

## **Cllr Caroline Horrill report to Sparsholt Parish Council September 2015**

### **1. Devolution - Briefing for Parish Councils is scheduled for October 20th**

There will be a briefing for Parish and Town Councils on Tuesday 20th October 2015, I urge you to attend this meeting, so that you can contribute to the devolution debate while the proposals remain as fluid as they currently are – it will be more difficult for you to influence the final proposals later.

### **2. Planning Coach Tour**

A Planning District Coach Tour has also been scheduled to take place on Friday, 9 October. The tour will commence at 9.30am prompt when the coach will depart from the Guildhall steps and is open for attendance by all WCC Councillors and also by representatives of Parish Council's and the City of Winchester Trust, as has taken place in previous years. It is anticipated that the tour will finish at approx. 5pm when the coach will return to the Guildhall.

Spaces on the coach are limited and are offered on a first come, first served basis. An itinerary will be produced by Planning Officers and made available to those wishing to attend in due course. If you would like to attend the Planning District Coach Tour, please can you contact Hannah Ayling 01962 848 264, [hayling@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:hayling@winchester.gov.uk) by Thursday 1 October at the very latest to confirm your place.

### **3. Village Clean Up 2016**

An avid reader of Country Life Magazine spotted this article in the recent edition:

[http://www.magazinesdirect.com/az-magazines/c/6601/country-life.html?gclid=CjwKEAjwpuSvBRDSkaes4OasuEESJACfwlc\\_hCcwCRovhib9y2bT26EbFrQ8P\\_jMZEUkvTwyk0Nm-BoCSlzw\\_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds`](http://www.magazinesdirect.com/az-magazines/c/6601/country-life.html?gclid=CjwKEAjwpuSvBRDSkaes4OasuEESJACfwlc_hCcwCRovhib9y2bT26EbFrQ8P_jMZEUkvTwyk0Nm-BoCSlzw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds)

In short in early March next year there will be a National clean-up campaign to honour the Queen's birthday which coincides with our annual litter pick. Is this something we could use as a campaign to foster the community relations?

### **4. Parish Councillor Training - Code of Conduct**

Monday 5 October 2015, 6pm – Ruby Room, Jubilee Hall, Bishop's Waltham

This training concentrates on the Standards Framework and Code of Conduct. In addition to examining the Code, the training will cover practical application of the guidance to everyday situations. Please let David Blakemore know if you wish to attend [dblakemore@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:dblakemore@winchester.gov.uk)/01962 848 217.

### **5. Draft Local Plan Part 2**

Following the consultation on the draft Local Plan in December 2014, officers have now completed additional work to be able to respond to the matters raised, so that the Plan can proceed to its next stage. Consequently, a number of changes are proposed to the Plan which will be reported to two Cabinet (Local Plan) Committees.

Once the changes have been approved, the whole Plan will need to be finally agreed by Council at a special meeting on 21 October 2015. Rural areas will be covered in a meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

<b>6 October 2015</b>
<b>Chapter 3</b> Winchester Town
<b>Chapter 4</b> Market Towns and Rural Area New Alresford
<b>Chapter 6</b> Development Management

## **6. Syrian Refugees**

WCC is receiving approaches regarding the Council's role in coordinating activities regarding Syrian refugees.

We are currently awaiting guidance from the Government and the LGA on how local authorities will be asked to contribute to a coordinated effort. Richard Botham our Chief Housing Officer is acting as the Council's link to the LGA regarding this issue and will update everyone as soon as more information is available.

The link below provides the latest Government guidance on how organisations and individuals can help and we will be providing this guidance to all who offer assistance.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/syria-refugees-what-you-can-do-to-help--2>

The Customer Services team is maintaining a log of all expressions of support, offers of accommodation and donations etc. It would be helpful if you could direct any such offers to them via the main switchboard (01962 840222) or by email via [housing@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:housing@winchester.gov.uk).

## **7. River Park Consultation**

The Council will be consulting on the options for the redevelopment of the River Park Leisure centre at Bar End over the coming months. Please look out for your opportunity to input to this really important project for the city. This will also include the options for the use of the current space.

## **8. Barton Farm**

We are still awaiting the results of arbitration over the sale of the land between Winchester College and Cala Homes. Work has started on site for the first homes and the junction to the site has been installed on the LHS as you come down from Three Maids Hill.