

NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2020



NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL

The Council is meeting monthly using the Zoom method.

This does not stop access to the Council, as questions can be raised by informing the Parish Clerk or you can observe the meeting. Details of how to link can be found on the Parish Notice Board located outside the Post Office or look at our Website or Facebook.

It is with regret that two of our councillors have had to resign due to the pressure of work. They are Tim Waite and Robert Jenkins and we would like to thank both of them for their work on the Council. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor then please contact our Parish Clerk.

BROADBAND

The Parish Council has been supporting residents to the north of the village who are working to ensure that all properties have access to high speed fibre broadband. Thank you to the people who have been leading this project and we look forward to its successful completion.

SAFETY ON OUR ROADS

We are delighted to see the new gateway has been installed on the northern entrance to the village. A big Thank You to Jean and Philip Jackson who funded the gates. Let's hope this will have some effect on reducing traffic speed.

WSCC have agreed to reduce the speed limit on the A286 between The Greyhound and the village gateway from 60mph to 50mph and we wait to see when this will be implemented.

The 30mph limit on Bell Lane will be extended from the junction with the A286 to the old railway bridge

CYCLE WAY

We have heard that funding will be approved this December for making good the rather rough path coming from Manor Farm down to Bumble Kyte. This will be suitable for both pedestrians and cyclists and open up the way into the Village from South Downs Way. It is hoped that work will take place to make good in Spring 2021.



FLY TIPPING

It has been reported that rubbish is being deposited in the ditch bordering the field behind properties on the A286 as you leave the village. This ditch is vital to prevent flooding of the gardens and houses bordering the field and must be kept clear at all times. Please - if you see anyone fly tipping report to the Police.

just beyond the Village Hall. This will make the lane under 30mph coverage where there is housing and safer for use by pedestrians in the Village.



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DOG FOULING

There are several posters being displayed around the Village reminding dog owners to clean up after their dogs. We have had several complaints about the playing field being fouled which is a recreational area for families.

FIRST AID

The Council have obtained grant funding for the purchase of a defibrillator and this will be located on the outside wall of The Blue Bell.

COVID 19

A big thank you to everyone who went the extra mile to help and support neighbours during lockdown. I am sure you are aware that the numbers of people testing positive for Covid 19 in West Sussex is rising again and we are on the Medium alert level. Please continue to take care and follow the latest guidance and help keep our community safe. For further information please visit the following websites - westsussex.gov.uk and Chichester.gov.uk

NEWS FROM AROUND THE VILLAGE

THE BLUE BELL

Thank you to everyone involved in bringing the Blue Bell back to life, it is good to see it open again and back at the heart of the community. Welcome to Steve Hodges who has moved in as the new manager and it is good to see the team back after lockdown.



FIREWORKS



Sorry that current restrictions mean we cannot have our usual display. Never fear, we are promised by our organisers that as soon as we are permitted to light up there will be a fantastic display for all the family as well as the usual barbecue and side stalls. We look forward to this.

THE MOONLIGHT TEA ROOMS

Another warm welcome to Beverley and Fay Hateley who moved in on the first day of lockdown and have been busy refurbishing the property. They hope to open in the spring of 2021.

COCKING POST OFFICE & SHOP

We are pleased to hear that Evie Milligan and Travis Nash are planning to move to the village in the New Year to run the post office and shop. We received an email from them in which they state: "We are super excited to introduce ourselves to you all and our fingers are crossed that the relevant documentation goes through. We appreciate how much this small shop means to the Village."

REMEMBRANCE DAY

This year's service will take place at St Mary's, Bepton on Sunday, November 8th at 10.45am. The Service will be taken outside due to Covid-19 restrictions on Church use.



FAREWELL LINDA

At the end of November, we say farewell to Linda Robertson, our Rector of St Catherine's, who is retiring. We wish her a Happy Retirement and thank her for her service to the Village.



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