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Irene Francis Minns 8th April 1931 – 6th October 2015

Irene Francis Minns passed away on the 6th October 2015, at the age of 77 years.

In the entrance of the Memorial Hall there is a photograph taken at the official opening in 1982. At the time Mr John Minns was chair of the Memorial Hall Committee and Irene, his wife, is seen standing next to him. They had both worked tirelessly, for many years, to raise funds for the Hall and its future. Irene assisted John initially but became the Caretaker, in her own right, in 1994. She remained a reliable and conscientious caretaker for 14 years, maintaining excellent relationships with all Hall users. Irene retired from her post in 2008.

Irene was a fairly shy person but she was not slow in voicing her opinion if she felt it was warranted and as a result she contributed greatly to the "discussions" which have always followed the Hall around.

Most of all though, she loved her family and had many a celebration, in her own Memorial Hall. Her love of the Hall and of Sparsholt is exemplified by the fact that any donations in memory of Irene should be used to benefit the Hall. A suitable memorial is being considered.

Sparsholt Parish Plan

Further to the last article, the Parish Plan Working Group has now completed its assessment of how to gather the views of the Residents in the Parish.

The result of that assessment is that the views will be sought in two phases.

The first phase will be on Housing Needs to update the last survey done some 12 years ago. This will take the form of a questionnaire issued one to each residence and these will be issued in the first week of January to be returned by 1st February.

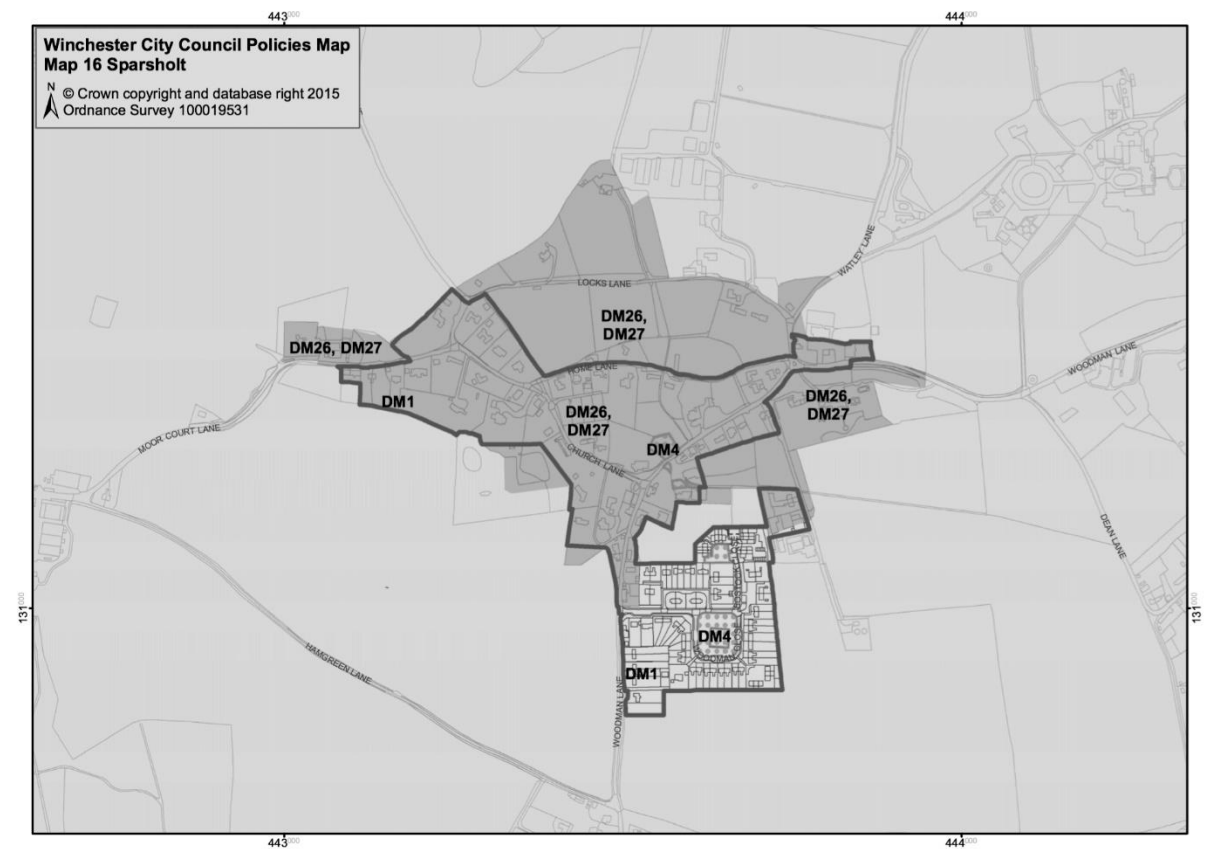
The second phase will be in two parts and both will cover all aspects of life in the village and where relevant, aspects from the first phase. The first part will be issued and addressed to all adults living in the village and the second part will be addressed to all 11 – 17 year olds. We expect this to be issued in March next year.

The aim is to have completed the Parish Plan by the end of 2016 and present the results to the Village at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2017.

This is a unique opportunity for everyone in the village to have their say in the future of the village and you are all strongly encouraged to complete and return the questionnaires in good time.

