

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 15th September at 7.30pm** in Deverell Hall and Crookhorn College of Technology has offered to supply and set up a microphone to enable us to hear our speakers and one another. The agenda for the meeting is:

1. The Chairman welcomes the speakers and thanks the Crookhorn College for its sound system.
2. The Councillors will be in attendance to update us on their council expertise and to answer questions. Cllr. Gwen Blackett on Health, Housing and Leisure, Cllr. David Farrow on Planning, Licensing and Standards, Cllr Hilary Farrow on Crime prevention and our County Councillor Robin McIntosh.
3. In attendance a youth worker, a beat bobby and a safety officer.

The Waterlooville South Liveability Board. The Sandy Dell Privett Road project has now been allocated **£2,000**. Committee members and Havant Officers have walked the site and a plan of action has been decided. Havant Borough Council (HBC) have already cut a long hedge, cleared an embankment and poisoned a large area of Japanese knotweed. Tools amounting to £577.06 have been bought and are being stored in locked property abutting the site. These tools belong to the residents' association and can be used on other areas in Purbrook and Widley. Now it is down to the volunteers to clear the paths and some of the undergrowth in readiness for planting in the autumn. Four environmental lectern boards are being prepared by Sally Millar, a graphic designer. The four topics will be: (a) trees, (b) plants, (c) birds and (d) butterflies, moths and insects. Purbrook Heath is also to have a board which will include a mixture of history and the environment. The first meeting of the volunteers will be on 18th September, 9 .30am, please meet at the corner of Widley Gdns.

The Radio Masts in Stakes Road. As reported in May the Vodafone mast was turned down but since then Vodafone has reapplied for planning permission and Jack Griffiths has been informing Stakes Road and Claremont Gardens residents of its re-emergence. If this mast gets the 'go ahead' it will mean two masts within 150 yds of one another.

The Havant Local Plan. PAW ARA made a deputation to the Strategy and Regeneration Committee at HBC on **21st June** about building 80 houses on Purbrook Park School's playing field in Stakes Road and the plans to build 500 houses on the fields between Purbrook Gardens and Waterlooville. The submission was a waste of effort, time and a travesty of so-called consultation. The Local Plan was passed to the Executive recommending **no changes**. At the Executive meeting on **13th July** Cllr Gwen Blackett made a reasoned and articulate plea on behalf of residents of Purbrook and Widley to retain the playing field as a much-needed open space. An Officer stated that there was no time left to make any further alterations as the Local Plan had to be submitted to the Deputy Prime Minister's Office by the summer of 2006. Cllr Blackett pointed out that the Inspector's recommendation of 110 houses on the MDA between Purbrook and Waterlooville had been quadrupled to 500 + by the officers so why were the 80 houses needed on the playing fields and other small green lungs in Havant like Scratchface Lane. There was no support from any other councillors. Much discussion followed about the southern access road from the 2,000+ houses coming out onto the A3 south of Purbrook. Cllr Nigel Tarrant pointed out that the original Masterplan showed the access to be at the Ladybridge roundabout. Now the words 'vicinity of' have been introduced which gives the developers 'carte blanche' to plan another roundabout at Park Road or at the allotments. If the road accesses in any other position than Ladybridge then more land will be opened up for development, pedestrian access to the Heath will be difficult and the new road would need to be built closer to the Rowan's Hospice. Cllr Blackett seconded Cllr Tarrant's amendment to have the words 'IN THE VICINITY OF' removed, but the vote was lost 2 - 4. The Havant Plan was endorsed on **27th July**.

The Old Garage Site in Purbrook. Planning permission for 9x3 bed houses and 2x2 bed flats was turned down in May but the developers have reapplied with **8x3 bed houses** and 2x2bed flats. The Association has once again objected to 3 bed houses being proposed as the site is not conducive for children to live there. We have stuck to our request for 6x2bed dwellings on this A3 site.

The Major Development Area Plans (MDA). There was no news concerning our area at the Forum meeting in Waterlooville on 23rd June. Grainger Trust and Boyer Planning are still in discussion with Winchester City's and HBC's Officers. As the Havant Plan is now passed perhaps the plans will be forthcoming.

The Fund Raising Social Evening at the Leopard on the 1st July raised £125.00. Twenty nine people attended and 8 people paid but did not attend. The food at the Leopard can be highly recommended as most of us took 'doggy bags' home.

Neighbourhood Watch. The following information was asked for at one of our meetings. The Coordinator and Chairman of the local neighbourhood watch groups is Norma Sterling on 023 9264 1819. She will help and advise with the setting up with any new groups and inform you if there is a group already in your area.

The Dispersal Order has been extended in the Purbrook and Widley area until the 10th December.

Travellers. Residents are asked to be very circumspect as to whom they employ to surface drives and cut hedges etc., as this can encourage travellers to fly-tip when in an area.

Purbrook Heath Road. Concerns were expressed at our last meeting about the excessive speed of traffic on the unrestricted section near the Pavilion and the Rowan's Hospice. C. Cllr Robin McIntosh has been able to get Hampshire County Council to consider a 40mph restriction on that section he would have preferred 30mph but 40mph is better than 70mph.

Waterlooville's North Precinct Refurbishment. This project is completely separate from the A3 work that is disrupting businesses in Waterlooville at the moment. It is good to know that money is to be spent on the precinct which currently looks so uninviting perhaps when completed new shops will be encouraged into Waterlooville. Unfortunately the draft plans show a proposal to put a children's play area outside MacDonald's. Does this give the wrong message from the local council to our youngsters? Other contentious aspects are: (1) a covered entertainment area outside the Heroes Pub and (2) the knocking down of the fountain and flower bed area. Perhaps the entertainment area should be more central even cover the fountain area. If you want to express your views and receive more information please contact Havant BC on 023 92446537.

"The Meeting Place" in Elizabeth Road appears to be open 3 evenings a week but it urgently needs volunteers to help. If you can spare a few hours a week please contact the youth workers on 023 92262014. It would be good news for the youngsters in the area if 'The Meeting Place' could stay open.

Disabled Toilets in Waterlooville. Our Chairman has received an acknowledgement from Havant BC to his letter concerning the marathon route having to be undertaken by wheel chair users to reach ASDA from the Matalan area.

Protection of Orchids in the MDA area. Sheila McIntosh has sought to get protection for one particular field in the MDA area. She is seeking the help of an orchid expert, Hampshire Wildlife and the County Council. We hope Sheila succeeds.

Thank you to all our deliverers who help with these 3,700 Newsletters.

We hope to see as many residents as **possible in Deverell Hall on 15th September at 7.30pm.**