

Purbrook and Widley Area Residents' Association.

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Our first speaker at our last meeting in May was Phil Mills from Hampshire County Council, Trading Standards who gave a fascinating talk on the dangers of 'doorstep crime' including the distraction techniques often used. Residents took away two useful booklets 'Buying with Confidence' and 'Safe and Sound'. Both are available on 01622626520 or 0845040506. Our second speaker was Nigel Smith, Head of Resources at Havant Borough, who explained the finances of the Council with the help of a very informative leaflet which all residents were given. Nigel pointed out that Havant is not one of the richest councils but it is not in debt. Our thanks go to both Phil and Nigel for giving up their time to speak to us.

The next PAWARA meeting is on 30th August at 7.15pm in Deverell Hall.

(1) **Glen Hewlett, Director of Development and Estates for Queen Alexandra Hospital**, will be giving a presentation on the new 'super hospital' plans. The Plans are extensive and exciting. Parking is a nightmare at the moment but in the end we will be lucky to live so close.

(2) If the Community Safety Officers or the police arrive they will want to hear of any problems and concerns.

(3) **Any Other Business** from the public. Do you have any ideas on what topics you would like discussed at future meetings?

The Southern Access Road into the Major Development Area is to be from the Ladybridge roundabout and will **not** join the A3 opposite the allotment shop.

The Southern part of the MDA of 1,550 dwellings and 12.5 hectares of employment land was granted Outline Planning Permission by Havant B.C. and Winchester City Council on 26th June. The following members of the public were allowed to speak for 3 minutes each: Bill Blackett, John Briggs, David Heck, Brian Kidd, Sheila McIntosh and Pam Cooper whilst Sue Bancroft organised the computer graphics. The topics they highlighted were green issues, transport, density, flooding and the position of the cemetery. The meeting was due to start at 10am but it took 35 minutes for the officers to sort out their presentation technology. The agenda given out at this important meeting had the heading title and dates for a meeting held last November 2006! When we pointed out the error the next day, we received an apology and we were asked to put the apology in this Newsletter. It was a most frustrating day for the public and gives us very little confidence in the professionalism of our Council. Alderman Bill Blackett writes, *"A good number of people attended the presentation of the Grainger Plan for Major Development in Havant Council Chamber on 26th June and several members of the public spoke on different aspects of the proposals.*

Later in the day the Planning Development Committees of Havant and Winchester met to discuss the proposed plan and it was depressing to see the plans passed without any of the Councillors on either committee making any reference to the points brought up by the public. Is this what is called 'public participation'?

'The News' asked its readers "should the field and wood on the London Road to the north of Purbrook Gardens be saved from development?" The readers replied 87% 'yes' and 13% said 'no'.

As nothing was mentioned about Purbrook's problems with flooding in the MDA report, Wesley Jones of the Environment Agency agreed to be shown the area by residents to identify where our concerns were. We were assured and pleased to hear that work is in progress to prevent the development causing more flooding and care will be taken to preserve existing water courses. Wesley writes *"this MDA covers 405 hectares of green field and has been identified as an area that would benefit from the*

use of SUDS (Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems) at an early stage. Grainger and Wimpey agreed and the project was set up.

The project has been ongoing since 2002 and it is hoped the region will become the show case for SUDS research. I will be speaking to the Developers and will explain your worries about surface water run-off into Purbrook". The aim is to achieve natural looking new drainage culverts and ditches.

The West of Waterlooville Forum on 17th July in Deverell Hall. The Forum is made up of four councillors from Havant, six councillors from Winchester and two County councillors. This was the first time the Forum has met in Purbrook for 12 years. We heard a more detailed explanation of what is planned in the Development which is to be called Newlands Common. Over 90 members of the public attended and the Chairman, Cllr. G. Hollingbery of Winchester City Council, ran a very open meeting. He asked for comments from the public at each stage of the agenda thus his style bodes well for the future **if** public concerns are acted upon by the two councils. Five storey flats and an increase in density from 40 to 43.5 per hectare were the down side to an excellent presentation by the Grainger architects. Cllr. A. Briggs, Cllr. M. Smallcorn (Cowplain Ward), Cllr. G. Blackett (Purbrook Ward) and Cllr. J. Hunt (Waterlooville Ward) were our members on the Forum. Cllr. W. Brown (Waterlooville Ward) attended as a member of the public. The three councillors for Stakes and two Purbrook Councillors were not able to attend. No indication was given as to when the next Forum Meeting will take place.

The 14.7 metre Telecommunication Pole in Ladybridge Road has been granted planning permission.

The building of flats in **Applewood Grove** was refused by Havant but the developer went to Appeal. The Inspector refused permission but the developer has once again applied to Havant for Planning Permission.

Purbrook Park's Playing Field Estate has not come before the Planning committee yet. It is thought permission will be sought to build 3 storey homes adjacent to Stakes Road and increase the units to 108.

The Environment Group. John Harvey reports: "*Unfortunately due to adverse weather conditions on the last two visits to our project area, the group were only able to litter pick. In the meantime investigations are being conducted, by the BTCV, into sustained conservation issues relating to the Penjar Pond area, a delicate area that requires management advice from experts. On Sunday the 16th September, 2007, between 10am and 11.30am a 'seed planting' session will take place in Sandy Dale with seeds supplied by Havant Borough Council, so please come along and help out. One of the conservation marker boards located off Privett Road has been subjected to wanton vandalism and is in need of repair, but hopefully it will be replaced in the near future".*

Old Garage Site, Purbrook. Businesses near-by have been warned it is to be cleared. No idea when!

St. George's Church, Waterlooville, music Festival was a great success in June. Next year's festival is planned to start on 7th June so try not plan a holiday for that week.

PAWARA Quiz Night at the Leopard Pub on 15th June was a great success with 40 members attending and we made a clear profit of £227.00. Our thanks go to the Pub Licencees for the excellent food and especially to Linda and Stephen Long for organising and marking the quizzes.

The **PAWARA web site** is up and running. It is www.pawara.co.uk , Thank you Paul Outen.

Deliverers are needed for Hillside Ave, Lily Ave, Lansdowne Ave, Victoria Ave and Geoffrey Ave, please. Contact Anne Willoughby on 92256008 if you can help in these roads or any other roads.

**We hope to see you on 30th August in Deverell Hall at 7.15pm
to hear about our 'Super Hospital'.**