



# Whiteparish Parish Council

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

### **Prevent your hedges and trees becoming problems**

A good time to trim back vegetation overhanging public highways, which includes footpaths, bridleways, pavements and roads is when the bird nesting season (1st March until 31st August) is over, however the public have an uninterrupted right of passage at all times of the year.

Overhanging hedges and other vegetation can cause various problems. They can obscure road users' views of potential dangers, and obstruct pavements for all, including people using wheelchairs, mobility scooters and parents pushing prams.

The owner or occupier of a property has a legal responsibility to ensure that the 'public highway' adjacent to a property is not obstructed by vegetation from their property. Please also remember that part of Whiteparish is in a Conservation Area and the owner/occupier has to comply with those regulations which applies to trees. A copy of the Whiteparish Conservation Area can be found on the Parish Council website along with a link to the regulations.

With many more residents out walking at this present time, more concerns have been raised about overgrown vegetation throughout the village obstructing the right of passage. Wiltshire Council can issue a formal notice for the work to be undertaken, and if that is ignored, they can do the work and charge the owner/occupier.

### **Wall at Dean Lane**

Wiltshire Council has advised that there is an internal investigation into the ownership of the deteriorating brick wall at Dean Lane, near to the junction of The Green, in order to determine who this area of land should be maintained by.

### **Amended Planning Applications**

The Parish Council has raised concerns with Wiltshire Council regarding the growing amount of planning applications where the applicant is given the opportunity to amend the application before it is decided. This causes some applications to become unconcise and muddled before they are determined.

Wiltshire Council advise that the Planning Inspectorate state the following in their guidance – 'The local planning authority should have constructive discussions with the applicant and, if it has any concerns, give the applicant the opportunity to amend the application before it is decided. This should help to avoid the need to appeal.'

### **Parish Council Meetings & Vacancy**

During this unprecedented time, as far as Parish Council business is concerned, decision making will continue to take place. Members will be able to attend meetings remotely and the agenda will be posted on the Parish Council website, and, circumstances allowing, also on the village noticeboard. There is one vacancy. Would you like to contribute to the working of the Parish Council and be involved in decision making? If you are just the person to help make a difference and create a better future for local residents please contact the Parish Clerk for further information.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The meeting will, provisionally, be held virtually. Further dates are 4<sup>th</sup> August and 8<sup>th</sup> September. Villagers are invited to attend the meetings. For further information please contact the Parish Clerk at [clerk@whiteparish-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@whiteparish-pc.gov.uk)