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Welcome

Welcome to the Littlebourne Parish Council's quarterly newsletter. Please also remember to visit our website:

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Village Diary

Up and coming events in Littlebourne to look out for:

Wednesday 3rd July

LPC Meeting 7pm in LWMH meeting room

Saturday 6th July

Littlebourne Open Gardens 1.30-5.30pm
Start at the Church

Thursday 18th July

Bingo in the Lounge 2pm

Thursday 1st August

Social afternoon in the Lounge 2pm

Thursday 15th August

Bingo in the Lounge 2pm

Wednesday 4th September

LPC Meeting 7pm in LWMH meeting room

If you would like to advertise your business in this newsletter, please contact the clerk for more information clerk@littlebournepc.org

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Chairmans Report June 2024

The potential for a major (300 house) development on the south of The Hill continues to grind it's way slowly through the planning process at Canterbury City Council. We have many issues with the proposed development but it would appear that the key issue limiting approval by the City Council, as with many potential developments locally, remains the issue of foul sewage treatment. Previously, Gladman (the developers) had proposed an on-site treatment plant for sewage to which the Environment Agency had critically objected but now Gladman are proposing a connection to the public foul sewer on The Hill. Both proposals are problematic, and your parish council are very concerned, and have made our view clear to the City Council planners. An extra burden on the existing, failing, foul sewer system would lead to even greater problems with tankering on Nargate Street in the future. The on-site option is unsightly and would discharge 'treated' sewage via unsuitable surface water pipes and ditches eventually into our ecologically precious Little Stour chalk stream. Our service provider, Southern Water, does have plans to mend the sewer system in various places in the village and also to upgrade the treatment works in Newnham Grange BUT they have not published a clear timetable for either of these and so we are not confident their plans will be honoured or at least not in advance. This is a frequent problem with housing developments where required infrastructures often follow afterwards when problems are manifest or not at all.

The parish council polled the village recently to establish views on whether to try and proceed with a 20mph plan for traffic on various of the non-A257 roads in the village (Kent Highways have previously told

us they do not support a 20mph limit on our village section of the A257). This showed a clear and substantial majority of respondents in favour of such a plan although some villagers were concerned that it might not achieve great speed reductions or cost too much. As a result of your expressed wishes, the parish council have taken matters to the next step which involves a detailed consultation with bodies such as the police and for a more detailed enactment plan to be established.

LPC have become aware from plans just published by Kent County Council for works to be undertaken on the A257 near Canterbury (between the St Martin's Hospital entrance and the Chaucer House Care Home) between late July and October. The overall reason is to finally sort the road and junction to the large new development on the old barracks site. It would seem that KCC are permitting the works contractor to close the A257 for 12 weeks with the explanation being 'for public and contractor safety'. Road closures are, of course, sometimes necessary but we are very concerned over the long time period and its justification. We are in communication with KCC to get a more detailed explanation and to see what might be possible to mitigate the likely disruption this will cause both to private and public vehicles over this long period. Even with some mitigation, the work still has to be done and will require a great deal of patience by us all in the villages along the A257.

CLlr Peter Farrow, Chairman.

Public Toilet

Unfortunately, the toilet remains out of use for a while longer. It had to be closed following an incident of vandalism that pulled the electronic door unit off the wall. Repairs were attempted unsuccessfully and eventually a complete new unit was fitted in June. The toilet was back in action for less than 3 hours before the cables were pulled out of the new door unit rendering it out of use again. Both of these incidents have been reported to the Police and the carpark CCTV has been viewed.



The Millennium Award Winners 2024

Sue & Alan Bull

They have been running the bingo in the hall for many years, and for the last two years also the monthly social meetings. Any profits are for the hall. Alan and Sue also check the hall over on a weekly basis, checking for any maintenance work that needs carrying out, Alan does a huge amount of this himself, all on a voluntary basis. They both also help out neighbours with lifts to hospital and GP appointments and even some dog sitting when needed. Sue is Chairman of LWMH. They both work tirelessly volunteering in the village.

Sue and Alan were presented with a certificate and £100 by The Chairman at the Annual Parish Meeting on 20th March.

Car Park & St Vincent's relining

LPC arranged for the faded lines in the hall carpark to be refreshed and a proper disabled bay and loading area marked out. On the same day it was also possible to refresh the lines in the parking bays in St Vincent's Close. Hopefully this works will mean more considerate parking at both these locations.

Bollard replacement

The wooden posts that currently surround the Four Villages Shop are due to be replaced with black galvanised steel bollards very shortly. The wooden bollards are in a poor state, and some have been removed completely. LPC applied for some funding through the Canterbury City Council Capital Grants Fund and managed to secure a grant of £2427 towards the works, the 4VPO have also contributed £1000 towards the scheme. The rest of the cost will be met by LPC.

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www.bbka.org.uk THANK YOU! Designed by @mieldelucie

4 Village Eco

A new community group to help people address the climate crisis, sustainability and environmental issues at a local level. At our first meeting on 1st June, we agreed to include all four villages in the group. We agreed to have monthly meetings, and that we should be a physical group, not online, so that we feel a sense of identity, share ideas, take encouragement, etc.

Popular Ideas:

1. Recycling Tetrapaks: The Ivy Barn agreed to accommodate a collection bin (now in place), contents to be taken to the waste disposal site by volunteers. We have asked why Swale, Ashford, Sevenoaks and Medway councils offer kerbside recycling of Tetrapaks but not CCC.
2. We agreed to list everything that can be recycled other than through kerbside bins and where to take it.
3. We want to find out why good quality goods taken to the Waste Disposal site in Canterbury are not offered for reuse.
4. There was support for the idea of setting up a Repair Café in the village.

5. We were encouraged to inform people what vegetables and fruit are in season and locally grown, with recipes for preparing them through the year.
6. There was support for idea of organised mid-week litter picking.
7. The Refillable Van will visit Littlebourne on the third Saturday each month 13.15–13.45, parking outside Littlebourne primary school. Meetings and activities will be advertised, and anyone interested is welcome to join in. Engage with us on Facebook!

Joint organisers: Kirsty Seymour-Ure, Helen Howard



Food Friends

A registered charity working hard to combat loneliness and isolation in communities through food and friendship.

Their meal sharing initiative connects volunteers - who are looking to share extra portions of home cooked food - with a neighbour - who would benefit from a nutritious meal delivered with company and conversation. Encouraging the community to support one another with every delicious bite!

The volunteering opportunity is simple, uniquely rewarding, built on people's love of food and its ability to connect those in a community who would otherwise never cross paths. Their volunteer cooks, armed with saucepans and a little bit of spare time, have shared over 10,000 meals so far across East Kent.

There is already a fantastic network of volunteer cooks across the Canterbury District, and Food Friends is super excited to get more people COOKING, SHARING and CARING for one another as we move into the summer.

If you fancy volunteering to share some home-cooking (as and when you can), or are interested in receiving a meal from a friendly volunteer through the initiative, find out more at www.food-friends.co.uk or give Food Friends a call on 01227 250 410 to speak to a member of their team.