
Ellisfield Parish Council

Parish Newsletter September 2013

Community Speedwatch

Speeding through village roads remains a problem as despite the 30mph speed limit implemented at the bottom of the village in May 2009, residents along Axford Road say this is ignored by many drivers.

Recently some villages in Hampshire have collaborated to purchase speed monitoring to allow local residents to operate it on a voluntary basis and submit information regarding traffic speeding through their villages to the Police who then issue warnings to the owners of the vehicles concerned.

Your parish council has decided to explore doing something similar in Ellisfield, in the area covered by the 30mph limit. However before embarking on discussions with Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, neighbouring villages and Hampshire Constabulary, the parish council consider it is essential that we firstly establish if sufficient Ellisfield residents would be prepared to undergo training and then operate such a device. Please let the Clerk know by email (clerk@ellisfield.gov.uk) or complete and return the enclosed form (**see page 4**).

Anaerobic Digester

You will be aware that construction continues on the Bushywarren Lane new Anaerobic Digester site and Barfoots, the operating company, have advised the parish council that there may be some possible traffic disruption towards the end of September/early October when there will be, over a period of 3 days, 300 deliveries of Maize crop to the site. Approximately 5,000 tonnes of Maize (silage variety) from farms on the Herriard Estate will be transported via farm road and track utilising tractor/trailer combinations.

When they meet the crossing point of Bushywarren Lane (opposite the entrance to the Solar Park) they will cross the road and follow a purpose built farm track. Due to ongoing construction works with site traffic and maintaining good site safety, as a one off event for this year only, Barfoots would like to send the empty tractor/trailers back off site and down Bushywarren Lane (approximately 320 metres distance) before they re-enter the farm road/track network. Your parish council has taken the view that on a one-off basis this is reasonable, provided that no farm traffic enters the road network heading towards Ellisfield before 8:30am on working days to minimise conflict with local traffic.

As soon as we receive notice of dates that this activity is likely to take place, details will be circulated by email, posted on village website and noticeboards.

Broadband

Your council continues to work towards securing improved broadband speeds for the village via the Herriard exchange.

You may be aware that Hampshire County Council has signed a contract with BT for a programme that will roll out super-fast broadband to 90% of premises across the county by the end of 2015. This will leave about 70,000 premises (mainly rural) untouched except that there are 3,500 premises in Hampshire within the final 10% that have broadband speeds less than the 2 mega-bit minimum standard. In these cases, which includes Ellisfield, BT will deploy point solutions to individual properties based on 4G, satellite or other technologies but this is currently scheduled for the final part of the three-year roll-out.

In the interim there is the option of achieving faster broadband speeds using either 3G Mobile or Satellite broadband. The principal characteristics of these two technologies are:

1. Mobile (3G) Broadband. Speed varies considerably depending on signal strength. Equipment costs in the range of £24 to £500. Monthly contracts available and so no lock-in.
2. Satellite Broadband. In some circumstances faster than 3G but more expensive. Feasible so long as you have unobstructed line of sight to the satellite. Minimum contract 12 to 24 months.

Further assistance can be obtained from Julian Wright (£30/hr with all proceeds going to Great Ormond St Hospital). julian@brccloud.com

Village Website www.ellisfield.org.uk

Thanks to Paul Turner for all his hard work in recent months establishing a new website for the parish council following Basingstoke and Deane's withdrawal of website support for parishes. Paul assiduously keeps the new website up to date and welcomes news and information about the village to post.

Do consider making Ellisfield.org.uk one of your 'favourites' and if you haven't already visited the site, please do so next time you 'log-on'. The parish council has entered the new website into the Hampshire Association of Local Council's annual 'Best Website' competition, results to be announced in October.

Contribution to Parish Funds

Barfoots have offered to make an annual contribution of £1,000.00 to the Parish funds of Ellisfield (they have offered the same to Herriard), this sum of money will be paid in December on commissioning of the Plant.

The sum of money is not linked to any specific project or issue and as such is offered as a general non obligatory contribution to the local community for the Parish to administer.

New Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator needed

Hannah Houstin-Lacey has decided to stand down as volunteer Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Ellisfield. Hannah took over as Area Coordinator in June 2007 and has done a sterling job for many years. Anyone interested in taking over this role should contact Parish Clerk for more information.

