



Barton Stacey Parish Council Newsletter

November 2015

Dear Resident,

This is the November Newsletter of the Parish Council. The Parish Council meets every month on the **third Tuesday of the month** in the village hall from 7.30pm, however full Council will no longer meet in December. Following advice from the internal auditor, the **Finance and General Purpose Sub-committee** has been dissolved. The Planning sub-committee meets prior to the full Council meeting starting at 7pm. If there are any planning applications to consider please check agendas on notice boards and the Barton Stacey web-site. All meetings are open to the public and public participation is invited at the start of the meeting. Please inform the clerk before the meeting if you wish to speak. Abi Bettle has joined the Parish Council as a co-opted member as we had a vacancy following the local elections in May. Abi now lives in Bransbury and has been involved in the VDS.

The Parish is part of Harewood Ward (Test Valley Borough Council) and our very hard working Borough Councillor is David Drew. He can be contacted on the following email address. david.drew@testvalley.org.uk

Our Village Agent is available to helping the elderly with getting out and about, advice in the home with things such as sourcing trades persons, using a computer, care and money issues. **Sarah** can be contacted on 07704 491582 or by calling Age Concern Hampshire on Freephone 0800 328 7154

A welcome to the new occupiers of houses in Ringbourne Copse: - The development is almost finished and houses are being occupied by old and new residents of the village. The Ringbourne Family were once landowners in Barton Stacey in the 14th Century.

Superfast Broadband: - Unfortunately we still do not know when the Barton Stacey upgrade will be apart from the fact we are in the second wave, due to take place between 2016 and 2018. The Parish will continue to lobby our County Councillor Andrew Gibson to try and make sure that we are in the 2016 work programme. **Please continue to register on:-**

<http://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/#sthash.qSa3JM3U.dpuf>

Allotments There are only 2 allotments left. These will be advertised outside the village if they remain vacant. If you are interested in please email clerk@bartonstacey.com or phone Sue Gaines on 07802675100. The issue of rabbits will hopefully be resolved once the undergrowth has died down and control measures can be introduced.

Footpaths... Following our appeals earlier in the year we have volunteers to report the condition of **Postman's Walk, Moonlight, Difford and the Drove to the Parish Council monthly.** This is so helpful and very much appreciated. Please email the clerk@bartonstacey.com or phone Sue Gaines 07802675100 if you would like to help as we still have un-adopted paths. Following reports the Parish Council has made strong representation to HCC Highways Rights of Way Officer about their

failure to cut back the Bransbury end of Moonlight. So far the clearance has not been done and the path remains almost impassable. The PC will continue to chase the ROW Officer.

Moody's Down Firing Range: - It has been reported that Postman's Walk is still being used when the red flags are flying even though the MOD have provided additional flags and notices. **This is extremely dangerous and also against the law.** Colonel Ludlow made a presentation at the June Parish Council Meeting and explained that the Army have powers of arrest. Please do look out for the red flags and if flying use one of our other lovely footpaths.

Village Design Statement After many months of work the draft statement was submitted to TVBC for comment on 2nd October. A big thank you to the working group and everyone who has contributed. The next step is to complete the illustrated version and present this to the community for review. For more information and to see the latest draft look at the VDS page of the Parish web site vds@bartonstacey.com. The statement is being produced by the village for the village so please make time to have a look and send any photographs of the views and features that make Barton Stacey special. Working group meetings are open to all. The next meeting will be on 18th November at 7.30 at The Swan.

Village canine issues: - This is still a big problem. Dogs are fouling public areas. Cllr Lovell has attended a workshop on 'Responsible Dog Ownership' and the TVBC Dog Warden is now going to visit the parish. The PC is continuing to explore solutions that do not pass on extra costs to the community. We really urge dog owners to clean up after their dogs.

Buses: - Following lobbying made by the PC and representation made at October's meeting for the 85 bus to be re-routed through the village, we now need to demonstrate to Stagecoach that there is a real need for the service. This means that we need you to tell us if you would use this service. The more names the better. Please email clerk@bartonstacey.com or telephone Jan Lovell 761170/Sue Gaines 07802675100

Defibrillators: - These are fully operational but we need more volunteers to be trained in their use. These save lives. To avoid panic if you had to use them why not come to one of the training sessions in the Village Hall to be held on 10th December at 7pm and 8pm. Contact Paul Gibson on 01962 760887 or thegibsons@hotmail.com if you wish to attend or would like more information.

Playground: - A new piece of equipment is arriving mid-November funded by S106 monies. This will replace the monkey bars which are now beyond repair due to their age. We hope that children will enjoy using the new Supanova.

Roads: - Highways have drawn down the S106 monies (Wades Farm Development) to improve the road infrastructure around the village. This work has been passed to TVBC who have stated that due to limited resources the virtual footpath, Bullington Lane footpath and the installation of the priority traffic system at Difford Bridge are currently not mandated. David Drew is continuing to pressure TVBC on our behalf. Speeding continues to be a serious problem so please drive within speed limits.

Vacancy: - The Parish Council are looking for a Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. This post is for 50 hours per month. Please contact Sue Gaines on 07802675100 or by email suegaines5@gmail.com

On behalf of the Parish Council we wish everyone a Happy Christmas.