

Parish Pump

COUNCIL MATTERS



- At its June meeting, the Parish Council welcomed a new councillor, Julia Day, bringing the council to its full complement of 7 which is very good news.
- Aly Taylor has completed the painting of the Millennium bin on The Green. She used hammerite as the bin is rusting and may not last too much longer. The worst task was cleaning it out! Thanks again to Aly and Dave.
- The Parish Council has agreed to pay for parking signs for School End in order to try to alleviate parking problems at busy periods.
- The PC will approach the new PCSO for advice on the problem of pavement parking in the village.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

The Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan committee held its first meeting on 28th May 2019 and the next is scheduled for 9th July. Aylesbury Vale District Council Forward Plans have been contacted to ask for a formal assessment of the housing need and the current status of housing delivery. The Minutes of the meeting can be found on the Great Horwood PC website.

REMINDER HORWOOD FEAST



The Horwood Feast fun fair will arrive on Saturday 4th August and leave on Tuesday 7th August, and will be open for business on Sunday 5th and Monday 6th August. A GH Silver Band concert and hog roast is planned on the Sunday.

CARS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE GREEN BY 1.30 PM ON SATURDAY 4TH AUGUST.

LITTER



Sadly I have had no offers to borrow litter picking equipment for that Sunday afternoon stroll with the family. The offer is still open and residents can borrow a litter picker and take a black bag from the Clerk. (Contact details below). Let's keep our village clean! Fly tipping can be reported to www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/fly-tipping-and-other-street-care-issues or contact the Clerk.

COMMUNICATION

Communicating information to residents can be difficult for the Parish Council and I wonder how best to address this issue? The PC posts notes through doors if really necessary and uses Focus for future events. Facebook is good for short notice issues but not everyone uses Facebook. Not everyone uses

the Internet either but I would like to run a trial to see if enough residents would sign up to an email information line (with protected email addresses for data privacy).

If sufficient interest was expressed (and to make it worthwhile this would have to be at least 150 households), an email list could be used to circulate routine info such as PC agendas and Minutes, information from meetings, details of any road works, news and scam warnings from Thames Valley Police, tool marking and crime prevention sessions, public consultations, major planning applications, Western Power tree cutting, new electricity substations etc. I agree that some of this is not terribly scintillating but – and more importantly – the Parish Council would be able to communicate **emergency** information such as a fallen tree or storm warnings as received from the met office. Additionally, I receive notifications of events such as Armed Forces day, the Whizz Fizz Fest, and other things that I currently delete. If you would like to know more, please contact the Clerk using the details below.

WORTHY CAUSES

The Parish Council is offering another round of grants to local causes for 2019. Applications forms have been emailed to previous applicants and can also be downloaded from the GHPC website.

THIS YEAR'S CUT-OFF DATE – 31ST OCTOBER 2019 - IS FINAL. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER THIS DATE.

Awards will be made to local groups and organisations through their Committee, Governing Body, Head, Trustees etc. but not to individuals. Up to £3000 will be available to help local projects.

ELECTRICITY SUBSTATION

Western Power needs to build a new electricity substation on Little Horwood Road. The substation is needed to meet extra energy requirements from all properties east of Willow Road and to supply the new housing development. The site selected is on the grass verge on the south side of Little Horwood Road to the east of Weston Road. Other locations were considered including siting it on the new development (which was turned down as the site is too far away from connecting substations) and on private land but an alternative could not be found. For more information see the Minutes of the June GHPC meeting.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 8th July 2019 in the village hall at 7.30 pm. An agenda will be placed on the PC notice board and on the website a week before the meeting. A public participation period is always held at some stage during the proceedings if residents have any issues they would like to raise. Parish Council meetings always take place in the village hall at 7.30 pm on the second Monday in the month (excluding August and January).

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