

Whyteleafe Village Council Newsletter

Autumn 2015



Message from the Chairman:

Celia Rudland, Chairman of the Village Council writes that "over the coming months there will be two important consultations taking place that will have a direct impact on Whyteleafe in years to come."

Firstly, the CR3 Forum's Neighbourhood Plan will be available for public review during a six week period.

Secondly, Tandridge District Council (TDC) are planning to commence a ten week consultation on the new Local Plan for the whole of Tandridge.

These consultations relate to draft policies about the development of homes and businesses, our green spaces and meeting the future needs of our local community. Celia adds, "Of course, it's important that

everyone in our community has a say so please participate if you can."

In May 2016 there will be local elections in many districts and parishes in Tandridge, including Whyteleafe, and it's important that everyone who is eligible to vote makes sure they are registered to do so.

If you're not currently registered to vote go online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Also coming up in this newsletter are articles about some of the work of the village council and our council partners at Tandridge and Surrey.

Plus updates on the thriving Whyteleafe Flood Action Group and an introduction to our new village councillors...



Environmental Enhancements

The council has continued its work to enhance the appearance of Whyteleafe - you may have seen the flowers by the Post Office, the summer hanging baskets in the centre of Whyteleafe and the baskets at the village entry signs at each end of the Godstone Road (A22).

In addition a new bench has just been installed in Whyteleafe Recreation Ground with the help of TDC and funding by County Councillor Sally Marks. Sally (pictured left) used to play in the park as a child and is very pleased to have helped replace a bench that had to be removed several years ago.

The Council hopes to do more. Let us know what you think...

Snow Angels

Once again we are appealing for local volunteers to help us clear pavements in central Whyteleafe in the case of very heavy snow this winter. Call the Clerk now. Full contact details for the Council on the back page.



Beware of phone scammers working in this area!

Scammers are pretending to be from Tandridge District Council or the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) to offer a council tax refund if an administration fee of £65 is paid.

Another scam involves a caller falsely using the 0800 555 111

Crimestoppers number on telephone displays and pretending to be from "Crimestoppers at the Home Office" in order to obtain personal details.

In either case, none of the legitimate organisations would do this!



Neighbourhood Plan - an update

The CR3 Forum's plans and policies to shape the future of our area will be available for public review towards the end of this year.

This will be your opportunity to read about and comment on the work that has been completed over the last three years.

Topics covered are the Green Belt, brownfield sites, housing, heritage, jobs, schools, provision for youth and the elderly, health, transport, parking, retail, leisure, community, utilities, open space and landscape.

This consultation takes place before the plan is submitted to Tandridge District Council.

In respect of Whyteleafe some of the key issues will be housing, transport, parking and flood mitigation. And we know how important open spaces and the surrounding landscape is to resident's too.

The Neighbourhood Plan has tried to consider all of the different demands we place on our environment and to strike the balance to ensure a thriving and sustainable future for the local communities that form the basis of the plan.

The final plan will be put to a public referendum next year so why not tell the CR3 Forum what you think before then.



Go online to find out...

To check for the launch of the Neighbourhood Plan consultation go online:

www.cr3forum.org.uk

For the TDC Local Plan consultation go to:

www.tandridge.gov.uk/localplan

Greetings from our new Councillors



Niall Campbell

Three new Councillors have joined the council since the start of this year, namely, Niall Campbell, Mark Watkins and Sam Rose.

All are local residents of Whyteleafe and wish to contribute to our community.

Mark Watkins commented "Now that I am retired I have the time and interest to be able

to represent the community".

Sam Rose, age 21, is particularly interested in helping the younger people in Whyteleafe but is also keen that the council reaches out to everyone in the community.

Are you interested in participating in the work of the Council too?

Contact the Clerk for details (see below).

What's happened since the severe floods...

We are pleased to confirm that the Whyteleafe Flood Action Group has been formed comprising of local residents who were directly affected by the floods of nearly two years ago.

Following our appeal in the Spring, the group is now well established and with the help of the National Flood Forum has had its first meeting with all the agencies involved in flood mitigation and management in our area. The group will actively work with the agencies to create a flood scheme for the future.

If you would like to learn more, please contact the group via the Clerk (see contact details below).

Council Housing

Tandridge District Council (TDC) has identified the council car park next to 238 Godstone Road as one of its possible sites for new Council housing (subject to planning permission).

A recent car parking survey by TDC will help shape the plans for the site - the results are due very soon.

Your Council

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Next council meetings: 9th November & 14th December 2015, 11th January & 8th February 2016

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