Planning

The **Winchester District Local Plan Part 2: Development Management and Site Applications Publication Draft** is now available. This has been published for consultation for a period of six weeks from 6th November until noon 21st December 2015. The Plan, supporting documents and online form for comments can be downloaded from: www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-plan-part-2. The Plan shows the settlement boundary ("building envelope") area for Sparsholt as below together with protected open areas and conservation areas. The building envelope is unchanged.



Key	Policy DM1:	Location of new development
	Policy DM4:	Protected open areas
	Policy DM26:	Development in conservation areas
	Policy DM27:	Demolition in conservation areas

Sparsholt Village Design Statement is about the character and qualities of the village of Sparsholt. It sets out guidelines which all developments, building works and changes in the village need to follow to conserve and enhance these character and qualities and to ensure that what is done is in keeping with its surroundings. It sets out guidelines on such things as roof lines, size of new buildings, street signs and furniture, and trees and hedges. This Statement is a Supplementary Planning Document which supplements the Local Plan and forms part of the Local Development Framework for Winchester District. The guidelines must be taken into account when planning applications are considered. A copy of the statement is available on the Parish Council website. A printed copy can be obtained from Jill Judge clerk.sparsholt@parish.hants.gov.uk

The Parish Council meets monthly (normally the third Thursday) and welcomes all to come along and talk about planning.

Renewable Energy at Sparsholt College

At the time of going to print the planning application for the new Green Gas Mill at the College's campus had not been submitted.

Highways

The County Council is asking residents' views on a number of proposed changes to the way some environmental work on Hampshire's highways is carried out, namely: street light dimming, reducing the amount of times each year grass is cut along the highway, and reducing the amount of times each year treatments are carried out to kill weeds along the highway.

Full details of the consultation and online response forms are available on the County Council's webpages: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/highwaysconsultation>. The consultation period closes at 12 midnight on Friday 11th December 2015.

Well House

The roof has now been retiled and insulation installed. Thank you to all for your patience whilst this work was being completed.

Will your child be 4 years old between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016?

Starting School in September 2016. Applying for a school place.

From 1st November 2015, Hampshire residents can apply:

- Online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions where you will also find information about schools in Hampshire: OR
- Using a paper application form available from any Hampshire infant or primary school.

Application deadline is Friday 15th January 2016.

If you would like to visit Sparsholt Church of England Primary School please contact the Head Teacher, Mrs Lindsay McCarthy. Tel 01962 776264 or email headteacher@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk

Forthcoming Events

Family Pantomime

"Cinderella" comes to the Memorial Hall on **Sunday 6th December, starting at 5pm**. It is suitable for children of all ages! Tickets are available at the Village Shop (776 998) - £ 5.00 for (real) children and £7.50 for adults. A child friendly tea will be available at extra cost on the day, as will be popcorn and ice creams.

Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

The Queen celebrates her 90th birthday in 2016. Events are taking place around the country and the Parish Council is willing to help sponsor a celebration in Sparsholt. Please do contact any member of the Parish Council with any thoughts and ideas.

Missing

In 1994 the Parish Council held a centenary exhibition. Two large books with embossed covers were made following this event containing photographs and other documents. If anyone knows the whereabouts of these please contact Jill clerk.sparsholt@parish.hants.gov.uk or 01962 776233

Projector

Supported by a Winchester City Council Small Grant the Parish Council has purchased a projector. This will enable the Council and members of the community to both see and hear presentations from the Council and other organisations. These will include planning, highway issues and presentations

from individuals and organisations wishing to communicate and discuss matters with the council or community. If you wish to use the projector for a council or community presentation please contact the clerk.

Advertising

Local businesses may wish to advertise in both this newsletter (published every two months) or on the Parish Council website. A special introductory offer of £5 a quarter (for a minimum of two quarters) is available. Please contact the clerk for further information.

PLEASE BE ALERT

Two nasty scams to be aware of as highlighted by the police and Neighbourhood Watch coordinator, Jan Anderson.

On Thursday, 29th October, an 88 year-old man from the Sparsholt area of Winchester was contacted by someone pretending to be from 'Hammersmith Police'. The caller claimed they had two males arrested in relation to fraud and that they had the victim's bank details. The victim was asked to go to his bank and withdraw £4,000 that would be fake money, not actually coming from his own account. The victim did not do this and no money was handed over.

<http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/news-and-appeals/2015/october/30102015-fraud-winchester-44150376078>

On 6th November a gentleman who lives in Dean was offered tree services at excess cost. Money was withdrawn from the bank in preparation for the work to be completed the next day. After hearing about this the home help phoned the man offering tree services (who had a leaflet with no address, no landline, only a mobile number) saying that his services were not required. Unfortunately he turned up the next day was quite threatening and menacing. The police were called. No work has been carried out nor money exchanged. Trading standards have been notified.

Anyone who is concerned about similar incidents should contact police by calling 101. If a crime is in progress, please call 999.

Contact Details and Other Information

City Councillor Caroline Horrill

Caroline Horrill's contact details are: email CHorrill@winchester.gov.uk or 01962 776844.

County Councillor Phil Bailey

Phil Bailey's contact details are: email philbailey@hants.gov.uk or telephone 01962 775275.

Police Liaison

Police hold their beat surgeries to coincide with mobile library visits.

kerry.croutear@hampshire.pnn.police.uk Telephone: 07901102445

jon.worsdell@hampshire.pnn.police.uk Telephone: 07554775447

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 8th December between 1.15pm and 1.40pm. Use it or lose it!

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is a planning only meeting to be held on 17th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. A copy of the most recent minutes is available at Sparsholt Shop and also on the website.