

# SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

# NEWSLETTER

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## **No. 202 May 2019**

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

At its recent meeting Sparsholt Parish Council unanimously re-elected Sue Wood as Chair. John Cooper is now responsible for the playground; the transport portfolio is currently vacant and all other portfolio holders remain the same (as above).

We would like to thank Jo Alexander who has been a member of the Parish Council for the past two years and representative for the playground. With increasing working commitments and two young children Jo has decided to resign as a Parish Councillor but we do hope that she will seek to rejoin in future years if time permits.

If you are interested in filling the vacancy created by Jo's departure please contact the Chair, the Clerk or any of the councillors listed at the top of this newsletter.

### **ELLIOT THE DRAGON PATCHER**

Congratulations to Cllr Wooles who recently won a competition to name one of Hampshire County Council's brand-new Dragon Patchers purchased to help repair the county's roads, damaged by the winter weather. The machinery is nicknamed the 'Dragon' because it expels flames to de-ice and dry out the road surface. It is then cleaned with compressed air and sealed with a stone mix and hot bitumen emulsion. With the surface repair completed in as little as two minutes, the Patcher can move on to the next repair.

It is hoped that Elliot the Dragon Patcher will visit Sparsholt very soon.

Meantime please do continue to utilise the on line service provided by Hampshire County Council report potholes <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>.

### **PARISH PLAN UPDATE – ROAD SAFETY**

The new larger and clearer HGV advisory signs have now been installed by Winchester City Council on the approaches to the village.

If you witness a road safety incident for example vehicles driving at speed, HGVs that have no legitimate business in the village causing obstruction, vehicles driving too close to pedestrians please do report this to the Parish Clerk ([clerk@sparsholtparish.org](mailto:clerk@sparsholtparish.org)). Please record as much detail as possible including date and time and if possible, vehicle registration, company names on vehicles and photographs. This information will be used to build a dossier of evidence to present to Hampshire County Council to raise the profile of road safety as a major issue in Sparsholt.

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SPARSHOLT**

Winchester City Council is collating and reviewing the information from the various surveys that have taken place to date at the site identified at Woodman Close. It is anticipated that the next round of public consultation will take place after the school summer holidays.

If you are interested in registering for affordable housing 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](mailto: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.

### **BUS PASSES**

The older person's bus pass entitles you to free travel on bus services throughout England from 9:30am to 11pm Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and on public holidays. To find out if you are eligible and how to apply for and renew an older person's 'blue stripe' bus pass visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/trafficandtravel/publictransport/buspasses/olderpersonsbuspass>.

Not only does the use of a free bus pass mean no parking charges for your journey but is an opportunity to help reduce CO2 emissions and protect a rural bus service.

### **POLITE REMINDER**

The Dog Walking Code <https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryside/dogwalking#step-0> supported by the Countryside Service reminds owners to:

- Keep your dog with you on paths or access land and don't let it stray into crops including fields of grass, fruit and vegetables
- Never let your dog worry or chase wildlife or livestock.

Following these guidelines not only ensures the safety of your dog but protects crops and livestock making the countryside a place for everyone to enjoy.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

#### **FETE**

The Village Fete will take place on Saturday 29 June, from 1pm to 4pm.

#### **HAM GREEN VOLUNTEERS**

Join the volunteers at the Lay-by at Ham Green 9.00am to approx. midday on Sunday 2 June and Saturday 6 July. Contact Terry Dunn on 01962 776543 or [terry@hamgreen9.co.uk](mailto:terry@hamgreen9.co.uk) for further information.

#### **DIARY DATES FOR 2019**

**Parish Council Meetings:** 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**

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##### **Our County Councillor**

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#### **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](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/report).