



Whiteparish Parish Council

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Elections May 6th 2021

On 6th May 2021, all eligible residents in Wiltshire will be invited to vote in a number of elections and referendums. The Police and Crime Commissioner elections, Town and Parish elections, and Unitary elections for Wiltshire Council. For you to have your say in elections, you must be registered to vote. Please visit the Wiltshire Council register to vote page or contact the Electoral Services team on 0300 456 0112.

Due to the pandemic, many of you may not wish to vote in person on election day. For this reason, Wiltshire Council strongly recommend that you vote by post. The deadline to register for a postal vote is 5pm on 20th April 2021. You must fill out your postal vote application by hand as an 'actual' signature and not a digital signature is required.

There are 11 seats on Whiteparish Parish Council. Nomination forms can be downloaded from Wiltshire Councils website and need to be handed back to Wiltshire Council by 4pm on April 8th. Candidates are statutorily responsible for submitting their nomination forms, and to ensure compliance with COVID prevention measures, Wiltshire Council is requiring candidates to make appointments at Bourne Hill, so that the papers can be checked and verified with candidates present.

'Works' at Tricky's Paddock

Wiltshire Council enforcement have visited the site and have advised the Parish Council there isn't any formal action to take as they understand the land is just being levelled with the removal of the top soil and ragwort. Wiltshire Council will continue to monitor the site.

Use of Footpaths

Whiteparish has over 40 public Rights of Way. A map of the paths can be found on the Parish Council website. The more the village paths are used the less maintenance will be required.

Residents are reminded and requested to keep to the designated footpaths when taking their daily exercise and/or walking their dogs. Please do not stray onto adjacent farmland – you will be trespassing, and you could damage growing crops or frighten livestock, which will be particularly stressed if they have calves or lambs to look after. They could be aggressive as a result, and behave unexpectedly.

Keep to the social distancing guidelines, and do remember to pick up after your dogs. You can deposit the plastic bags in normal litter bins.

Whiteparish - Making Space for Nature

This project has been initiated by some residents looking to establish wildflowers on some of the verges. Whilst the Parish Council supported this idea Wiltshire Council have now indicated that none of the areas within Whiteparish match their wildflower criteria including highway visibility sight lines and use of specialised mowing equipment, and as Whiteparish Parish Council does not own any verges itself, the Parish Council agreed to defer this while it explores the proposal further.

Haulage Depot, Common Road

The New Forest National Park and Wiltshire Council enforcement departments are still investigating the HGV trailers and containers parked on the access road to the depot.

NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday, 20th April 2021. The meeting will, provisionally, be held virtually. For further information please contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@whiteparish-pc.gov.uk