
Ellisfield Parish Council

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Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Annual Parish Meeting is on Friday 28 May; 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 questions you may have.

After the meeting there is plenty of time to socialise over a glass of wine and nibbles. ***New residents are particularly welcome.***

Parish Council Contact Details

The six parish councillors are (in alphabetical order):

Caroline Cazenove; Brocas, The Green	381279
Tim Guinness; Widmoor Farm, College Lane	381348
Peter Hopwood, The Acorns, Axford Road	381321
David Richards, September, College Lane	381771
Ian Seagrave, Kandahar, The Green	381278
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.

Traffic Calming

At last traffic calming measures have been installed along the Axford Road. Cllr Peter Hopwood has been tireless in his efforts to achieve this outcome; his first involvement with the project was in May 2005 and the scheme was originally outlined by HCC Highways in 2006; a survey of village residents was carried out by the parish council at the beginning of 2008 which established that a significant majority thought a 30 mph speed restriction would be desirable, but that it would be sufficient to limit this to the Axford Road. Our patience has at last been rewarded and Chris Patey, Village 30 Project Team Leader, seconded to HCC from Mott Gifford has said that the Safer Roads Partnership camera van or motorcycle will be paying the area a visit from time to time to help enforce the limit.

Phone Box

The famous Gilbert Scott designed K6 or Jubilee kiosk was launched in 1936 to celebrate King George V's silver jubilee. By the 1960's almost 70,000 kiosks could be found across the countryside. However the public payphone service has undergone enormous changes since then and while the traditional red kiosk has become an iconic symbol of British life, people use the public payphone service less and less these days. In order to maintain a social service where it is needed most, it has, in recent years, been necessary to reduce the overall number of public payphones. Understanding that the K6 plays a significant part in our national heritage and in many cases forms a focal point for communities across the country BT has agreed to offer communities the opportunity to keep these kiosks. Our phone box had not had sufficient use for several years so became available for adoption which will enable us to protect the kiosk for heritage reasons. All the paperwork has been completed to enable ownership of the kiosk, minus the payphone itself, to transfer to the parish council, ensuring it will remain in situ for generations to come.

Hill Farm Pond

You will have seen that the earth works at Hill Farm Pond are complete. Once again, thanks to Cllr Peter Hopwood's tenacity the renovations are making progress and the pond is beginning to look better. Thickets have been cleared, trees felled and branches lopped, fallen boughs removed from the pond and finally a bund constructed behind which much of the silt has been deposited. On Saturday 24 April a group of volunteers levelled the ground and grass seed was sown and hopefully soon groundcover and wildlife will return. Ultimately there are plans for a bench to enable passers by to stop for a while and enjoy the place.

There will be another working party to finish renovations, however the parish council would like to remind everyone that the silt is still damp and the area behind the bund remains out of bounds.

The Fox Inn

Welcome: To Tara and Rob who have taken over running The Fox Inn. There is a new menu offering good quality pub food and traditional Sunday Lunch is available each week. Also dishes from the menu are available for take-away with 30 minutes notice (381210). A number of 'Special Events' are planned for the summer, so do call in to your local village pub where Tara and Rob are ready to welcome you.

Spring Bluebell Walk

This has been scheduled for Sunday 09 May, leaving Lower Common at 10.00am and finishing at 1.00pm approximately. The walk takes around three hours and you are led through some of the most beautiful bluebell woods you're likely to see in Hampshire. The walk is organised by those who look after the Parish Paths within the Ellisfield Volunteer Group; contact Peter Hopwood (381321) or Paul Turner (381269) email volunteers@ellisfield.com for more details.

ELLISFIELD'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Friday 28 May 2010
8.00pm
in the Memorial Hall**

Doors open from 7.30pm

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 01 May 2009**
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)

Some photographs and anecdotes from pond restoration and traffic calming projects

All Ellisfield residents are invited to attend, do come along and meet your neighbours and hear about the activities of village organisations and then socialise over a glass of wine and nibbles.