

Memorial Hall

AGM was held on Tuesday 13 May 2013 and attended by 12 residents including all committee members who were re-elected. Following a review of 2012/13, plans for the forthcoming year were discussed;

Events in the pipeline include;

Wine Walk on Friday 13 June 2014, this year there will be a European theme - France, Italy and Portugal with three hosts, Paula & Mark Lavender, Highwood, Lower Common; Joanne & Mark Thomas, Bell Lodge and Vicky & Ray Reed, Upper Common Cottage, Green Lane.

Sunday 27 July 2014; Barbecue at The Memorial Hall, times etc to be confirmed.

Current rates for hiring the hall are £15 per hour; Ellisfield Residents hiring the hall for their personal, Village Groups and Regular Users £9 per hour.

K6 Jubilee Phone Box

Thanks to Florence de Jersey Lowney of Merritt's Farm who has recently undertaken community work to renovate, paint and restore the library in the Phone Box as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Scheme. If you haven't visited the phone box for a while, do drop in and perhaps borrow or donate some books. (Florence's flyer enclosed)

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Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Friday 23 May 2014, in the Memorial Hall at 8pm. Agenda & details of speakers enclosed.

This is not a Parish Council Meeting; it is a meeting for all Ellisfield residents. Wine and Cheese will be served after the meeting. Any resident can speak and/or ask questions. However, if a resolution is called for, only those who are registered as local council electors may vote.

The meeting will be chaired by Parish Council Chairman, Tim Guinness who will report activities & accounts of the council to the meeting.

Representatives of every village organisation will be asked to give a short presentation and, they too, will answer any questions.

Anna McNair Scott our County Councillor and Borough Councillor Mark Ruffell have been invited and will be attending to answer questions if their schedule allows.

Parish Council Website URGENT

A volunteer is needed to help us with carrying out routine updating of the Parish Council website currently handled by Paul Turner. Paul helped us migrate off Basingstoke and Deane's hosting operation but now wishes to hand over the parish council updating and parish council pages maintenance. Once we have determined where this will finally be hosted there should be relatively little work involved in this role; these web pages are essentially a public window for parish council documents including meeting agenda and minutes, newsletters, statutory powers and responsibilities, access to Village Design Statement and details of Conservation Area etc. Please contact Parish Clerk for more information if you are interested/able to help.

Community Speedwatch

Speeding through village roads remains a problem as despite the 30mph speed limit implemented at the bottom of the village in May 2009, residents along Axford Road say this is ignored by many drivers.

Your parish council has been working with PC Andy Reid to endeavour to find other local parishes that may like to join forces to purchase and operate speed monitoring equipment on a voluntary basis and submit information regarding traffic speeding through their villages to the Police who then issue warnings to the owners of the vehicles concerned. Hampshire Police have agreed to arrange training but as yet no other parishes have shown any interest; and the purchase of equipment may be excessively costly without collaboration.

Anaerobic Digester

You will be aware that construction of the Anaerobic Digester Bushywarren Lane is nearing completion. Your parish council continues to maintain dialogue with Barfoots, the operating company and it is hoped that there may be an opportunity for local residents to look around the facility once it is commissioned. Barfoots have very generously offered £1,000 per year towards Ellisfield Community Funds; the sum of money is not linked to any specific project or issue and as such is offered as a general non obligatory contribution to the local community for the Parish to administer and the parish council will publish details of how this money is spent for the benefit of the community.

Broadband

Your council continues to work towards securing improved broadband speeds for the village. We remain eligible for some form of improvement to be offered by HCC to improve speeds beyond the 2 Mbit minimum by end Q4 2015. The next round of HCC procurement to increase coverage of Superfast broadband in the county from 90% to 95% is underway, with implementation scheduled for 2016/17. There is no guarantee that Ellisfield will be included in the 2016/17 project and so we have lodged a request for a direct quote from BT.

New Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator needed

Hannah Houstin-Lacey has agreed to continue as Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator for another 12 months but would like to stand down by the end of the year as volunteer Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Ellisfield. Hannah took over as Area Coordinator in June 2007 and has done a sterling job for many years. Anyone interested in taking over this role should contact Cllr Caroline Cazenove for more information.

