



# Whiteparish Parish Council

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

### **Best Kept Village**

Congratulations! Thank you all for your continuing hard work in keeping the village smart and tidy. This year Whiteparish came second in the County round of judging in the large category of the Best Kept Village. The certificate and prize money of £100.00 will be presented at a future Parish Council meeting. If you have any thoughts on how to spend the £100.00 on the village, please let the Clerk know.

### **Haulage Depot, Common Road**

The Parish Council has been informed by Wiltshire Council legal department that, following a discussion between themselves and the New Forest National Park Authority, whilst there is evidence of some technical breaches of the legal agreement there is insufficient evidence at present to demonstrate any harm caused by such breaches, either to land within Wiltshire Council's area or the New Forest National Park Authority, such as, to warrant court action. Unless, and until, Wiltshire Council receive evidence of the harm caused, they are unable to ask the court for an injunction to enforce the agreement, particularly as Wiltshire Council Highways think the situation would be worse if lorries couldn't sometimes park on the access road. If harm were to be demonstrated, Wiltshire Council would consider taking action but this is not the case at present. Unfortunately, Wiltshire Council does not have the resources to continuously monitor the site.

The Parish Clerk is very grateful to all the residents that have, for many months, given their assistance. The Parish Council is very disappointed with Wiltshire Council regarding this situation and remains gravely concerned as to when a legal agreement is entered into as a condition of planning that the relevant authority is unable to enforce it. The position of the Parish Council is that parking on the access road is clearly in breach of the legal agreement.

### **Rural Highway Verge Mowing**

This year Wiltshire Council has modified its approach to mowing rural highway verges, in recognition that these verges can provide a significant environmental benefit. This year they started cutting visibility splays on junctions and some bends, along with some of the particularly narrow lanes in the middle of May. The remaining verges will be left uncut until September.

### **Royal Mail Post Box**

The Parish Council is investigating the removal of the post box near to Brickworth Garage.

### **Become a Parish Councillor**

Sitting on a Parish Council gives residents the opportunity to serve their community and make a difference. It is vital to have representatives from all walks of life. Being a Parish Councillor is an important role as you will help to shape and control what we do for the village. Seeing your community change for the better as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that will give you a sense of achievement and pride. Meetings are held approximately every 5 weeks, usually on a Tuesday evening. Come along to a Parish Council meeting, or speak to one of our Councillors and find out what they think of the job.

There are three vacancies on the Parish Council which can be filled by co-option and training from the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils is available to new Councillors. Please contact the Parish Clerk for further information on joining the Parish Council.

### **Meetings**

The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August followed by 5<sup>th</sup> October, 9<sup>th</sup> November and 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Meetings begin at 7.30pm in Whiteparish Memorial Centre. Please inform the Parish Clerk at [clerk@whiteparish-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@whiteparish-pc.gov.uk) or telephone 01722 711858 if you are unable to attend and wish to raise any village matter.