

PAWARA Newsletter No: 10

Our last meeting called "The Families of Purbrook" was a happy community evening. The success of the evening was totally due to Andrew Perrin. We ran out of chairs! It was so gratifying to see that some people were so busy talking they were reluctant to go home. Well done and thank you Andrew. Hopefully we can entice him back next February.

The next meeting is on Thursday 24th May at 7.15pm in Deverell Hall. Please note all meetings will begin at 7.15pm as a 'Keep Fit' is booked in each Thursday until 6.45pm. The Agenda is;

- 1) Phil Mills from Hampshire's Trading Standards Service is to give a talk 'Doorstep Crime' with all the problems associated with uninvited callers at the door.
- 2) Time to buy tickets for our Fund-raising Supper night on 15th June, 7pm, at The Leopard, Purbrook. £5.00.
- 3) Havant Borough Council's Head of Resources, Nigel Smith, will give a presentation on the spending of our Taxes by our local council. Many residents have attended Nigel's talks and found him clear and enlightening.
- 4) A.O.B.

MDA OF 2,000 + homes south-west of Waterlooville. The intention that the Grainger plan would come before the Planning Committee during April was postponed because in March Grainger submitted altered plans for public consultation. PAWARA circulated a letter listing the continued concerns of residents which was sent to Winchester. The height of building was a major shock e.g. the field to the north of Purbrook Gardens is to have 2/3 storey perimeter near the A3, behind them 3/4/5 storey flats, then at the highest point 4/5/6 storey flats. Grainger representatives showed residents in November, 2006 country village green type designs of no more than 3 storey homes! Thus PAWARA wrote to **David Willetts our M.P.** listing all our objections to the altered plans and asking him for his support. Part of David's supportive letter to Winchester City Council said, *'The list of PAWARA'S comments on the proposal for the West of Waterlooville development does very much reflect local concern. I know how difficult it is for you in Winchester planning a development when the major impact is on people who are not in your boundaries-this is the frustration we have had throughout this unhappy exercise. Nevertheless, if even at this stage you could try to reflect the important concerns of the local residents, that would be very helpful.'*

Purbrook Park's Playing Field Development update was shown to residents on 28th March at Crookhorn School. Residents' comments were listed, read out to attendees, and then sent to H.B.C. The main concerns were; the increase of units from 80 to 108, three storey buildings on the Stakes Road and Westland Drive edges and lack of barriers to the west of the new entrance to prevent travellers accessing 'the green'.

A joint report from Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council finds "that the forecast dwelling supply 2006 to 2011 exceeds the regional requirement by OVER 16,000 dwellings. Therefore there is no need to build on 'reserved sites' " e.g. the extra 1,000 homes on the MDA. This report is now with the local authorities so will Havant Borough Council adjust its build number? The report says local authorities should, *'avoid unnecessary development on Greenfield land'*. Thus, as PAWARA and before PAWES have campaigned since 1995, the MDA of 2,000 dwellings is not needed on two accounts; (1) 2,000 homes are surplus and (2) the building will be on green land. The same argument can be applied to the 108 dwellings planned for a playing field in Stakes Road. After reading this report we hope **all our councillors will support the stopping of this overbuild on our precious green fields.**

Police Beat Surgeries are held in The Broadway Café, Purbrook, every 1st Tuesday of the month from 10'clock till 2pm. Please go along and chat to your local beat bobby.

The 'Grot Spots'. Dyer and Butler depot in Widley is slowly being cleared of concrete and hardcore. The old garage site on the A3 is rumoured to have been sold by BP but it is not known to whom. There has not been a change of use request received by H.B.C.

Sandy Dell/Privett Road Project. For the second year the planting of daffodils in and around Sandy Brow and The Thicket have proved worthy of the effort and subject to comment from residents. The

effect is even better this year as our group have spent a number of Sundays tidying and removing weeds and brambles from the banks in Privett Road area. The drainage of rain water in this area is still a problem but this should be resolved prior to next winter. Recently we have made good progress by tidying up the access from Privett Road into the wooded area which lies adjacent to the stream. This pathway now looks quite welcoming. It is our future intention to start renovating the surrounding land of Penjar Avenue's pond. We are seeking additional volunteers (children are very welcome) to help us with these projects, so if you are of a mind to help, we meet only for a few hours on the last Sunday of each month. If you want to know where we will be working please ring John Harvey 02392641783.

St John's Church, Purbrook has abandoned its plans to extend the church but instead is hoping to make alterations to the inside fabric of the church.

The plan for a Wind Turbine adjacent to the bus stop to the north of Milk Lane has been withdrawn by Hampshire County Council. There are to be no parking charges at Ladybridge car park. Problems linked to the **fortnightly waste collection** are rearing its head again with the advent of warmer weather. Please put in writing your problems to H.B.C. because when PAWARA asked for weekly collections for June, July and August we were told very few letters of complaint had been received by the Council to justify a change.

PAWARA's web site. Paul Outen of Stakes Road is in the progress of setting up our own web site at www.pawara.co.uk. Thank you Paul.

St George's Church, Waterlooville is holding their Second Music Festival this June. The Festival runs from 9th June--16th June. A performance of 'Scratch Saures Requiem' begins the festival on Saturday 9th June. From the Monday till the Saturday there are lunch-time recitals and evening concerts. The Annual Summer Fete brings the Festival to a close on the Saturday. Tickets for all the events can be bought in the Church or at Kim's Sports Shop in Waterlooville

The Meeting Place in Elizabeth Road. The youth club building is near Aldermoor Road school field. This new building is very under-used, in fact it is used for only 6 hours per week.

Wednesdays 3pm - 5pm. Sexual health and well being drop-in.

Wednesdays 5pm - 7pm Open drop-in for 14 year olds +

Thursdays 5pm - 7pm Open drop-in for 10 year olds +.

If parents or youngsters want to find out about the above sessions or wish to suggest other uses, please phone Mark Cluett on 07718 146 218.

The Hampshire Wildlife and Isle of Wight Trust. At half term the trust is running a session for 4 to 14 year olds on 'paint making'. Enquiries about this and summer activities should be made to 01489570240. Wednesday 30th June there is a walk through Havant Thicket at 8pm, phone 02992413462. Saturday 23rd June, 11.00am - 4.30pm Langstone Harbour activities day for all ages, phone 01489774417.

We hope to see many of you again on **24th May** in Deverell Hall, **but remember its 7.15pm.** Hopefully we'll also meet you for supper in **The Leopard Pub on the 15th June, at 7pm.** In any case let's wish you an enjoyable summer.