

SHALFLEET PARISH NEWS

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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Welcome to the first edition of our Parish Council News, we hope to produce a newsletter at least four times per year, keeping costs to a minimum but hopefully Maintaining useful communication with **local** people regarding **local** issues.

The Parish Council is the first tier of local government. We are of equal standing, and not as some might think, in any way subordinate to the Isle of Wight Unitary Council. We are well placed to deal with local issues and parishioners' concerns, our meetings are open to the public and there is always time set aside at the end of meetings to hear questions from the public though rules do not allow public participation in the business of the Council. **If you want to know what is happening in your civil parish** come to our meetings, we are, after all, serving you.

As I write these words I am aware that many people are concerned regarding the forthcoming planning application to be submitted by Your Energy for seven large wind turbines at Wellow. The Parish Council will be making recommendations to the Local Planning Authority after careful consideration of all aspects of the issue and following a special planning meeting open to the public.

If there is a particular issue that you feel needs to be brought to the Council's attention let us know and we will look into it, the contact details for all Councillors and our Parish Clerk are listed on page two of this newsletter.

SUPPORT FOR LOCAL POST OFFICE

Working to maintain a vital rural community resource Shalfleet Parish Council in conjunction with Shalfleet Partnership provided financial assistance to fund aspects of the recent move of Wellow Sub Post Office to Rossiters Vinyard Shop. Post Mistress Sue Pritchett said in a letter to Council Chairman Bill Burt ***"the assistance provided will help the community retain a vital service"***.

ROAD SAFETY- A3054

Following concern raised at our September meeting the Council is working with the IWC Highways to examine road safety issues concerning the A3054 road between Bouldnor and Ningwood which has been the scene of a number of recent serious accidents some fatal. Speed measurement equipment has been deployed at two spots highlighted by Parish Councillors and IWC Senior Traffic Engineer Kevin Burton will attend our December meeting to discuss results of the speed measurement and possible traffic calming measures, Mr Burton will also be available to answer questions from members of the public.

CLERICAL MILESTONES

Our Clerk of the past three and a half years Mrs Jan Toms attended her last council meeting in July, Jan has left our employ to take up a new post with the Newport Roman Villa, a farewell presentation was made by the Council to Jan at the July meeting to express the Councils' gratitude for her diligent service. John Whitney is the successor to Jan, John, who is also Clerk to Rookley and Chale Parish Councils commenced his duties in September bringing to the Council the benefit of many years experience working at a senior level for County, Borough, and Parish Councils.

ROOM AT THE INN?

Basking in the success of last years event, members of the Council and the Clerk will be giving a repeat performance of their carol singing extravaganza as part of the Hospice "Lights of Love" initiative. **Dates and times for your diaries:** Horse & Groom PH Friday 17th December at 7.30pm and New Inn PH on Saturday 18th December at 7.30 pm, unlike that first Christmas of old "**there should be room at the Inn**" why not come and join us in our singing and fund raising.

KEEPING NEWBRIDGE SWINGING

Following a recent health and safety inspection the Newbridge Playground is temporarily closed to allow repair and refurbishment of the swings and removal of the hard concrete landing areas beneath the swings. This facility is leased from the Isle of Wight Council by the Parish Council to provide an amenity for the children of the village.

COMMUNICATION NOTES

Notice of Council Meetings : All Councils are required by law to give three days clear notice of meetings and display agenda/notices, Shalfleet Parish Council has notice boards at the following locations- outside Shalfleet Church, Newbridge bus shelter, Wellow bus shelters, A3054 junction end of Cranmore Avenue, and the Bouldnor View Point car park.

Confirmed Council Minutes: These are available for public scrutiny at Wellow, Newbridge, and Shalfleet Sub Post Offices.

Council Meeting Dates: The date, time, and venues for the next four regular Council meetings are- Dec 8th 2004 Wellow Institute at 7.15 pm, Jan 12th 2005 Shalfleet School 7.15 pm Feb 9th 2005 Newbridge Club 7.15pm and March 9th 2005 Wellow Institute at 7.15 pm, **members of the public are welcome to attend.**

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