Currently the role involves producing a monthly news article for Hill and Dale. This article, and information from PC Reid, is also circulated to residents via email. Everything is sent to Paul Turner for updating the website's Neighbourhood Watch page (ellisfield.org.uk/nwatch.html).

Consultation on Draft Local Plan

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, like local authorities across the country, has to draw up a set of policies and plans that will guide future planning and development decisions in the borough. This is called the Local Plan which sets out the policies concerning what will or will not be permitted and where, including new homes, businesses and other facilities. It also sets out how the environment will be protected.

Before the Local Plan is formally 'submitted' to a Government's planning inspector, the council is running a six-week public consultation which runs until 4pm on Friday 4 October 2013. More information and a link to respond is at <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/browse/environment-and-planning/planning/emerging-local-plan/pre-submission-local-plan-2011-to-2029.htm>.

Memorial Hall Committee

Following their AGM on 25 May 2013 there is now a full committee. Once again full details can be found on their webpage; <http://ellisfield.org.uk/hall.html>

Christmas Fayre

This year's Christmas Fayre which promises to be better than ever, will be held in Ellisfield Memorial Hall on Saturday 07 December 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.

Basingstoke Half Marathon

Please be aware that once again there will be road closures between 11am and 2pm on Sunday 06 October – see map on noticeboards for further details and route map, or see Destination Basingstoke website; www.destinationbasingstoke.co.uk/?page=BasingstokeHalfMarathon

Road Repairs and Resurfacing

You will have noticed that there has been another major road refurbishment on village roads prior to the Basingstoke Half Marathon. A velocity patching crew is scheduled to resurface the stretch of road near Hill Farm Pond ahead of the marathon. We are advised there should be minimal disruption but 5-10 minute delays possible.

Contact Details for Councillors & Clerk

Cllr Caroline Cazenove, Brocas, The Green	381279
Cllr Tim Guinness, (Chairman) Widmoor Farm, College Lane	381348
Cllr Gavin Park-Weir, Homestead, Green Lane	381188
Cllr David Richards, September, College Lane	381771
Cllr Rose Taplin, 3 Hill Farm Cottages, Green Lane	381417
Cllr Julian Wright, (Vice-Chair) Ivy Cottage, Bell Lane	381757

Parish Clerk - Jacqui Matthews

Mayfield, Green Lane, Ellisfield RG25 2QL

Jacqui can be contacted on 381149 or at clerk@ellisfield.gov.uk. See also ellisfield.org.uk/council.html

Planning applications since last newsletter

Approved:

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

Proposal: [Erection of part first floor to existing single storey side extension.](#)

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.](#)

BDB/76263 - College Farm House, College Lane

Proposal: [Erection of a single storey front extension](#)

BDB/75822 - Land Grid Ref: 465093 146525, North Of, Bushywarren Lane

Proposal: [Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission BDB/73851 to amend plan numbers to relocate the solar farm to the northern perimeter of the site and redistribute the solar panels within an alternate field layout; reduce the height of solar panels from 3.3m to 2.3m; erect a earth bund; relocate fencing line and amend specification to replace approved 1.1m stock proof fencing with 2m stock proof fence; amended number, size and location of control box, switch gear and inverter equipment; amended number, location and size of CCTV camera systems; and amended landscaping scheme \(Part Retrospective\).](#)

13/00619/HSE - Blencathra The Green

Proposal: [Erection of side extension with front and rear dormer windows and roof lights, pitched roof to existing flat roofed dormer window and erection of a rear porch](#)

13/00058/HSE - Homestead Green Lane

Proposal: [Single storey rear extension and alteration to dining room roof.](#)

Currently under consideration:

13/00688/HSE - Northgate Cottage Northgate Lane

Proposal: [New outbuilding to location of existing shed and animal pen to provide improved and additional accommodation ancillary to existing domestic residential smallholding](#)

13/01052/LBC - Widmoor Farm College Lane

Proposal: [Replacement of existing crittal windows with timber units](#)

13/01466/HSE - 3 Park View Green Lane

Proposal: [Erection of single storey front and side and first floor rear extensions. Erection of store to front. Alterations to rear roof line and installation of new windows to south east and north east elevations](#)

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH PARTICIPATION SLIP

Name(s):

Address:

Landline Phone No:

Mobile Phone No:

Email address(es)

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I/We are prepared to undergo training and then operate Community Speedwatch equipment within the 30mph limit in Ellisfield

Signed: Date:

Please return to parish clerk or a councillor no later than Friday 12th October 2013