

Newsletter

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Parish Council

Chandler's Ford Parish Council Welcomes You!

We are the 'new guys on the block' as we are the most recently formed Parish Council in Eastleigh Borough having been operational only since June 2010. Many of our Councillors are new to the 'job' and so we are still getting to grips with the intricacies of local government, and particularly understanding what our responsibilities and powers enable us to do for the Parish.

This has not stopped us making an impact on the Parish! Very quickly, we recognised that 2012 would be a significant year of celebration for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and we were pro-active in creating exciting celebratory events which were held during the year, and also in creating a Diamond Jubilee Garden at the heart of our Parish which will form a lasting legacy for all our Parishioners.

Our celebratory events included Chandler's Ford's Got Talent, the Fryern Funtasia, Chandler's Ford in Bloom and a Beacon Lighting on the Queen's Official Day of

celebration. Several of these events proved to be very popular so we shall be promoting most of them again in 2013.

We have spent much time planning for the future of the Parish, particularly with a view to taking over the control of the assets within our Parish, and hope to implement this process during the 2013/14 municipal year.

We have also taken on board your views with regard to local planning, safety and environmental issues and are pleased to share our progress on these issues with you in this, our first Newsletter.

Please continue to let us have those views and we will report back to you on our progress in future Newsletters.

With best wishes of all the Parish Councillors.

*With best wishes from
Margaret Atkinson
Chairman Chandler's Ford
Parish Council*

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Diamond Year ■

Diamond Jubilee Garden



The Parish was delighted and very proud to welcome Dame Mary Fagan, the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, to open the newly created Diamond Jubilee garden at the Fryern Recreation Ground. The focal point of the garden is a flagpole, sponsored by Ahmad Tea, which is surrounded by diamond shaped flower beds planted with many flowering shrubs and bulbs, including a rose bed of Queen Elizabeth roses, sponsored by Cooper Vision.

The design was created by the Parish Council with the help of Eastleigh Borough Council Streetscene, and by working together with local businesses, the Fryern Federation of Schools, who helped with the bulb planting, the Scouts, led by Peter Darbyshire and the District Explorer Scouts Group the garden took shape. Sponsorship from Jonathan Rees Estate Agents and the local County Councillor has enabled seats to be provided making it a beautiful place to sit and pass the time!

Chandler's Ford in Bloom

A new venture for Chandler's Ford! With the support of Gardening Clubs, this competition was launched for private residents, schools and businesses. The weather was not kind to the entrants and even on judging days the rain continued to fall. Despite the poor weather there was a range of entrants to the competition with excellent displays and garden arrangements to judge. Local schools were very enthusiastic with their entries ranging from vegetable displays to Olympic displays and some marvellous hanging baskets. Barbara Sykes, one of the key judges, kindly hosted a tea party in her garden for all entrants, during which the presentation of category prizes were awarded.

This competition will be repeated in 2013 and it is hoped that even more residents will be encouraged to take part. Any readers who would like to register their interest for the competition should contact the Parish Clerk.



Beacon Lighting



On June 2nd 2012, with support from the Hiltingbury Community Association, the Parish Council held a Beacon Lighting evening at The Hilt. The Hilt was opened to the public to enjoy the live screening of the Diamond Jubilee concert on a big screen with the full sound effects. Families enjoyed the good weather and picnicked on the field. The evening was rounded off with the Mayor of Eastleigh lighting the Diamond Jubilee Beacon forming part of a chain of beacons across the country.

Chandler's Ford's Got Talent



Another new event for Chandler's Ford where the Parish Council, with the co-operation of the primary and secondary schools in Chandler's Ford, held a talent show for the children to take part in. Heats were held in the schools with the finals being held at The Hilt where the talent on show included, singing, dancing, magicians, solo musicians, groups and many more. It was a difficult job to select winners from all those that took part but an "X Factor" jury, comprising representatives of local businesses, was on hand to select the winners and runners up.

Christmas at Velmore

This event was held at the Velmore Community Centre on 22nd December. Carol singing in Victorian costumes was planned to take place at Falkland Road shops followed by a Christmas Fayre and Nativity Service at Velmore Church. This was the last event in the Diamond Jubilee year which has seen events across the whole of the Parish.



Fryern Funtasia



Chandler's Ford Parish Council was delighted to promote and manage the Fryern Funtasia incorporating 'It's A Knockout' organised by Bodysound on 7th May 2012.

It was a fabulous day out at the Funtasia despite the inclement weather, where the public met and enjoyed a fun filled afternoon of entertainment, supported by ferret racing, pony rides, go-karts, small gauge railway, climbing rock face, assault course, Mega Slide, hog roast, burgers, hot dogs and refreshments. A large variety of stalls provided by local enterprises and many more attractions.

A note for your diaries - the next FUNTASIA will be on the 6th May 2013.



Neighbourhood Plan Vs Parish Plan ■

What do we want for our Parish?

