

SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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Notice:

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL

***Please join us from 7.30 pm for drinks and nibbles
The meeting will commence at 8.00pm***

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We welcome John Cooper to the Parish Council. John has lived in the village for some twenty five years and raised his family here. He was recently part of the group that put together the Parish Plan. John commented "I am very pleased to now have more time available to devote to the village, in doing so contributing to the community and way of life that has meant so much to myself and family".

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SPARSHOLT

As highlighted in previous newsletters Winchester City Council is proposing to build a small number of Council homes at Woodman Close. Residents will have seen that surveys have been taking place with results of the latest drainage survey awaited and an assessment as to the highway safety implications of the proposal to take place soon.

It is important that those with a housing need and recognised local connection register with Hampshire Home Choice, as this will help the Council refine the mix of properties and ensure that local people do not miss out on the opportunity of a home in a scheme at Woodman Close.

A local connection is defined as one of the following:

- Ordinarily resident in the village/parish.
- Previously ordinarily resident in the village/parish prior to the date of allocation and has family who ordinarily reside there.
- Employment – current or to take up permanent employment in village/parish.
- To give or receive **essential** support from family members ordinarily resident in the parish/village.

If you meet any of the above criteria and would like to register for affordable housing please visit: <http://www.hampshirehomechoice.org.uk>.

If you are an existing WCC tenant and you are interested in downsizing to a smaller property because it would better meet your needs, please contact the Council's Housing Tenancy team on 01962 848 197 or by email at housingtenancy@winchester.gov.uk.

If you wish to have a chat about the scheme please do contact Cllr Wood, Chair of the Parish Council, or Cllr Horrill, one of our City Councillors, who will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

PARISH PLAN UPDATE

Winchester City Council is to install new larger and clearer HGV advisory signs on the approaches to the village. Discussions continue with Hampshire County Council about road safety. An update will be given at the Annual Parish Meeting.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Sixteen local council seats are up for election on Thursday 2 May including one seat in our ward of Wonston & Micheldever. Your vote matters so make sure you have your say in how the Winchester District is run.

POLITE REMINDERS

Trees and hedges

Trees and hedges close to roads and footpaths need to be managed to make sure that they do not cause danger to people, vehicles, and neighbouring properties.

Hampshire County Council manages trees on public roads and pathways and generally (but not always) the verges beside them. **It does not manage trees and hedges on private property and roads as they are the responsibility of the land owner or occupier.**

If those responsible for trees and hedges on private land fail to manage them Hampshire Highways may give formal notice to the owner or occupier of the land to take the necessary action.

Further information at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge>

Promoting responsible dog walking in Hampshire

Please do not let your dog approach or chase livestock. It can cause serious injury or stress to the animals and your dog can get lost or injured. Find out more about the Dog Walking Code supported by the Countryside Service at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryside/dogwalking#step-0>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

HAM GREEN VOLUNTEERS

Join the volunteers at the Lay-by at Ham Green, 9.00am to approx. midday on Sunday 7 April. Contact Terry Dunn on 01962 776543 or terry@hamgreen9.co.uk for further information.

DIARY DATES FOR 2019

Parish Council Meetings: Wednesday 24 April (Annual Parish Meeting), 16 May, 20 June, 18 July, 19 September, 17 October, 21 November

Village Clean Ups

Autumn – Saturday 26 October

Contact Details and Other Information

Our City Councillors

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

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

Patrick Cunningham: email pcunningham@winchester.gov.uk or telephone 01962 883 887

Our County Councillor

Jan Warwick: email jan.warwick@hants.gov.uk or telephone 07717104236

Report a problem to Winchester City Council

This service enables reporting of problems such as missed bin collections, fly tipping, pot holes and road concerns www.winchester.gov.uk/report.