

Annex E – Councillor’s Reports - July

Cllr Caroline Horrill - Report to Sparsholt Parish Council July 2015

1. Boundary Changes

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has provided its verdict on the structure of the District Council. In May 2016 Winchester will move from 57 to 45 Councillors. None of the proposed wards will have an electoral variance greater than 10% from the average by 2020. Below is the specific detail from the final report impacting Sparsholt. We will become part of a three councillor ward called Wonston & Micheldever. We had asked for the name to better reflect all settlements but were not successful. Currently there are 5 councillors covering this area.

See attached map

Wonston & Micheldever	3	-4%	This ward consists of the parishes of Crawley, Micheldever, Sparsholt and Wonston, and part of the parishes of Littleton & Harestock and South Wonston.	As referred to above, we received a submission from South Wonston Parish Council objecting to the division of their parish between this ward and Kings Worthy. We also received a submission which suggested that this ward be named Dever Valley & Downlands North. We do not believe this name would provide a better reflection of the constituent parts of this ward. As Wonston and Micheldever are the main settlements, we consider that Wonston & Micheldever is the most appropriate ward name. Subject to the modification discussed under St Barnabas, we confirm our draft recommendations as final.
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2. Barton Farm Forum

Barton Farm has been placed outside the Town Wards in the Boundary Commission Review and remains within Headbourne Worthy Parish Council for the time being, with further consideration to be given to the possible formation of its own Parish Council, once prospective residents had taken occupation and neighbourhood/community groups have been formed.

Cala Homes reported that meetings were taking place every few weeks with HCC to progress traffic management matters including speed limits, the white lining of roads and the removal of cones but it was noted that difficulties had arisen regarding electricity connectivity and street lighting with SSE failing to attend on site. This stage is needed to occur prior to the completion of current traffic management measure and a delay to progress was noted.

It is probably the traffic impact which will be most relevant to the Sparsholt community in the longer term.

3. Community Project Grants - 8 September 2015

For grants towards the cost of one-off projects, specialised equipment, start-ups and improvements or construction of facilities. Replacement, maintenance or like-for-like items are not funded under this scheme as they are deemed a core running cost. There is no upper limit. However, pressure on the fund meant that the largest grant in 2014/15 was £3,700 for a building grant where the applicant supported two or more strategic priorities.

If you have received a project grant in 2014/2015 you may not be prioritised for a grant in 2015/2016.

Please note that applicants must secure a minimum of 25% of the total project cost from their own resources. It is anticipated that this will include a mix of the organisation's own funding; fundraising proceeds; other grants; a contribution from the Parish Council/Meeting or Town Forum as appropriate etc.

Applicants must provide a statement of support for their project from their Parish Council/Meeting or Ward Member. Deadline for application: 8 September 2015 – decision w/c 2 November 2015

Further details and a form can be found at www.winchester.gov.uk/community/grants/project-grant/. For further information, please contact Melissa Fletcher on 01962 848 492, mfletcher@winchester.gov.uk

4. Silver Hill

This week has seen further critical decisions made about the Silver Hill development based on the developer's decision to proceed with the 2009 planning permission. Three critical questions regarding viability have been considered re the affordable housing provider, funding provider and overall financial viability of the scheme.