

Barton Stacey Parish Council Newsletter

May 2016

Dear Resident,

This is the MAY Newsletter of the Parish Council. The Parish Council meets every month on the **third Tuesday of the month** in the village hall from 7.30pm, however full Council no longer meets in December. The Planning Committee meets prior to the full Council meeting starting at 7pm if there are any planning applications to consider. Please check agendas on notice boards and the Barton Stacey web-site. All meetings are open to the public and public participation is invited at the start of the meeting. Please inform the clerk before the meeting if you wish to speak.

Parish Councillors: - A list of Parish Councillors together with their contact details and responsibilities is published on the website and on the main council notice board located outside the village shop. The Parish Council would like to thank Councillor Covell for all her hard work but who has now resigned and welcome George Sarnicki as a co-opted Councillor. However the Council still has a vacancy and if you would like to know more about being a Councillor please contact Sue Gaines (Chairman) email suegaines5@gmail.com, landline 01962 760564 or mobile 07802 675100

Parish Clerk and Responsible Officer: - The Parish Council was very pleased to appoint Mrs Jo Gadney in January 2016. Many of you will already know her from various clubs and activities in the village. Her contact details are: - email bartonstacey.pc@gmail.com; mobile 07798 502905; landline 01962 761287.

Mobile Library Service: - Hampshire County Council (HCC) has announced that the Mobile Library Service is to be discontinued on 30th June however it has offered a variety of more cost effective solutions such as a home delivery service and library visits to coffee/ tea mornings and afternoons. Councillor Sherwood is exploring these options and discussing this with the Tuesday Club. Once the arrangements for Barton Stacey are known the Parish Council will use the email system, notice boards, website and The West Dever News to publicise them.

To commemorate the 90th birthday

Of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II the Parish Council has purchased the bench pictured on the right which will be positioned on the far southern side of the Rec. It will be on display at the Flower Festival in All Saints Church on 11th and 12th June prior to installation.



Update on Community Right to Bid- MOD land at Roberts Road: - The 6 month moratorium on the sale of this land has now expired. The Parish Council explored the options available to it to purchase the land and, together with a Housing Association, build a small number of much needed one and two bedroom affordable homes. Unfortunately the uncertainty in this sector pending clarification of the Government's proposal to permit tenants of Housing Association homes to buy them and the fact that Hampshire Alliance for Affordable Rural Housing was looking for a new partner this project was discontinued. However Hampshire Home Choice have 9 households seeking one bedroom homes, 2 seeking 2 bedroom homes and 3 seeking 3 bedroom homes, all with links with Barton Stacey. Help to Buy South have 7 households on their list.

PHONE A FRIEND - Village Information Directory: - This directory has been produced in conjunction with Andover and District Older People's Forum however it has information that would be useful to the wider community, especially new people moving into the Parish. Copies will available from Sarah Sharratt mobile **07704 491582**, Village Agent, and it will also be on the village website in the near future.

Road safety measures: - Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) has recently undertaken some road safety measures around the Parish on behalf of Hampshire Highways (HH) using s106 monies (often called developer contributions). For many years Parish Councillors have been asking for traffic calming measures to be undertaken at Difford Bridge and it had been hoped that a traffic priority system would be put in place. Although money was provided within the s106 provisions to carry out this work it transpires that poor sight lines make this impossible. TVBC have, therefore, installed yellow and black chevron markers on the bridge supports, white lines on the road and moved the road sign closer to the bridge.

The Virtual Footpath along The Street is also one of the pedestrian safety measures requested by HH. The Parish Council does understand the urbanisation concerns of some residents however the volume of traffic has increased. The Parish Council sought advice on the use of the footpath as it is a relatively new concept and not covered by the Highway Code...“However, they should be treated as similar to cycle lanes, and vehicles should not drive along or park in a cycle lane marked by a solid white line. Obviously it will sometimes be necessary to briefly cross the solid white line for safety reasons – e.g. pulling in to let a vehicle pass, but this should only be done when unavoidable and then there are no pedestrians on the virtual footway. New regulations are expected this year on traffic signs and road markings and these will hopefully include virtual footways.”

Work on a new pavement from Bertune Close to Roberts Road is planned to start in May. This is also a pedestrian safety measure requested by HH with the work being carried out by TVBC.

The Parish Council would like to thank all residents who have placed the 30mph stickers on their wheelie bins within the 30mph speed limit. Several Police Forces are supporting this initiative, for example Leicestershire and Rutland Police issued thousands in their area in November 2015. The Parish Council will also be requesting occasional local police presence at busy times to reinforce the message that speeding is dangerous and can kill.

Buses: - The November edition of this newsletter highlighted the Parish Council's requirement to demonstrate to Stagecoach that a re-routed 85 bus service through the village would be used and is actually needed. Unfortunately there was very little response. If you or a relative would use this service please email the Clerk at bartonstacey.pc@gmail.com or telephone mobile 07798502905, landline 01962761287. Thank you.

Parish Lengthsman: - A group of 10 Parishes within the Winchester/Test Valley District (which includes Barton Stacey) require a Parish Lengthsman to carry out duties such as clearing existing drainage grips, maintaining ditches and channels; cutting back vegetation overhanging the road or footways; strimming grass and hedges; litter picking, removing fly posters and graffiti; cleaning signs and street nameplates (non-illuminated) street furniture: bus shelters, notice boards, benches; staining/painting/minor repairs to street furniture, fences and pavilions.

The Parish Lengthsman is required to have his/her own transport, mobile phone, equipment such as hand tools, hedge cutter and strimmer. Insurance and safety certificates are also required. There will be a minimum of 88 days of work per year.

For more information please contact our Clerk Jo Gadney in the first instance (details above).

Responsible Dog Ownership: - TVBC in conjunction with the Kennel Club is promoting Responsible Ownership. The Kennel Club information can be seen by visiting their website www.kennelclub.org.uk and search “responsible dog ownership”.

Hearing Aid Survey, West Hampshire CCG: - This organisation is currently conducting a survey to find out how the changes to the hearing aid service have been received. If you have been affected and would like to take part in the survey please visit www.westhampshireccg.nhs.uk

If you require any further information on any item please contact the Parish Clerk, Jo Gadney (contact details above)