

# SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

# NEWSLETTER

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### Precept 2015 – 2016

At the November meeting it was agreed that the precept (that part of the Council Tax that the Parish Council receives) should be £15225. This represents an increase of 5% on last year's precept.

### Will your child be 4 years old between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015

From 1 November 2014 you can apply online at [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions) where you will also find information about schools in Hampshire or you can use a paper application form available from a Hampshire infant or primary school. The application deadline is Thursday **15 January 2015**.

For help with the application process please visit any Hampshire infant or primary school or a Children's Centre or call 0845 603 5623 for alternative formats.

### District Councillor Caroline Horrill

#### Winter Road Maintenance

The annual winter maintenance programme came into action on 1st October and teams now monitor forecast and sensors daily, right through to next April, to assess when salting will be needed. Winter maintenance is treated on a priority basis:

Priority One routes carry the majority of the total traffic in Hampshire and include A roads, major bus routes, and roads to major emergency services. During periods of prolonged severe weather Priority Two and Community Routes are treated. Priority Two routes include B roads and single accesses to villages. "Community routes" ensure roads to smaller schools, GP surgeries and area of community activity are covered. You can check which roads are on which priority routes using a map or postcode at [www.hants.gov.uk/roads/winter-maintenance](http://www.hants.gov.uk/roads/winter-maintenance)

#### Affordable Homes – how is WCC doing?

The completions figures for affordable housing for the last 5 years are as follows

09/10 – 174

10/11 – 199

11/12 – 135

12/13 – 122

13/14 – 136

From 13/14 we will see increasing numbers of affordable housing completed as the Council's new build provision kicks in, additionally Barton Farm completions will begin to make an impact.

We expect that we will be delivering around 200 affordable units a year by this stage.

Please contact your District Councillor Caroline Horrill on [CHorrill@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:CHorrill@winchester.gov.uk) or 01962 776844 if you have any queries.

If you wish to advertise here  
please contact the Clerk

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### **County Councillor Phil Bailey**

Phil Bailey's contact details are: email [philbailey@hants.gov.uk](mailto:philbailey@hants.gov.uk) or telephone 01962 775275.

### **Community Defibrillator**

It has been agreed that following fund raising by the village a community defibrillator should be purchased. Many thanks to Tory Lander for organizing the fund raising, the purchase of the defibrillator and the training. More information to follow.

### **Police Liaison** Contact details are:

[kerry.croutear@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:kerry.croutear@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) Telephone: 07901102445

[jon.worsdell@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:jon.worsdell@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) Telephone: 07554775447

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

### **Planning Outcomes**

A list of decisions made by WCC is available at Sparsholt Shop.

### **Blocked gullies**

Report these to HCC on 0845 603 5633.

### **Woodman Close Playground**

There have been reports of older children hanging around the playground late in the evening making a lot of noise and using foul language. Please ensure that your child is not one of these young people.

### **Minutes of Parish Council meetings**

A copy of the most recent minutes is available at Sparsholt Shop.

### **Scam warning!**

Christmas is fast approaching, Royal Mail & The Trading Standards Office are making people aware of the following scam:

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a Premium rate number).

If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £315 for the phone call.

If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 020 7239 6655.

For more information, see the Crime Stoppers website:

<http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/crime-prevention/helping-prevent-crime/scams/postal-delivery-scam>

Please be aware that the premium rate number may change but nevertheless please do not call any number stated on a card from PDS.

### **Mobile Library**

Fortunately Sparsholt is not one of the Mobile Library stops that HCC is proposing to withdraw. The next visit of the mobile library will be at Woodman Close on **9 December 2014** between 13.15 and 13.40. Use it or lose it!

### **Vacancy for Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) Sparsholt Parish Council**

Part time 10 hours per week working from home. Working hours are flexible during the week but you must be available to attend Parish Council meetings held on third Thursday evening of each month. Salary SCP 21 – 29 (£19317 - £24892 pro rata) according to experience. You will be computer literate, have proven organisational and administrative skills together with experience in all aspects of finance and budget control. Previous local government/public sector experience desirable.

It is desirable that applicants live within 10 miles of Sparsholt. For more information and a job specification sheet please contact the Clerk on 01962 868023 or e-mail

[clerk.sparsholt@parish.hants.gov.uk](mailto:clerk.sparsholt@parish.hants.gov.uk). Closing date Friday **19 December 2014**.

### **Road Accidents to Deer**

Between October and December each year the number of road traffic collisions involving deer increases. Many deer are on the move to and from rutting grounds during the autumn mating season. Road safety is the last thing on their mind!

- When driving on rural roads, be alert to animals running out of adjacent cover and across the road with little or no warning
- Deer usually travel in herds, so if one runs out in front of you, it is likely that more will follow shortly afterwards
- Slow down when driving along roads with woodland / cover close to the roadside

Hampshire Constabulary runs a Humane Animal Dispatch call out scheme enabling us to provide an experienced person to dispatch the injured animal. If you are involved in a collision resulting in an injured deer, the following may assist:

- Please phone 101 providing a precise location. Use gateways or house names as landmarks.
- If safe, consider placing a blanket/coat over the deer's head to calm it
- DO NOT stand over the deer as this will cause it stress. Stand well away and observe it
- If possible, remain at the scene until the Police arrive so you can show them the exact location of the injured deer.

Stay safe and slow down.

### **Potholes**

The long awaited repairs to the potholes on roads through the village are due to start on 30 November 2014. Remember to report pot holes and other road problems on

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems>

### **Wind Turbine Sparsholt College Application Number 14/01616/FUL**

Although the Parish Council has been informed that this application is due to be discussed at Planning Committee on 15 January 2015 we have recently learned that there may be a considerable delay because WCC has asked for additional information from Sparsholt College. More information will be on the website as soon as we have it.

### **Sparsholt Parish Council website**

For more information about Sparsholt go to the Parish Council's new website

[www.sparsholtparish.org](http://www.sparsholtparish.org)

### **Next Parish Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Thursday 18 December 2014** in the Mosaic Room of the Memorial Hall at 7.30. All are welcome.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!