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# Ellisfield Parish Council

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## Parish Newsletter September 2011

### Vacancy for Parish Councillor

We have a vacancy for a parish councillor following the recent resignation of Glen Horgan.

In accordance with section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 the vacancy was published on the village noticeboards: No request was made for an election within 14 working days of the date these vacancies were published, so we are now seeking to co-opt a new councillor.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Tim Guinness, Chairman or Jacqui Matthews, Clerk. Contact details on the last page.

### Affordable Housing

Still little concrete to report. As fore-shadowed at the last Parish Council meeting C-zero have approached B&DDC to explore the possibility of building 4 units of affordable housing on Portsmouth Estates land either opposite the Furzen Lane Church Lane junction or off Green Lane up from Farrier's Field and financed in part by cross subsidy from two new open market houses and a new rectory next to the existing Rectory. We wrote asking BDBC to explore this with C-zero. We are not aware of any reaction from BDBC, apart from an acknowledgement. Depending on their response and in particular if they give any indication that a cross-subsidy approach could be considered, the Parish Council will have to decide what - given reactions to date - which were mixed - the next steps might be. In this regard C-zero themselves have asked for an open meeting in which they could have an opportunity to fully explain their concept and design approach and that would seem to have considerable merit but as stated the Parish Council have not had an opportunity to formally react to this.

### Basingstoke Half Marathon

Please be aware there will be road closures between 11am and 2pm on Sunday 02 October - see map on noticeboards for further details of route; residents can expect another letter from Destination Basingstoke.

### Road Repairs and Resurfacing

You will be aware by now that there is to be a major road refurbishment project on village roads prior to the Basingstoke Half Marathon. Warning signs are to be erected and works commence on Monday 12 September, diversions will be clearly marked. Whilst the road is closed access will be maintained but that may require that when residents depart in the morning and works are ongoing to the left of the property they need to exit right when they return works could have progressed beyond the property and will need to return from the left.

### Phone Box

Thanks to Cllr Andy Webb for co-ordinating the transformation of our adopted phone box and to Roger Freeman for constructing such beautiful shelves. All villagers (including children) are encouraged to use this new facility - to borrow or exchange books, cds and dvds.

### Volunteer Group (EVG)

The group continue to work hard keeping the village well cared for. Despite a disappointing turnout at their recent Social evening the usual stalwarts are tackling projects to maintain village property in addition to regular mowing of parish land at Lower Common, Gravel Pits and Burial Ground. Steve Brown has recently joined the committee and taken responsibility for the burial ground and has taken some marvellous photographs (soon to be placed on village website for viewing) illustrating the good work that the group does. See [http://www.ellisfield.gov.uk/volunteers/land\\_maintenance.asp](http://www.ellisfield.gov.uk/volunteers/land_maintenance.asp)

Resignations: Ted Dowson will be stepping down as Chairman at the AGM on 28 November and Tony Matthews would also be resigning from the Committee. There will be 2 vacancies on the Committee so more Committee members and general volunteers are needed going forward. Please contact EVG Secretary, Hannah Houstin-Lacey for more details (381863)

EVG have also come up with a proposal for storing the grass cutting equipment used on Lower Common (currently stored for them in a barn at Lower Farm) in a new shed to be located discreetly on what is currently overgrown rough ground opposite Lower Farm. Resident's views will be solicited before supporting this.

## Registration of small domestic sewage discharges including Septic Tanks

The government is reviewing the registration of small sewage discharges in England. Whilst this is happening, you will not be required to register provided you comply with the requirements set out in the guidance note – available to view at <http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/PDF/GEHO0811BTVP-E-E.pdf>

## Cango Bus

A new timetable will be in operation from 10 October, one bus will travel throughout the day between Basingstoke and Alresford, with a connection once a day to Alton. Full details of timetable will be circulated to regular users and will be placed on village notice boards.

## Allotments

Good news Adam and Tracey Gilvear won first prize in The Cliddesden, Dummer and Farleigh Wallop Horticultural Society Best Vegetable garden class and the coveted Banksian Medal (for the highest number of points in classes judging fruit and vegetables) in The Summer Show. Congratulations and well done for putting Ellisfield Allotments Gardeners on the map.

## Christmas Fayre

This year's Christmas Fayre which promises to be better than ever, will be held in Ellisfield Memorial Hall on Saturday 19 November from 2.00pm. Once again Caroline Cazenove (381279) has agreed to coordinate proceedings, please do contact her if you would be willing to help with this traditional event in the village calendar.

## Children's Play Equipment

As many residents will be aware the project to site another piece of children's play equipment either at Lower Common or The Gravel Pits has evoked strong emotions – for and against. Caroline Cazenove is undertaking a series of meetings with the main protagonists to see if a solution to the specification of such equipment and its siting can be found which all those residents who feel strongly about this issue can support. Resident's views will be solicited before supporting this.

## Planning applications since last newsletter

### Approved:

BDB/73688 - Beech Lawn, Green Lane

Proposal: Erection of a first floor side extension and a two storey rear extension. Loft conversion with the construction of dormer windows to the front and side elevation.

BDB/74141 - Grammarsham Dairy, Grammarsham Lane, Farleigh Wallop.

Proposal: Installation of Solar PV system on farm building roof.

BDB/74413 - Copper Beeches, Axford Road.

Proposal: Erection of double garage/car port and associated excavation works (part retrospective).

BDB73851 - Land grid ref: 465093 146525, north of Bushywarren Lane, Ellisfield

Proposal: Continued use as agricultural land with the erection of a new solar farm of up to 5 MW generating capacity, comprising installation of solar photovoltaic panels and associated infrastructure and landscape planting on land north of Bushywarren Lane.

### Currently under consideration:

BDB/73577 - Coopers Farmhouse, Bell Lane (listed building)

Proposal: Erection of part first floor to existing single storey side extension. Re-application following earlier Refusal

BDB/74925 Hill Farm Cottage, Green Lane:

Proposal: Erection of side extension forming link and new garage with office above following demolition of existing link/garage. Erection of replacement porch, replacement windows and various internal alterations

## Contact Details for Councillors & Clerk

Cllr Caroline Cazenove; (Vice-Chair) Brocas, The Green.	381279
Cllr Tim Guinness; (Chairman) Widmoor Farm, College Lane.	381348
Cllr Rose Taplin; 3 Hill Farm Cottages, Green Lane.	381417
Cllr David Richards; September, College Lane.	381771
Andy Webb, Dragon's Holt, Green Lane	381045

Parish Clerk - Jacqui Matthews (Mayfield, Green Lane, Ellisfield RG25 2QL) she can be contacted on 381149 or at [clerk@ellisfield.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ellisfield.gov.uk). See also [www.ellisfield.gov.uk/council](http://www.ellisfield.gov.uk/council)