

# Whyteleafe Village Council Newsletter

Spring 2017



## Message from the Chairman

This Spring sees the emergence of the pre-submission local Neighbourhood Plan consultation. With your help, this document will shape the future of Whyteleafe so that it can continue to be a vibrant community that provides a place for homes, employment and recreation.

The success of the Plan is now in your hands (see details below). I would also encourage you to help the Council design its goals for the medium-term. If there's a project you think we should undertake, why not get in touch (see the Business Plan article).

*Celia Rudland, Chairman of the Council.*



As many of you will be aware, Tandridge District Council has recently submitted planning permission to build eight Council owned houses in Whyteleafe.

The site, currently used for permit holder car parking, on the Godstone Road (A22) will be transformed to affordable housing. The Village Council believes that

## Council House building

this will not only provide much needed social housing but will also improve the appearance of this part of Whyteleafe.

However, the Village Council will continue to push for the creation of alternative off-road permit holder spaces given the difficulties of parking in the centre of the Village.

## Neighbourhood Plan

At the time of writing, the CR3 Forum (representing Whyteleafe, Caterham and Chaldon) had set the 29th April for the pre-submission consultation on the local Neighbourhood Plan.

This is a key formal stage (Regulation 14) lasting six weeks. Comments are invited on the draft

Plan which is available to view at [www.cr3forum.org.uk](http://www.cr3forum.org.uk) and at local libraries in Caterham.

All responses will be considered and help inform a revised version of the Plan which will then be submitted to the local planning authority for assessment by an independent examiner.



## Business Plan

This year the Council will be creating a Business Plan to set out its goals for the next five years.

We aim to reflect the views and objectives of local residents so are keen to have your input.

We will spend the summer developing a Plan which will shape our priorities and actions in the years ahead.

You can contact the Council via the Clerk (details overleaf).

## Major local event

The 9th Caterham Festival starts in May. Highlights include a Street Party and Carnival.

There are over 100 organised activities - check the website for details [caterhamfestival.org](http://caterhamfestival.org)

## Tandridge District Council - Local Plan

In February, Village Councillors met with Martin Fisher, Leader of Tandridge District Council.

The discussion covered many topics including the issues facing the District in terms of meeting the needs of residents and creating a Local Plan that will provide a sustainable future for the next 20 years.

Village Councillors took the opportunity to highlight the importance of protecting the Green Belt in Whyteleafe.

In March, the District Council's Planning Policy Committee gave its support to a garden village in the District which could see the creation of a new settlement of 4,000 houses.

The exact location of the new development is unknown, at this stage, but none of the possible sites are adjacent to Whyteleafe.

However, a new village will not remove the pressure on existing developed areas or other pieces of Green Belt land.

Whyteleafe Village Council will continue to represent the views of local residents and it's important that everyone has their say on the emerging plan.

Let us know what you think via the Clerk (contact details below) and the District Council directly.

In order to keep up to date register on the consultation portal via:

[consult.tandridge.gov.uk/portal](http://consult.tandridge.gov.uk/portal)  
or send your email address to:  
[localplan@tandridge.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@tandridge.gov.uk)

## Drains up in Surrey

Surrey County Council have advised us that a new contractor has taken on responsibility for drain clearance in the County.

In conjunction with this, we have secured, on your behalf, 'high priority' routine maintenance for the main roads in Whyteleafe and will continue to monitor the service.

John Cheetham joined the Council last autumn after moving to Whyteleafe, from Croydon, two years ago.

"I wanted to join the Village Council, the foundation of local community involvement, from the moment I arrived".

John is pleased to be serving such a warm and lively community.

## Councillor profile



## Flood Group news

The Whyteleafe Flood Group met in March with all the agencies involved in flood mitigation and protection in Whyteleafe.

The group's co-ordinator said afterwards: "I thought it went really well with many positive answers. The agencies have clearly been working behind the scenes and things are moving

along including the holding of a public workshop (see article right).

The Whyteleafe Flood group would particularly like to hear from those residents who feel they are vulnerable to flood or who can help establish a local Flood Resilience Plan.

The group is contactable by email at [info@floodgroup.co.uk](mailto:info@floodgroup.co.uk)

## Flood consultation

The Environment Agency, in conjunction with Surrey County Council (our local lead Flood Authority), are due to announce a public workshop in the next month or so.

This will be an opportunity to see the proposals to reduce the risk of floods in Whyteleafe.

Check local press for details...

## and finally...

We hope you have found this newsletter informative. You can contact us via the details below.

## Your Council

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**Next scheduled council meetings:** 8th May, 12th June, 10th July, 11th September 2017

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