparsholt College

On 21st April Winchester City Council rejected the planning application (16/00116/FUL) made by Ecotricity to build a "Green Gas" Mill at Sparsholt College:

"The site is located in the countryside and intended to draw on feedstocks from unspecified sites within a 15 km radius. The proposal for the provision of an Anaerobic Digester Plant with the associated traffic movements would result in a type and volume of traffic unsuited to the local rural road network, which will have a harmful effect on the character and nature of the road network. Furthermore, the proposal does not provide details of the route and volume of traffic on the rural road network, which could be harmful to other road users, the quiet enjoyment of the local area and to the safety of residents of any settlements through which it would pass. Accordingly, the proposal is considered contrary to the intentions of saved policies T2, DP3(ii) and DP.11 of the Winchester District Local Plan Review and policies MTRA4, MTRA5, CP.10 and CP.21 of the Winchester District Local Plan Part 1 - Joint Core Strategy 2013."

Ecotricity issued a press release on the day of the decision saying that it would review the outcome before deciding whether to appeal.

Sparsholt Parish Plan

Every household in the Parish (approx. 290) received a questionnaire in March inviting them to give their view on all aspects of village life. This followed the Housing Needs Survey circulated earlier in the year. The purpose of these is to collate information to form a Parish Plan. This will only be meaningful if more questionnaires are returned. The Parish Planning Working Group has extended the deadline for completion to 30th May. Further copies can be obtained from the Village Shop, the Parish Website www.sparsholtparish.org (click on "Documents" tab) or by contacting Terry Dunn on 01962 776 543/ 07778 966 843 or email terry@hamgreen9.co.uk

This is our parish, let's plan the future together

Street Meet - Tuesday 14th June 3-5pm at Woodman Close

A family friendly event and opportunity to meet your Housing Officers, find out about changes, suggest improvements and ask any questions. For further information, phone 0800 716 987 or email tenantinvolvement@winchester.gov.uk

Grants for Rural Projects

Farmers, foresters, growers, small businesses and rural communities are now invited to apply for a share of a £1.6m fund across the Eastleigh, East Hampshire, Havant and Winchester rural areas.

Further details about Fieldfare LEADER can be found at www.Fieldfareleader.org.uk.

For more information please contact Ken Brown 01962 848 588 kbrown@winchester.gov.uk

Planning

A number of parishioners have asked for clarification of the planning rules around paddocks and their use.

Our research indicates that in planning law there is no set definition of a paddock. In common parlance, it is normally used to refer to a piece of open land, which may be associated in some way with keeping animals.

In general, the owner of a paddock is able to do anything that constitutes the normal upkeep/maintenance of the site, or with the use of agricultural land, including mowing, growing flowers, vegetables or hay on a commercial basis. For example, the planting of a small orchard, flowers and hedgerows would not require planning permission as this would be regarded as an agricultural use of the land.

If the nature of the site changes so that it resembles more a residential garden than an open paddock, then the question would arise as to whether it needs planning permission, as this would be a change of use. For example, it would not be a permitted development to subsume a paddock into a residential garden, as this would change the planning status of the land, and may, in effect, extend a property beyond the settlement boundary. A structure, such as a chicken coup, may or may not need planning permission depending on its size and permanence. Again, it would be a question of fact and degree as to whether a change of use has occurred.

If you have queries about planning please do come along to any parish council meeting, contact any of the councillors listed on this newsletter or refer to the Winchester City Council Planning Department website <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning/>.

Please be Alert

The website www.police.uk gives details of crimes reported nationwide. By entering post code or place name in the "find your neighbourhood" search box it is possible to find statistics for Winchester Rural West which encompasses Sparsholt.

It is important to report crimes and concerns to the police using the 101 number for **non-emergencies**.

In addition, there are three type of crime that can be reported on line: criminal damage, theft, theft from a vehicle www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/contact-us/report-a-crime.

Forthcoming Events



Celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday

Saturday 11th June 2016 from 2 – 6pm

At the Sparsholt Village Picnic

Just bring your picnic, a blanket and a bottle! There will be games, music and hopefully some sunshine!

On the Green, Woodman Close

Any questions, please contact Bonnie Stagg on 07818 564 956

Sparsholt Village Fete

Saturday 25th June 2016 from 1 - 4pm

The Fete will be held as usual in the heart of our beautiful village. Come along and enjoy a fun filled afternoon with something for everyone; help us to raise funds for the Church and the Village at the same time.

Enjoy lunch from the BBQ, ice creams, afternoon tea, a glass of Pimm's or a beer while you listen to the Jazz band and watch the children's country dancing display. There will be stalls selling cakes, books and bric-a-brac, art, jewellery, beauty products, pickles and much, much more. Try your luck at the raffle, tombola, the coconut shy, football speed goal or 'splat the rat'. Admire the classic car display and try your hand at bell ringing in St Stephen's Church. There will be children's rides and activities, circus skills display, pond dipping and Messy Church craft-making.

Admission to the Fete is £2 for adults and free for children. We hope to see you there.

HELP NEEDED

The fete organisers need bottles for the tombola, books, bric-a-brac, cakes, soft toys and other items. Lookout for the leaflet which will be delivered to each house a couple of weeks before the fete, giving details of the relevant contacts. All items gratefully received!

We also need helpers on some of the stalls; if you could spare an hour to help man a stall, please contact Alastair Barron on 776844 or Sally Wesley on 776476.

To enable the safe set up and running of the Village fete, part of Woodman Lane through the centre of the village will be closed from 10am – 5pm. The closure will be from the triangle at the junction of Watley Lane to the Junction with Church Lane. Traffic diversion signs will be in place. Please note that Home Lane will be operating a one-way system as sign posted on the day. We hope to keep disruption to a minimum.

Contact Details and Other Information

City Councillors

Caroline Horrill: email CHorrill@winchester.gov.uk or telephone 01962 776844.

James Byrnes: email jbyrnes@winchester.gov.uk or telephone 07402 114474.

Stephen Godfrey: email sgodfrey@winchester.gov.uk or telephone 01962 884477.

County Councillor

Phil Bailey: email philbailey@hants.gov.uk or telephone 01962 775275.

Police Liaison

PCSO 13466 Croutear: email kerry.croutear@hampshire.pnn.police.uk or telephone 07901102445

Neighbourhood Watch

Coordinator of the local NHW is Jan Anderson whose telephone number is 01962 776784.

Blocked gullies

Report these to Hampshire County Council on 0845 603 5633.

Report a pothole

Complete the form at

<http://roadenquiries.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems/highwaydefect/pothole.aspx>

Mobile Library

The next visit of the mobile library will be at Woodman Close on Tuesday 21st June between 1.15pm and 1.40pm.

Projector

If you wish to use the Sparsholt Parish Council projector for a council or community presentation, please contact the clerk.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is a planning only meeting to be held on 16th June at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.