



Village News

LATEST VILLAGE WORKS

Over the Autumn we had the drainage to the entrance to the bottom football pitch at Eversley Park improved. We also resurfaced our portion of the car park and filled in the potholes in the other half. We hope this will improve the facilities for everyone.

We are enlarging the area of the burial ground for use in the future and continue to aim to maintain the area to a good standard suitable for visiting your loved ones

We are hoping in the not too distant future to improve the kickabout pitch at Eversley Park with new fencing, resurfacing and new goals and basketball posts. We have met with some of the teenagers who use this to discuss the proposals and will continue to include them in our plans

Every summer we carry out works on the pitches at Eversley Park to improve them, particularly the goal mouths for the next season

We have been delighted to see the "over 60's" exercise equipment near the Parish Office being used by parishioners of all ages – an outdoor gym on your doorstep.

We have been somewhat disappointed of late to note that there has been a lot of dog excrement left around Eversley Park - this is unpleasant and unsafe for children—PLEASE use the dog litter bins - there are two in the park, one by Hinton Drive and one near Campion Way



HOW DO WE ADVERTISE OUR LOCAL EVENTS ?

Special points of interest:

- Recent village projects
- Using the notice boards
- Energy Saving
- What is the Parish Plan
- Save our local businesses
- Upcoming events
- Change of speed limits?

The parish council has a number of notice boards around the village – near :- Tesco's, St Marys' Church, St Mary's Chapel, the King Charles, the Lovedon Lane end of Ramsay Road and on the corner of Mill Lane and the B3047 in Abbots Worthy. We advertise our meetings and events there, but they are also there for public use. If you have an event you wish to advertise please put your notices on here. We try to keep them as tidy as possible so when notices get tatty and/or illegible they are removed. We aim to not have the same notice up for more than a month – peoples attention tends to wain after that time anyway. Local, ie within the Parish businesses are welcome to advertise but only twice per year for up to a month at a time.

We do not wish to see party political posters (these will be removed immediately), general advertising post-



ers etc.

You are also welcome to advertise events on the Parish Website, send your advertisement to the parish clerks, we cannot display everything but it is a Parish information site. Businesses who wish to advertise on the website, we do charge for, speak to the parish clerks for more details

Energy Saving Tips

Easy ways to save money on your energy bills

As everyone is still struggling to keep their heads afloat in the current financial climate, anything to help save costs can be welcome.

Here are a few no and low cost measures that can help you save energy and money on a daily basis.

1. Turning the thermostat down by 1° C can save up to 10% off fuel bills.

2. Remember to turn lights off when leaving a room.



3. When the TV is not in use, turn it off rather than use stand-by



4. Use low energy light bulbs. Replacing ordinary light bulbs with energy saving ones will use around a quarter of the electricity, saving around £10 a year each.

5. Don't leave the fridge door open for longer than necessary, and try to avoid putting warm food straight into the fridge - wait until it has cooled down



6. Wait until you have a full load before using the washing machine, or use the half-load or economy programme if your machine has one



7. Don't overfill the kettle for just one drink, but remember that with electric kettles the element always needs to be covered.

8. A hot water tank jacket costs only a few pounds and can pay for itself in energy savings within a few months

9. When buying a new fridge, freezer, washing machine or tumble drier look for the energy efficiency recommended logo (see attached) or make sure that the appliance is 'A' rated for energy use.



10. Most of the heat from your home escapes through the wall and roof. Installing loft and cavity wall insulation to your home can make considerable energy savings. There are lots of grants and discounts to have this work done as described in our previous newsletter.

Call the Energy Saving Helpline on 0800 512 012 for more details.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

We often hear this phrase but do we heed it. We have a range of local businesses in our community from Post Offices to Pharmacy, Pub to Grocery Store but they can only survive if we use them. Branches of big chains struggle less as they are

USE IT OR LOSE IT



incorporated into the bigger picture. If we want our own small individualised businesses we need to support them and use them on a regular basis. Their survival and our convenience is our choice

KINGS WORTHY ACTION FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

We now have our very own climate change action group. We aim to guide and encourage the parish on recycling and energy efficiency. If you would like to be involved, please contact them on kwacc1@btinternet.com



YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

We seldom see members of the public at Parish Council meetings. They are all open for public attendance and in nearly all meetings the public are invited to contribute. The whole Parish Council and the individual committees meet monthly, see back page for more details and the website or notice boards for specific dates

You are welcome just to come and observe, see how and why certain decisions are made or to voice your views. There is a specific spot during each meeting where public questions are welcome – unfortunately we cannot extend this to the whole meeting as we could be there all night. Most topics are discussed over several months as further information is sought, so if there is something you want to question further come along to the next meeting. Minutes are available on the website or via the clerks.

