Welcome to our latest newsletter.

Over the year we have been concentrating on improving the look of the village and putting in place a number of improvements which steadily are adding to the overall beauty. This year we were also fortunate that the Bournemouth 7s event went off without too many problems thanks to our concerns and advice being taken seriously by the organisers. Also, the recent Party in the Park at the Parley Country Club was a great success and many more events are planned there.

Judging for the South and South East in Bloom and the RHS ‘It’s Your Neighbourhood’ competitions have recently taken place and we will hear how we have done in September. With more roadside planters, new hanging baskets at Parley Cross and many more residents keeping outside their houses tidy, as well as all the usual fantastic work done by all the volunteers, who spend many hours litter picking and tidying up round the village, we hope to do better this year and achieve a Silver Gilt award. So... Fingers crossed!

Almost 20 residents have entered the local front and back garden competitions and judging takes place soon, so thank you to them.

Much of this work on the appearance of the village has been co-ordinated by Councillors Pat and Stuart Couper who are soon to move to Somerset for personal reasons. They have done a fantastic job in keeping West Parley in tip-top condition and their efforts will be sorely missed. They deserve a big ‘Thank You’ from all of us for their work over the last few years.

The recent elections seem a long time ago but with a number of current Parish Councillors standing being less than the number of Council places there was no need for a parish election - which saved money - but this leaves a number of vacancies for the Parish Council that we are keen to fill as soon as possible. This is a great way to contribute to your local community and help improve West Parley for the benefit of others and anyone who wishes to be considered for a vacancy should write or email the Parish Clerk. Details are on our web site: www.westparley-pc.gov.uk.

Road news - a number of ‘Keep Clear’ signs will be put at some of the junctions close to Parley Cross to help residents get through queueing traffic and a number of bollards are to be put on New Road to stop cars parking on the grass verges. Unfortunately, we did not quite qualify for speed indicator signs to try to reduce the speed of traffic on the main roads.
Housing: we continue to keep an eye out for plans for new housing in West Parley and watch the estate at the former Coppins Nursery as it is built. Also soon the work will start on the large Holmwood estate in Longham and you may already be aware that outline permission for a 650 house development north of Wimborne was agreed by the District Council recently. Our team continue to monitor closely all and any plans for this area and will keep you informed of any ‘news or concerns’ as and when they happen.

The existing play area is always well used and there are plans for this to be extended with a number of new items to suit our younger children and users.

There is plenty of information about local news, events and activities on local web sites yet still many people say they do not know what is happening in West Parley. Therefore we are looking at producing a local guide for residents and visitors that will include a wealth of local information but also details of local groups and societies and a range of opportunities for getting involved in the vibrant volunteering groups we have here in the village.

Note that we are happy to help with funding for any new and existing community groups and will continue to keep all parish areas and assets as tidy as possible. Look out for the first of our new large format village information signs that will go up soon.

If you have any ideas on how we can help improve the village and its society please let us know.

Keeping you informed...
Including dropping off this newsletter twice a year to all houses, putting items in the 2 monthly West Parley Directory and 3 monthly Neighbourhood Watch magazines and monthly Church magazine and sending frequent press releases to the Stour and Avon magazine.

Any urgent items are sent out by email. To be put on the mailing list and receive these please email: cllr.cdavies@gmail.com

You can also keep up to date with what is happening by looking at web sites
www.westparley-pc.gov.uk
www.parleycountryclub.co.uk
www.westparleymemorialhall.org.uk

Gardening Club members see the newly cleared Parley Wood

Community Activities
Coffee Mornings.
Weekly on Wednesdays from 10am-12pm at the Parley Country Club.

Parley Health Walks
Every Wednesday 10am from the Parley Country Club