

Ellisfield Parish Council

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Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Annual Parish Meeting is on Friday 25 April. As usual it will be held in the Memorial Hall at 8pm. Please see back page for Agenda & details of speakers.

This is not a Parish Council Meeting; it is a meeting for all Ellisfield residents. Any resident can speak and/or ask questions. However, if a resolution is called for, only those who are registered as local council electors may vote.

The meeting will be chaired by Parish Council Chairman, Tim Guinness who will report activities & accounts of the council to the meeting & there will be ample opportunity to question the council. Representatives of every village organisation will be asked to give a short presentation and, they too, will answer any question you may have.

After the meeting there is a Social, with wines, beers & light buffet available.

This is the one event in the Ellisfield calendar that should not be missed & all residents are urged to put the meeting in their diaries. ***New residents are particularly welcome.***

Parish Council Contact Details

The six parish councillors are (in alphabetical order):

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| Caroline Cazenove; Brocas, The Green | 381279 |
| Steven Gould; 3 Park View, Green Lane | 381471 |
| Tim Guinness; Widmoor Farm, College Lane | 381348 |
| Peter Hopwood, The Acorns, Axford Road | 381321 |
| Alison Swanston, Oak Hill, Green Lane | 381171 |
| Rose Taplin 3 Hill Farm Cottages, Green Lane | 381417 |

Parish Clerk, Jacqui Matthews: Mayfield, Green Lane, can be contacted on 381149 or at clerk@ellisfield.gov.uk.

Thanks

Many thanks to all those who responded to the questionnaire included in the last newsletter; a total of 24 responses were received, 14 paper responses & 10 electronic responses. There was limited response in favour of a speed limit throughout the village; 7 for & 14 against. Overall, there did seem to be support for the part-purchase of a Speed Indicator Device (SID), 15 for & three against, this was reflected by a similar response in relation to speed limits, with 16 in favour & 3 against the idea of a speed limit along Axford Road.. Respondents were generally in favour of some measured work at Hill Farm Pond. There seemed to be support for the judicious removal of some of the fallen trees, leaves, brambles & a few young saplings together with lifting the crown/thinning some of the larger trees to allow in more light. Appropriate surveys will of course need to be completed before this can happen.

Borough Council Elections

Notices have gone up on parish noticeboards announcing the elections on 01 May 2008. One borough councillor is to be elected for Upton Grey & The Candovers.

Affordable Housing

Parish Councillors have continued to work on this project & have been having talks with the Rural Housing Enabler & senior members of Basingstoke & Deane Planning Department. A housing association, Hastoe, has been selected & a suitable site has been identified, an open day will be arranged shortly where draft sketches of the proposed development will be displayed & residents can make comments / register an interest. Throughout the process, your parish council's primary focus has been to ensure we are in a position to move forward with a project to build houses of a design & build quality that would be acceptable to everyone.

Ellisfield Oil Syndicate - help reduce the number of lorries driving through the village

Over recent weeks we have established a group of interested people who have joined together to order oil in bulk. Currently 27 people have joined the scheme. We have shopped around for discounted oil prices but have found that Total Butler have consistently been the cheapest. Whilst this scheme is clearly worthwhile & benefits its members, the burden on the organiser has become unacceptable.

I therefore propose that we set up an arrangement whereby Total Butler will make deliveries on predetermined quarterly dates. I suggest delivery dates of 28/2, 31/5, 31/8 & 30/11. Those members of the scheme that require a delivery on one of the dates must inform me of the quantity of oil required 10 days before the delivery date. This will give me time to collate the order & allow the supplier to programme the delivery. Admittedly, it will be necessary to plan ahead for your deliveries, but the benefits should be significant, & the more people that join the scheme the greater the discount we will receive. This arrangement should allow the scheme to run with the minimum of intervention from me.

It is not possible to put a precise figure of actual savings as it depends upon the price at the time of delivery & the volume of oil involved. However, a saving of 1p to 2p per litre is not unrealistic.

On joining the scheme, each member will need to set up an account with Total Butler to pay by debit or credit card. Total Butler will ask new customers to pay in advance but after the first order they will accept payment in arrears.

Please let me know if you wish to be part of the scheme in the form outlined above (even if you are already a member). Please let me know your email address if you have one.

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ELLISFIELD'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Friday 25 April at 8pm
in the Memorial Hall**

Doors open from 7.30pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 27 April 2007
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council
5. To receive a report from the Trustees of Ellisfield Educational Trust
6. Any other Village Matters

PRESENTATIONS: The formal meeting will be followed by short presentations (including Question & Answer sessions) from:

Representatives of Ellisfield Village Organisations
Anna McNair Scott (Hampshire County Councillor)
Mark Ruffell (Basingstoke & Deane Borough Councillor)

As this is an election year it has been decided not to invite an additional speaker.

SOCIAL: Food, wines, beers & soft drinks will be served.

*This village meeting is for all Ellisfield residents, with new arrivals to the village being especially welcome.
You are urged to attend this very special event.*