If there is something specific you want to know about or speak about, if you could notify the Parish Office a week in advance we can try our best to be prepared to address your queries. After the public question time you are welcome to remain for the rest of the meeting if you wish, but you are not obliged to. You may find it is more interesting than you would imagine, you may decide that when there is next a vacancy you would like to join us.

TALK TO US

We have been increasingly aware over recent months of numerous campaigns, both by political parties in the run up to the election, other groups and individuals alike. Some of these campaigns are concerning issues that are already



being investigated or dealt with by the Parish Council. Some are re issues that we have tried to tackle but have been thwarted in our attempts either by funding or rules and regulations of higher bodies. Some we have not yet dealt with. Whatever your cause in the village, rather than going it alone, come and talk to the Parish Council or the Parish Plan team so that we can work together. We are YOUR Parish Council working to maintain and improve the Parish for YOU. We are not here to do what we think or work for individuals, we are here to try to benefit the Parish as a whole –

if there is a cause that you think a lot of people would support come and talk to us about it.

PARISH PLAN

The Parish Plan is a parish wide project, aimed at establishing where we want to be in terms of housing, transport, environment, facilities etc. over the next 5 years or so. There is a small steering group representing various interest groups around the parish. They have been doing a mini-consultation to establish what kinds of things are important to residents.

Later in the summer they will be canvassing all Kings Worthy and Abbots Worthy residents on their likes, dislikes what they use what they don't use around the villages, what they would like to see the same or different in the

Parish over the next few years. When results have been collated the aim is to write a document for all to itemize priorities and to initiate any wanted changes to take place. If you would like to help with the project, on the steering committee, helping with delivery of



the questionnaires, helping collate the results or writing the Plan document, please contact the group via

We will be consulting all residents in the coming months to see what you want in our village

WATCH THIS SPACE



the Parish Office on 01962 884150 or email

info@parish-plan.com



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PARISH CHURCH FETE



We are delighted that once again the annual village church fete will be held on Church Green. We would urge you to support your local community and come and join in the fun. This year the date will be Monday May 31st, all proceeds to the church funds

You cannot have failed to notice the various campaigns, letters in the Chronicle, general discussion regarding the speed limit along Springvale Road recently. The current limit is 40mph. Just over 2 years ago we wrote about this and asked for your views on speed limits around the parish generally. We had less than half a dozen responses in total for Kings Worthy and the views were very mixed. In view of this we did not push for the Village 30 restrictions that were followed up in some other local villages. We attempted this for Abbots Worthy, but unfortunately it is not a big enough village for it to qualify for the scheme. We have recently received a petition, started by Sophie Johnstone, with nearly 400 signatures, requesting a reduction to 30mph along Springvale Road. This has been passed on to Hampshire County Council's Highways Department for consideration. We have had one or two individuals who have voiced an opposing view, ie wanting to retain the status quo, but we would be keen to know if there any other strong views. If you have not already signed the petition, or let your views known to the Parish Council, please do so now - we want this to be a whole village view that we pass on to the higher authorities

I WOULD LIKE THE SPEED ALONG SPRINGVALE ROAD TO :-

REMAIN THE SAME

BE REDUCED TO 30MPH

Please return this slip to
the Parish Office

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

Full Parish Council meetings take place on the 3rd Monday of each month, except August and December.

Committee meetings are as follows:

Recreation and Amenities - 1st Thursday of each month at 7.30p.m., except August and December.

Planning - Last Wednesday of each month at 7.30p.m., except December.

Finance - 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9.30am.

All meetings are held in the Tubbs Hall and we would welcome members of the public, there is a slot in each meeting where you can ask questions

Come and see how we work and how decisions are made

OFFICE OPENING HOURS ARE MONDAY TO THURSDAY 10.30-3.30 AND FRIDAY 10.30-1PM

Our senior clerk is Colin Arnett

PRE-SCHOOL MOVE TO PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE

We are pleased to hear that the Kings Worthy Pre-school have been successful in their bid for a grant to build new premises in the Primary School Grounds in 2011. Kings Worthy Pre-School are a community-based charity who provide sessional play for local children. Their current base is at St Mary's Church Hall in Kings Worthy and will continue to be until the purpose built facility is available. Building is expected to begin this summer, subject to planning permission. The building project is being designed and managed by Hampshire County Council and includes a shared outdoor play space with the reception year classes.

REDUCTION IN SPEED LIMIT FOR SPRINGVALE ROAD?