

Purbrook and Widley Area Residents' Association.
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PAWARA's annual General Meeting will be held on 27th November at 7.15pm in Deverell Hall. Members are asked to pay their annual subscription of £3 on arrival up to 7.15pm or, at the end of the meeting. Please try to have the correct money.

Agenda for the AGM.

1. Chairman's Report.
2. Treasurer's Report.
3. Election of Officers.
 - (a) Chairman (Currently Pam Cooper, due to retire.)
 - (b) Vice Chairman (Currently John Briggs.)
 - (c) Treasurer (Currently Bill Blackett, due to retire)
 - (d) Secretary (Currently vacant as Sue Bancroft wishes to step down)
 - (e) Membership Secretary (Currently Sheila McIntosh)
4. Election of Committee Members. Currently Anne Willoughby (deliveries), Mick Mills (environment) Gina Doggett, David Heck, Stephen Long, Michael Saunders, Muriel Smith, Brian Woolley.
5. If any member wishes to join the committee please contact the Chairman by 20th November.
6. Election of Auditors. (Currently Carol Crascal and Hon Alderman Jack Carruthers)
7. Proposed amendments to the Constitution.
 - (a) Article 7 delete 'four' and insert 'three' (relates to number of public meetings per year)
 - (b) Article 12 amend 'a quarterly newsletter' to 'three newsletters per year.
 - (c) To include a provision for the Committee to co-opt additional members.
- 8. A talk by Paul Chadwick of CgMs. Paul is an archaeologist and is responsible for co-ordinating the work in the trenches on the MDA. He will possibly have some finds with him and be able to tell us if St Leonard's Chapel or the Workhouse have been found in the Plant Farm area.**
9. A.O.B. and enrolment.

Joe Toohey of Capita Symonds submitted a report on the infrastructure progress for the MDA.

"Due to increasing amounts of fly tipping within the site and the risk of travellers breaching the site a lockable gate has been installed across Milk Lane. The H.C.C. Rights of Way Office was consulted to ensure there was minimum impact to the public and formal consent for the gate was received. This gate is to be locked at 5.30pm each evening. The Main Access works at Maurepas Way/Hambledon Road are on-going and are to be completed in early 2009. Traffic management measures for these works have been agreed with the local police and Hampshire C.C. Highway team with the aim to minimizing disruption to normal traffic flow. Ecology mitigation work has been undertaken to ensure the impact of the phase 1 infrastructure works on the local wildlife is minimised. This work was completed by the end of September as is best practice to further reduce impact on local wildlife. Because the southern end of this work meets with Purbrook Heath Road, a security fence will be installed to prevent unauthorized access. By November the work to put overhead cables underground in the Brent Geese area should be completed."

Anne Willoughby asks if there are some extra deliverers for the Newsletter who would be willing to stand in once a year when our regular deliverers are unavailable due to holidays etc. Please contact Anne if you could help.

A grant arranged by C.Cllr R McIntosh has enabled PAWARA to buy clip-on Microphones for Deverell Hall.

A review of all Havant Borough's schools is being undertaken by Hampshire County Council so as to maximise the fullest use of school buildings. This exercise is necessary if Hampshire is to qualify for 'a large pot' of money from the government to improve school buildings.

The proposed new Community Centre to be built to the west of Plant Farm will include the following amenities:

A Main Hall to accommodate 275 seated people with a temporary stage and full height ceiling.

A large meeting room for 80 people (theatre style) or 25 people (board room style). This room would have the facility to be divided into two smaller rooms. A smaller meeting room for 30 people.

A large Foyer is intended with internet terminals, exhibition space and a reception/customer service area.

A fully equipped kitchen will be accessible from the main hall and the larger meeting room.

A cafe and Gym -- both could be run as independent commercial concerns or as a trading arm of the management organisation running the building. There is additional space on the first floor to accommodate community or commercial activities. One area has been identified for a local Guide Group. The remainder of the space is flexible, one idea that has been raised a number of times is a base for the Citizens Advice Bureau. Discussions have been held with WACA to ensure the facilities complement rather than compete with existing facilities.

Jacky Wilson, the Liaison Officer from Winchester, assures us that "*there is definitely no permanent closure of two lanes on Maurepas Way. The extra crossing at Maurepas Way will be triggered when strategic area 5 commences*" PAWARA questioned the closure of the lanes as there were diagrams on the wall in Deverell Hall at the last Forum meeting proposing possible permanent closure of lanes. The amended plans of Wimpey's phase 1 (area to the south of Hambledon Road) can be seen at Denmead Parish Council Offices.

These new plans will be discussed by planning councillors from Winchester and Havant at the Havant Civic Offices during the afternoon of 20th November. The public are welcome to attend. Jacky Wilson will be attending PAWARA's meeting on 27th November to give us any up-dates.

Mick Mills report on the environment work.

The new reservoir. Portsmouth Water Company have proposed the building of a reservoir on land to the west of Staunton Country Park, Havant. A planning application will be made in 2009 and if planning permission is given the timetable is such that work would start on site in 2015. The reservoir would be completed by 2020. Mick represents PAWARA at Havant's environment meetings.

Penjar Pond. Volunteers have again given of their time to help renovate this neglected pond. Havant Borough Council paid for the removal of some of the trees and Hampshire C.C., through our C.Cllr Robin McIntosh, has paid for the Digger which removed the silt and for the expensive wood to edge the pond.

The Probation Service have recently been able to supply some manpower. Offenders sentenced at court to complete Community Service Orders have spent a few hours at the pond helping to clear the area.

By autumn 2009 the pond renovation should be complete and the area will be planted with native plants and flowers. Please volunteers continue to keep your momentum going and even entice others along. The next date at Penjar Pond is 9th November then there is the winter lay-off resuming on 8th March.

Sandy Dell continues to be litter-picked and maintained. Len Lowe monitors the area for us. Thank you Len.

The PAWARA committee and residents are very, very grateful to Mick for all his hard work.

The old Purbrook Garage site has a Tesco Express planning application in for consultation. Shopkeepers on the Broadway and residents appear to welcome the application because the area has been an eye-sore for so long. Adjacent residents have some concerns i.e. lack of employee parking,

noise of early delivery lorries and opening hours. One aspect, which has nothing to do with planning, is the possibility of losing the Post Office in the present One Stop. Tesco could agree to have a Post Office Counter in the new store.

A PAWARA committee meeting will be held on 2nd February. If anyone has a concern that they want the committee to know about, please contact a committee member prior to that date.

The 26th February PAWARA meeting will include a talk by Val Swarbrick on the 'History of Darts' and a presentation by Linda and Stephen Long on 'The Environment Group In Action'.
The Surestart Children's Centre on Crookhorn Lane has a new phone no. It is 92254701.

Hope to see many of you on 27th November at 7.15pm in Deverell Hall.