

WOLDINGHAM



NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to our new style Parish newsletter. We hope you like the changes and think it's a good way to communicate with the village – if not, let us know!

The past 5 months, since becoming chairman, have flown by with a seemingly never ending stream of parish issues to deal with. I am constantly asked what does the Parish Council do?!! To describe this fully would take up much more space than I am allowed but suffice it to say that most happenings in the village involve us in some way – from organising Litter Picks to Trafalgar Day celebrations, to getting footpaths maintained, liaising with police, local and district councils on safety, highways, planning and many other matters. Our life is never dull! However, one of the most difficult aspects of our work is being confident that we are always representing *your* views. My aim is therefore to try to improve communication - both from us to you and from you to us. Please let us know what you think our priorities should be – we are here to listen.

Which brings me onto an important topic – the demise of the village shop and post office. Although by the time you read this, we hope there may be progress in a re-opening. However, we have been asked whether we would consider helping to set up a community shop. Although appealing, this may involve significant cost and effort - do you want us to pursue this idea if it becomes appropriate? We are asking for your views on the attached questionnaire – please complete and return as soon as possible.

Lastly, don't hesitate to contact me personally on any issue, I will be pleased to help.

J. Meekings

HIGHWAYS

A case of too many roads to repair and SCC with insufficient money but we keep trying to keep the pressure on to get improvements in the village.

Just outside our parish, at the Slines Oak/Limpsfield Road junction, which is heavily used by residents, sight line improvements have been made. In addition, Chelsham and Farleigh Parish Council has offered Highways some adjacent land to further improve the junction.

R. Fuller

WOLDINGHAM VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

This document has now been adopted by Tandridge District Council. A copy has been posted to all residents but as our circulation list is based on the current Electoral Roll there may be some people who have been missed out. If you know of anyone who has not received a copy please ask them to contact us.

J. Jeffery

PLANNING

Three important appeals have recently been dismissed (i) for a new house behind Gable Cottage, Station Road (ii) the retention of unauthorised stables, hardstanding and fencing at Springfield, off The Ridge and (iii) change of use to offices at Park Mews, Marden Park. For the latter, there is currently yet another appeal against an enforcement order to remove the caravan from site. We continue to support TDC in protecting our environment.

The PC intends to set up a confidential email list of residents who wish to be informed of significant planning issues. Please email the clerk (parish.clerk@woldingham.com) if you wish to be included.

Tandridge is introducing a new online planning service which provides full details of applications, appeals, enforcements etc. This is at <http://e-access.tandridge.gov.uk/planning/aup.asp> *M. Bantick*

RECYCLING

PLEASE can we all improve our household arrangements in this important matter. Green boxes and blue bags are always available free from either TDC (01883 722000) or from your Parish Councillors.

Food waste can also be recycled using the new Green Cone System which uses a Green Cone food wastedigester. All food waste, including meat and bones, can be emptied into the Green Cone and broken down into virtually nothing. The end result is far less rubbish going into your dustbin and less precious space used for landfill. The Cones are heavily subsidised by TDC and are available to all Tandridge residents at the special price of £19.95 including FREE delivery (call 0800 0192063).

For a wider overview of Surrey Waste Management visit the Surrey CC website. *M. Batterbury*

AIRPORT TRAFFIC

It is with concern that residents have noticed the apparent increase of flights over Woldingham during this summer. In theory Woldingham is not on a recognised flight path and residents who notice anything amiss should ring the appropriate airport reporting the incident. PLEASE when phoning in give details, time, date and if possible the type of plane, so that it is possible to check

the flight path of that particular plane. It would also be useful if residents could also let us know when a complaint has been registered (email: parish.clerk@woldingham.com)

Complaint Lines:

01959 578580 (Biggin Hill);
0800 393070 (Gatwick);
0800 344844 (Heathrow) or
0207 739 7311 (CAA) *R Johnson*

ROAD GROUP

The recommendations of the group together with comments from villagers who responded to the request for input have been forwarded to the Highways section of Surrey County Council at Tandridge District Office. The Senior Engineer is now assessing them. *J. Jeffery*

COMMUNITY SPEED

WATCH

This project has been set up in partnership with Surrey Police and with the support of Surrey Highways and the Parish Council. Vehicle speeds will be monitored at various locations within the village in an effort to reduce the number of drivers who choose to exceed the 30 mph limit. This is not an enforcement check, but vehicle details will be passed to Surrey Police who will in turn be writing to the registered keepers asking them to keep to the speed limits through the village.

A civilian band speed gun has been purchased, the cost shared

by the PC and Woldingham Security Fund. Twelve volunteers have received training in the use and calibration of this equipment and will start the checks in November. *J. Jeffery*

TRAFALGAR DESPACH

A weekend of celebrations; fireworks, beacon, banquet and commemorative service. Photos will be displayed in the Village Hall at the next Players performance. *R Johnson*

VILLAGE WEBSITE

www.woldingham.com is an under used resource. All content has to come from the village and we have few contributors. Why isn't it used more? What can we do to encourage contributions? All comments and ideas to jill@meekings.co.uk *J. Meekings*

Dates for your Diary:

Parish Council meetings:

Nov 24th + CPAG* meeting

Dec *No meeting*

Jan 26th + CPAG* meeting

Feb 23rd

March 30th + CPAG* meeting

April 28th

Meetings are held in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

*CPAG (Community Police Action Group) meetings start at 7.00pm.