Currently the role involves liaising with local Beat Officer PC Andy Reid to produce a monthly news article for Hill and Dale. This article, and information from PC Reid, is also circulated to residents via email. Everything is sent to Paul Turner for updating the website's Neighbourhood Watch page www.ellisfield.org.uk/nwatch.html

Consultation on Draft Local Plan

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, like local authorities across the country, has to draw up a set of policies and plans that will guide future planning and development decisions in the borough. This is called the Local Plan which sets out the policies concerning what will or will not be permitted and where, including new homes, businesses and other facilities. It also sets out how the environment will be protected.

The council's Revised Pre-Submission Local Plan 2011 to 2029 is now available for public comment, and sets out the council's policies on where development will take place in the borough and how development will be controlled up to 2029. The Revised Pre-Submission Local Plan was published on 25 April 2014 for a seven week consultation period which ends at 4pm on 13 June 2014.

During this time formal representations can be made on the revised consultation document and accompanying documents, which are on BDBC website. The plan is a revision of that which was published for consultation between August and October 2013. Therefore the council is only seeking responses on the changes made to the document. This will be the final consultation on the Local Plan before submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

Elections

Thursday 22 May 2014, European Elections only for Ellisfield, no local elections this year, next year parish elections for Ellisfield and borough council elections for B&DBC.

Planning applications since last newsletter

14/00613/HSE Orchard House Church Lane

Two storey extension to provide a family room with a bedroom and ensuite over together with internal alterations. Status: Granted

14/00398/CMA Ref: PLAN/WJA/BA103 Veolia Environmental Services Ltd Green Waste Composting Facility Bushywarren Lane

Erection of a fixed screener to replace 2 no. mobile screeners Status: Granted

14/00182/CMA Veolia Environmental Services Ltd Green Waste Composting Facility Bushywarren Lane

Variation of condition 4 of planning permission BDB/56369 (to allow a wider range of waste to be permitted) Status: Withdrawn by applicant

13/02371/HSE Woodside, Axford Road

Erection of single storey side and rear extensions, front canopy roof and conservatory. Installation of front veranda with raised decking and alterations to the roof. Status: Granted

13/01466/HSE 3 Park View, Green Lane

Erection of single storey front and side and first floor rear extensions. Erection of store to front. Alterations to rear roof line and installation of new windows to south east and north east elevations. Status: Granted

13/01130/LBC Hill Farm Cottage Green Lane

Reconstruction of chimney stack (retrospective) Status: Granted

13/01052/LBC Widmoor Farm College Lane

Replacement of existing crittall windows with timber units
Status: Application Refused (applicant appealing)

13/00688/HSE Northgate Cottage, Northgate Lane

Demolition of existing garage/store, adjacent sheds and animal pens. Erection of new lofted outbuilding and garage to provide additional accommodation associated with the existing residential smallholding.
Status: Refused Pending Appeal

Other planning issues outside Ellisfield

During April there have been two consultations for major proposals that may affect village residents. This information has been previously communicated to Ellisfield residents by email.

TAG Farnborough Airport is undertaking an Airspace Change Proposal in order initially to double its airport movements. In connection with this TAG has applied for the creation of a very large volume of new lower controlled airspace. To be precise TAG is now applying for approximately twice the volume of airspace controlled by Gatwick airport to handle 34m passengers per year. If this goes ahead, it will restrict private aircraft activity in the area and thus by example where the Lasham glider tugs can fly and could threaten Lasham as a gliding centre. Lasham Gliding Society has expressed concern also that the proposal would, they believe, force large numbers of light and general aviation aircraft, including gliders, into much smaller areas of existing 'free' airspace, creating dangerously congested 'choke points', which would increase the risk of collision. These might be over Ellisfield!

Solar Farm, Manor Farm, Farleigh Wallop: quite a number of Ellisfield residents attended a Public Consultation Event on Wednesday 30 April at Hatch Warren Community Centre

BELECTRIC plan to build a 19 MW Solar farm on a 52 hectare (128 acres) at Manor Farm, Farleigh Wallop, plans are being prepared for the scheme and are due to be submitted to Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council in Summer 2014, and are keen to hear the views of local residents to help shape their proposals to the benefit of local community, environment and economy. Representatives of the developers BELECTRIC Solar Ltd, were invited to attend Ellisfield's Annual Parish Meeting to give a short presentation, however no one was available on this date so they have been invited to attend the next Parish Council Meeting on 30 June 2014 when they will also answer any individual questions.