

SHALFLEET PARISH NEWS

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Chairmans Column

Many parishioners may be aware of the current consultation process that is being carried out by the Isle of Wight Councils Planning Directorate to promote aspects of the **Island Plan** which will gradually replace the current **Unitary Development Plan**. Clearly the Island Plan when finally adopted will have a profound effect on the economic and social future of our Island. A special presentation **and consultation** has been arranged by the Rookley/Chale/Shalfleet group of *quality* parish councils and will take place at **Shalfleet Primary School on Thursday 9th March at 7-15 pm**. The meeting is open to the public with a question and answer session so please try to attend and assist the Isle of Wight Council Local Planning Authority in shaping the future of **your Island**.

On a lighter note I am pleased to report the annual Christmas carol singing carried out by the Council and friends raised £90 + in aid of Hospice funds, once again we are most appreciative of the support received and must particularly thank former parish councillor **Prue Osborne** for providing the accompaniment and an interesting and varied musical repertoire.

Newbridge Playground.

Following our last report on the regeneration of the Newbridge playground much progress has been made, designs for a new secure play area within the current playground have been vetted by our safety advisors and subsequently approved at the February council meeting. The play area will be equipped with traditional swings, a slide, and other “springy” equipment suitable for your children up to 7 years of age. The new area will be equipped with safety surfaces and be compliant with disability requirements. Volunteer help by Dads, Mums and all would be appreciated when the groundwork commences, please let John Whitney know on 531464 if you can help. The Council has made a bid for some grant aid towards the project and has already benefited from a anonymous donation, there is still a need to raise further funds towards this project so if any of our readers wished to sponsor items of equipment or make a donation, anonymous or otherwise, please contact John Whitney on 01983-531464. We are hoping to re-open the amenity by this Summer.

Your Council needs you!

Have you visited our website (www.shalfleetiow.org.uk) it contains a number of interesting local features including aerial photography of the parish and links with the Isle of Wight Council

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HOME START I.O.W. needs volunteers

- If you are caring and non-judgemental
- Have experienced the pressures of parenting
- Can spare 2-3 hours per week to visit a family at home

THEN PLEASE PHONE 533357 for details about becoming a Home-Start volunteer. Training and expenses are provided.

Home-Start I.O.W. 10 Union Street., Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1QB

Affordable Housing The results of a recent housing needs survey indicated a definite local requirement for affordable housing, the Rural Housing Enabler Clare Hodges advised that the survey response was above average. Accordingly the subsequent resolution of the parish council was ***“Shalfleet Parish Council supports in principle the provision of affordable housing within the civil parish subject to usual rights of Town & Country planning consultation when ultimate sites and details of proposals are known.”***

COMMUNICATION NOTES

Future Council Meeting Dates 8th March Newbridge Social Club, **9th March** special meeting Shalfleet Primary School, 12th April Shalfleet Primary School, 10th May Wellow Literary Institute, Annual Parish Meeting **date and venue yet to be fixed**, 14th June Newbridge Social Club, 12th July Shalfleet Primary School, 13th September Shalfleet Village Hall, 11th October Wellow Literary Institute, 8th November Newbridge Social Club, 13th December Shalfleet Primary School. **NB. Members of the public are welcome to attend council meetings which usually take place at 7-15 pm unless otherwise advertised.**

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