

WEST PARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

March 2014

New councillors

We are pleased to welcome two new councillors into the fold; they were inducted at the February PC meeting. Gillian Collingbourne has recently moved to the area and brings a wealth of experience as a former manager at Equitable Life and from her volunteer work at the Citizens' Advice Bureau. Stuart Couper has for the past year been heading the West Parley volunteers and organising the working parties that do an excellent job of keeping the village neat, tidy and safe. This restores the Parish Council to 10 members - out of 11 allowed - following two recent resignations.

South and South-East in Bloom

WPPC and West Parley Residents Association have unveiled ambitious plans to improve on the Silver award the village gained last year in its first entry to this competition which fosters community collaboration between residents and business. Businesses have always supported improving the look of West Parley and more are encouraged to do so, as company logos will be displayed where appropriate.

Residents have the chance to become involved in a new front garden competition to showcase good looking and novel gardens in the village. The only requirement is to be a resident of West Parley. Golden Acres Nursery have kindly agreed to sponsor this competition awarding prizes for the gardens judged to be the best. For an entry form contact Pat Couper on cldr.p.couper@westparley-pc.gov.uk or tel: 01202 573833. Judging the front gardens will take place in early July.

For the 2014 competition a range of improvements will be introduced in the spring. These include a broader variety of plants in the existing 18 roadside planters and at least 5 new raised flower beds across the village. The new planters will be made by our volunteers, painted blue to match the main colours used in local signage and placed in prominent roadside locations for all to enjoy.

We are very lucky to have a number of regular volunteers who work around the village trimming and mowing verges as well as many residents who mow outside of their own property. Volunteers also work in the park keeping the borders planted and tidy as well as the considerable work being undertaken at the moment in Parley Wood to tidy and improve the footpaths for better access. ***More help always needed: could you adopt a planter just to keep it weeded and dead headed?***

Judges for the in bloom competition are keen to see different ideas coming through, ***do we have any local artists who have sculptures, wood carvings or mosaics they would like to have displayed in the park or around the village?*** Any ideas would be welcome.

Judging for the competition is between 7th and 18th July 2014. The judges will spend 2 hours touring the village.

The Parish Council and the Residents' Association are working hard to keep West Parley green and beautiful and are looking forward to the support of all the residents.

Don't forget to enter the Front Gardens Competition.

Mineral and Waste Sites Plans

The consultation period for the plans ended in February and, at the time of writing, the PC has prepared a response to the proposals for potential sand and gravel extraction sites close to West Parley proposed by mineral companies or landowners.

Bournemouth residents and Council strongly oppose Parley Court Farm due to its closeness to the Stour and potential to increase flooding risk to Bournemouth, WPPC strongly opposes the Parley

Court Farm site due to traffic impact on West Parley and possible flooding risk upstream. The extension of the site at Hurn Court Farm has far less impact. For further information about the plans and the response, please visit the website: www.westparley-pc.gov.uk

Volunteer Driver Scheme

To book or to offer help please contact Kate Ward on 01202 577319. Being a volunteer driver does not affect your insurance and you will receive a mileage allowance for your journeys.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee mornings at Parley Sports Club 10am – 12 noon	19 th Mar, 2 nd April
Health Walks from Parley Sports Club meet at 10am	12 th , 19 th , 26 th Mar, 2 nd Apr
Lunch Club at Parley Sports Club 12 noon – 2pm	12 th , 19 th , 26 th Mar, 2 nd Apr
Annual Meeting in WP Memorial Hall 7.30pm - arrive 7pm for tea/coffee and to view displays	25 th April