

The following are the key messages from the PC meeting held on Wed 2nd November.

- The following candidates were co-opted to the Parish Council and, subject to confirmation by EHDC appointed Councillors: **Mrs Nadine Farris, Ms Alison Ledesma and Mr Hugh Bevan.**
- The following planning applications were considered and no objections raised:
  - Fiddlers Green, Gaston Lane - single storey side extension.
  - Churchers, Church Road - prune flowering cherry and fell handkerchief tree.
  - Berry Cottage, Church Road - first floor rear extension and associated listed building consent.
- The improvement works undertaken on a voluntary basis by the WI and Cllr Williams to the area of the old Telephone Box were warmly applauded. After considerable discussion it was agreed that, subject to confirmation of public liability for the area of paving forward of the WI bench seat adjacent to the edge of the highway, the work necessary to repair broken paving slabs and extend the paved area to the base of the refurbished village map would be funded by the PC. Three commercial quotations for the paving work (ranging from £1500 + VAT to £750+ VAT) and a PC self-help option (the cost of which would be for materials only of approximately £120) were considered alongside the issue of public liability (ownership of and responsibility for this strip of land adjacent to the kerb rests with Hampshire Highways) which was raised at the meeting. It was agreed that the work would be completed either under contract at a cost of some £750 + VAT or under self-help arrangements at a cost of some £120 with the final decision resting entirely on satisfactory confirmation of the liability issue with unanimous agreement that, all things being equal, the cheaper self-help option should be pursued. It was further noted that the paving on the corner was particularly vulnerable to damage from heavy vehicles mounting the kerb, especially when reversing.
- Measures to reduce the speed limit on the A32 south of the village by introducing a 40mph limit, beyond the existing 30mph limit as far as Kitcombe Lane, was welcomed. Final proposals for improved village entrance signs incorporating speed restrictions and some repositioning of existing signage was also welcomed. It was noted that the order for two mobile speed sensing units, incorporating date loggers, had been placed and Highways authority had been granted for suitable installation locations on the A32 and Shirnall Hill.
- With the short notice notification that Hampshire Police would not provide support to ensure road safety during the annual Remembrance Day ceremony at the Farringdon War Memorial it was agreed, as an exception, to employ a professional traffic management company at a cost of £325 to enable the event to proceed safely and legally. Arrangements would be reviewed for 2017.
- It was noted that the Village Hall project team were hosting a briefing and engagement event in the Golden Pheasant on Thu 17 Nov at 7.30pm and Sat 19 Nov at 10.00am. Invitations had been issued and attendance encouraged.

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