

Hazelbury Bryan Bytes

Parish Council Newsletter – Issue 18 – September 2013

Issue 18 – topics

- **New Parish Councillor**
- **Overgrown Hedges**
- **www.facebook.com/HazelburyBryanPC**
- **Litter Picking Equipment**
- **Traffic in Pidney Hill**
- **Cllr Pauline Batstone's – Revised Surgery Times**
- **Public Footpaths**

Message from Dave Roberts – Chairman

First of all I am very pleased to be able to welcome, on behalf of the Parish Council, our new councillor, Ken Huggins. Ken has been quietly contributing his time and efforts to the benefit of the village in the past and we look forward to working with him in his new 'official' capacity.

Recently, I was pondering a problem at work and it occurred to me that the issue was that of consideration for others, and that the same problem could be said to apply to many of the issues that come before the Parish Council (and is also probably applicable on a wider national and international scale). So the question is: If we were all to show more consideration for others in our day to day lives, would it make the work of the Parish Council (and others) easier and less time consuming? I suspect that it would, but it's something worth thinking about!

Finally, a reminder to contact the Parish Council with any issues that you may have, using the contact details on the back page of this newsletter.

For all the latest news – please visit the website www.hazelburybryan.com or contact the webmaster master@hazelburybryan.com

New Parish Councillor

The Parish Council co-opted Ken Huggins to fill the casual vacancy at the August meeting. Ken moved to the village in 2011 with his partner Pam keen to enjoy the more peaceful life of rural Dorset. He is an amateur but enthusiastic grower of vegetables and fruit and sees the natural world of the countryside as an essential resource to be protected, valued and enjoyed by all. He looks forward to adding his energy and enthusiasm to the work of the Parish Council.

Overgrown Hedges

Overgrown hedges have been causing concern to some residents in recent months, some causing obstruction at junction, others obstructing traffic signs.

Most hedges adjacent to roads and pavements are privately owned and are the responsibility of land owners, who must prevent their hedges obstructing the highway.

DEFRA advises that you must not cut or trim any hedgerow on your farm between 1 March and 31 July (the main breeding season for birds) unless this work is necessary because the hedgerow overhangs a highway, road or footpath over which there is a public or private right of way and the overhanging hedgerow obstructs the passage of, or is a danger to, vehicles, pedestrians or horse riders;

A neighbourly reminder from the Parish Council highlighting the individual's responsibilities within the community normally solves the problem. If the problem cannot be resolved locally, a highway authority can write to the landowner requesting that work is carried out to remove an obstruction of the highway. It can then serve a notice under the Highways Act 1980 requiring the work to be carried out.

www.facebook.com/HazelburyBryanPC

A Facebook page is being trialled by the Parish Clerk. The purpose of the page is to let people know what is going on in the village. You don't have to have a Facebook account to see the page but you do if you want to send a Facebook message. Let the Clerk know if you have a public event coming up which you want advertised by emailing parishclerk@hazelburybryan.com.

Litter Picking Equipment

The Council has recently purchased four litterpickers and one handihood. The equipment will be held by the Parish Clerk and loaned out for use by the residents of the village who are willing to carry out litter picking as they go around the village. The handihood is being trialled by the Parish Council. If you borrow it let the Clerk know if you found it useful.

At present any litter collected must be disposed of in resident's rubbish and recycling bins. In the future the Parish Council may be given a stock of approved blue bags to use.

The Parish Council also hopes to get more equipment from the Dorset Waste Partnership who is looking at ways it can help parishes throughout Dorset with this valuable service carried out by volunteers.

Traffic in Pidney Hill

Speeding traffic in Pidney Hill has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council. A questionnaire was recently distributed to houses in Pidney Hill and the responses confirmed that there could be a problem with speeding vehicles. Allegedly, pedestrians have been hit, cats killed and hedges and fences have been damaged. Some identified the school run as a particular problem and Mrs Sharpe, has already taken action by sending a letter to all parents reminding them of their responsibilities.

The Parish Council will be passing this information onto the local Police and will be asking Dorset County Council to carry out a speed survey.

Cllr Pauline Batstone – Revised Surgery Times

Cllr Batstone normally holds drop in surgeries in Hazelbury Bryan Village Hall from 10.30am to 11.15am on the third Saturday of the month. She is also usually at the Police Surgery at Thyme after Time at 10.00 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month.

Public Footpaths

Following a complaint from a local landowner, the Parish Council urges walkers to keep the public footpaths and bridleways details of which can be seen at www.dorsetforyou.com/rightsofway.

Parish Council meetings: Held on the first Tuesday of every month at 8pm in the Village Hall. During the meeting there is a time set aside for the public to raise matters of concern or local interest.

Parish Councillors 2013 to 2014			
Name	Role	e-mail	Phone
Dave Roberts	Chairman Footpaths	dave.roberts@hazelburybryan.com	817252
Steve Murcer	Vice Chairman	steve.murcer@hazelburybryan.com	817919
David Maughan	Councillor Playing Field	david.maughan@hazelburybryan.com	817805
Tricia Walton	Councillor Village Hall	tricia.walton@hazelburybryan.com	818219
Emma Grayson	Councillor	woodrowfeeds@hotmail.co.uk	817120
Martin Richards	Councillor	sales@tractorsuk.co.uk	817372
Ken Huggins	Councillor	ken.huggins@hazelburybryan.com	818223
Parish Clerk			
Matthew Mills		parishclerk@hazelburybryan.com	446222
NDDC Representative			
Pauline Batstone		cldr.p.batstone@btinternet.com	472583
DCC Representative			
Pauline Batstone		cldr.p.batstone@btinternet.com	472583