

Parish Council News

Summary of issues raised/arising in the month.

(This document is not intended to be read as a record of the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting.)

- Major Development in Ruscombe** The petition has been up and running since mid-February and at the time of writing had about 1200 signatures. It will be submitted on 22nd March.
The Right Hon Sajid Javid's response to the PC's letter (forwarded to him by the PM) has been published elsewhere in the Lych Gate.
The updated National Policy Planning Framework 2018 was published for consultation in early March. It continues to value Green Belt and states...
“136. Before concluding that exceptional circumstances exist to justify changes to Green Belt boundaries, the strategic plan-making authority should have examined fully all other reasonable options for meeting its identified need for development.”

To sign up for the updates on the CPRW go to www.cprwok.co.uk
- Highways** RBWM awarded their Highway Management and Maintenance contract to VolkerHighways from the 1st April 2017. The contract is worth £5.5 million per year and runs for five years with a possible extension of two further years.
There was a meeting with Volker during the month and the PC obtained named contacts so that it should be easier to follow through on items reported online that may have fallen into a black hole.
The meeting also covered the difficulties that we have had performing speed checks which will (hopefully) provide the evidence needed to push for changes to the speed limits. Previously performed speed checks do not support the argument that vehicles go too fast, so it is very important to obtain further data.
- Beenhams Heath** Following up on residents' concerns about the proliferation of vans and cars, the matter has been reported to RBWM Enforcement team who have issued a Planning Contravention Notice to obtain more details.
- Parish Shed** A new parish shed is being considered as a storage area for miscellaneous items used for the fete and other parish events. It was agreed to review the proposed location for the shed at the next PC meeting.
- Shurlock Rd Nature Reserve and Play Area** The Borough Council has approved the funding for the Nature Reserve. Thank you to our Borough Councillors who supported our case so strongly.
Pre-application advice is being sought before submitting the final plans.
- Travellers Site** There is ongoing concern about the welfare of the animals still on site. The RSPCA have been informed and have visited.

Fly Tipping Network Rail have been informed of the fly tipping on the boundary of Milley Rd football field
Fly tipping can be reported online at
https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/201032/report_it/1360/report_a_problem_with_flytipping

Potholes Residents can report potholes directly to RBWM using the web page
https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/201032/report_it/1303/report_a_pothole/1

To report a pothole, you will need to have details of:

- The location of the pothole,
- Whether it is on the road or pavement,
- The approximate size,
- Your contact details if you want to be updated on progress,
- A photo to upload if you have one.

Footpath watch If residents come across any problems with footpaths, please contact
katie@kimservices.co.uk

Contact and share

General queries or items of interest can be addressed to the Clerk at WSLparishclerk@gmail.com or to individual PC members via the email addresses shown at the back of this magazine. Items of interest can be shared on Facebook and Twitter via <https://www.facebook.com/WalthamStLawrence/> and @WSL_RG10

Next Parish Council meeting is 10th April 2018, 7.00pm Neville Hall