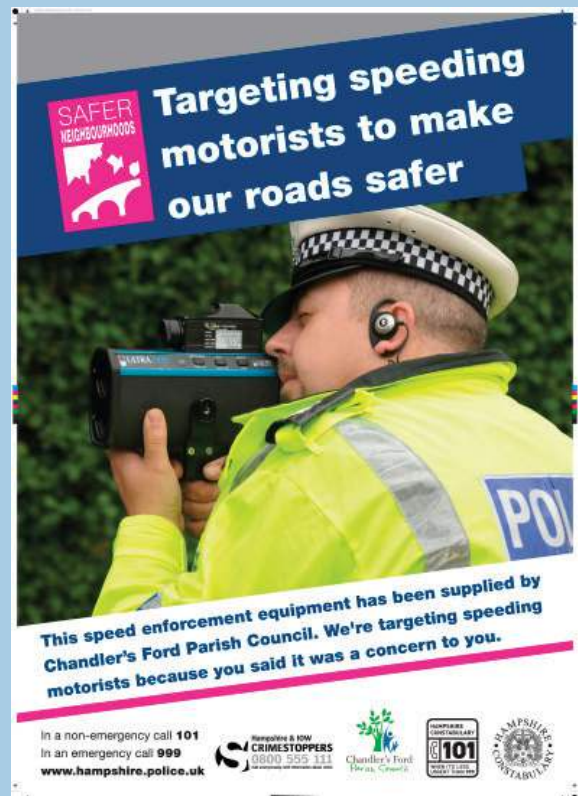
Come and join the debate on Monday 11th February 2013 to be held at The Dovetail Centre starting at 7p.m.

- **Neighbourhood Plan:** the purpose of a Neighbourhood Plan is to give local residents greater ownership of the plans and policies that will shape their local area. The intention within the Localism Act is to empower residents. The benefits are that the Neighbourhood Plan will be a framework for change in the locality. Developers can therefore shape any future development with reference to specific sites, and complying with house styles, size etc, as agreed in the Neighbourhood Plan. A further reminder of this public meeting on 11th February 2013 will be displayed on notice boards across the parish and on the parish website - www.chandlersfordparishcouncil.org.uk
- **Parish Plan:** Parish Plans are similar but they do not carry the same weight as a Neighbourhood Plan in any decision making process, as a Parish Plan does not have to be formally adopted. A community-led Parish Plan will cover all the things that are important to residents but are not directly linked to the planning process, whereas Neighbourhood Plans relate to the use and development of land within the parish.
- A Neighbourhood Plan may take longer to get adopted as it will require the residents as a whole to come to a consensus on the broad issues, key objectives and the desired outcomes of a Neighbourhood Plan. Every parishioner will be able to have their say.
- As a result the Neighbourhood Plan will help the community to come together, the community will be stronger as a result and therefore become more united in their pursuit of the plan.

Join the debate on Monday 11th February 2013.

Neighbourhood Safety ■

- **Funding of PCSOs** – The Parish Council, since its inception, has been fully supportive of the work undertaken by PCSOs and is part funding two PCSOs across the Parish. They do invaluable work and are an integral part of the Safer Neighbourhood Team. The Parish Council has undertaken to continue to support the work of the PCSOs and their funding.
- **Speed Enforcement Equipment** – speeding on local roads has long been an issue with speed indicator signs being deployed in areas known for speeding. Enforcement of speed limits is something residents would like to see more of and with this in mind, the Parish Council authorised the funding of speed enforcement equipment in the form of a radar gun for the police to use exclusively across the parish. This has been in operation on a number of occasions where police officers have been able to engage with offending motorists as a way of educating them about the dangers of speeding.



- **No Verge Parking** – This is a Parish Council initiative where inconsiderate parking on the verges causes hazards to car users, inconvenience to pedestrians and not least causes serious damage to the grass verges especially in wet weather. The Parish Council has designed and produced polite notices which members of the Safer Neighbourhood Team place on the windscreen of offending cars as a reminder that they should refrain from parking on verges.



- **Purse Thefts** remain a concern to the Safer Neighbourhood Team and thefts of purses causes distress to victims of this crime. Hampshire Constabulary has supplies of purse lanyards which enable purses to be attached to handbags to help deter such thefts. Residents are advised that purse lanyards can be collected from the Parish Office and residents are requested to pick up a lanyard. Alternatively, if community groups would like a supply of these lanyards then please contact the Parish Clerk who will arrange for a supply to be delivered.
- **Working with Youth Councils** to hear concerns of the youth – The Parish Council has for a long time been meeting in schools to hear the views and opinions of representative groups of children. There have been a number of concerns and helpful suggestions resulting from this process, not least the Chandler’s Ford Got Talent competition evolved from a meeting of the Youth Council. All the points raised are taken on board especially where concerns over community safety are involved. Many helpful suggestions have been made for example a footpath adjacent to a school which was unlit has now had lighting installed.

- **No Cold Calling Zones** – This has been an important initiative which has been well received by residents who have been concerned about the number of doorstep callers. With the co-operation of colleagues at Trading Standards Department in Hampshire County Council there are 37 schemes operating across the parish. Residents have been supported by the Parish Council, the Safer Neighbourhood Team and Hampshire County Council, in the consultation process and by the Parish Council in funding the signs when requested.



- **Tree and Footpath Wardens** – A Warden scheme has been launched where a group of local residents have volunteered to walk the footpaths and also be aware of the tree stock and any issues arising. Wardens may report issues with footpaths where they are blocked or the surface has become dangerously uneven or may report issues where trees are in a dangerous condition or where it is suspected that unauthorised work has been undertaken on trees. If any residents are interested in this scheme or are interested in any volunteering opportunities they should contact the Parish Clerk on 023 8026 6612.

Hampshire Waste Recycling Centre ■

When the Parish Council learned of Eastleigh Borough Council's plans to relocate the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) to land at Stoneycroft Rise (off Chestnut Avenue) members immediately contacted the Borough Council to ask for more information. Whilst the present HWRC site at Woodside Avenue is outdated and a modern split level facility is desirable, members were concerned about the impact the new location would have on both the safety of the children and young people who use FreeSpace adjacent to the site, the effects of increased traffic movements and associated risks on the amenity of local residents.

Officers from the borough and county councils were invited to attend three full council meetings during 2012 to hear members' concerns and provide updates on the planning process. As a result, final draft plans were presented at a fourth meeting in September and some of the Parish Council's concerns have been addressed. The approach to FreeSpace is set to be widened to accommodate a shared footpath/cycleway, extra lighting is to be installed at the FreeSpace entrance and extra signage introduced.

However, members' concerns about the impact of extra traffic movements in the area remain. Full details of Eastleigh Borough Council's planning application to Hampshire County Council can be found at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/application-details.htm?id=15266>

The planning application is due to be decided by the HCC Regulatory Committee on 17th January 2013.

Buses: Consultation Questionnaire ■

We need buses in Chandler's Ford!

Recently there has been much worry and concern about possible withdrawal of bus services particularly in the Hiltingbury area. Fortunately Hampshire County Council, working closely with the Residents Action Group, was able at very short notice, to make available funding to ensure services were maintained.

However this is a short term provision which has been put in place for the next 6 months whilst longer term provisions are reviewed. In order to determine what the future bus services should be for our area, HCC is undertaking a consultation process and has issued a consultation questionnaire for all interested parties to complete. The consultation questionnaire can be obtained through the following link: www3.hants.gov.uk/passengertransport/public-transport/bus-service-consultation-hiltingbury.htm

Timescales for completion of this document are short. Copies will be available throughout the Parish and also through our website or at our Parish office if you require hard copy. So please contact us if you need help in obtaining your copy.

We also have information on our website regarding the new bus timetables and routes.



Stop press: Xelabus are running a bus user surgery on Wednesday 30th January. The surgery, in the form of a bus, will be present at the following locations:

- Fryern Hill Waitrose 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.
- Ashdown Road shops 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Representatives from Xelabus, Hampshire County Council and Eastleigh Borough Council will be present to talk to residents about the bus services in the area later in 2013 and beyond.

Chandler's Ford Parish Council 2012/13

**Parish Council meeting dates – All meetings start
at 7.00 p.m. unless otherwise stated**

Monday 7th January 2013

Policy and Finance Committee – Dovetail Centre

Monday 21st January 2013

Council – St. Martin's Church

Monday 18th February 2013

Policy and Finance – St. Martin's Church

Monday 4th March 2013

Council - Velmore Community Centre

Tuesday 2nd April 2013

Policy and Finance – Fryern Pavilion

Monday 15th April 2013

Council – St. Boniface Church

Tuesday 14th May 2013

Policy and Finance – Fryern Pavilion

Monday 20th May 2013

Annual Parish Assembly – Dovetail Centre

Monday 3rd June 2013

Council – St Martin's Church

Monday 8th July 2013

Policy and Finance Committee – Velmore
Community Centre

Monday 22nd July 2013

Council – United Reform Church

Monday 2nd September 2013

Policy and Finance – Dovetail Centre

Monday 16th September 2013

Council - Dovetail Centre

Monday 14th October 2013

Policy and Finance – St. Martin's Church

Monday 28th October 2013

Council – Velmore Community Centre

Monday 25th November 2013

Policy and Finance – Velmore Community Centre

Monday 9th December 2013

Council - Dovetail Centre

All Council and Committee meetings are open to the public. There is a public participation session at the start of the meeting when residents can ask questions or make statements on local issues. Please note that circumstances might cause alterations to the schedule of meetings at short notice.

Meeting venues

Dovetail Centre:

Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford

St. Martin's Church:

Queens Road, Chandler's Ford

Velmore Church:

Falkland Road, Chandler's Ford

St Boniface Church:

Hursley Road, Chandler's Ford

Fryern Pavilion:

Fryern Recreation Ground, Greenways,
Chandler's Ford

United Reform Church:

Kings Road, Chandler's Ford

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We hope that you have found this first edition of the newsletter informative. Feedback is always welcome and residents are invited to contact the Parish Clerk with suggestions of content for articles in future editions of the Newsletters and of course any residents who would like to make contributions in respect of articles would be most welcome.

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