

## Village Newsletter

## **UPPER SWALLICK GARDEN COMMUNITY**

Portsmouth Estates have submitted to Basingstoke and Deane BC a concept document which sets out proposals for a new "Upper Swallick Garden Community" which would **stretch from the A339 in the East, right round the South side of the village and up to the M3 at Woods Lane** (see the Map). Details of the outline proposals can be found at https://www.mediationinplanning.co.uk/usgc/

The proposal includes up to 2500 new houses, a central hub with shops and other facilities.

Access would be on to the A339, or under the M3 at Woods Lane or more likely through the village.

This is not a planning application at this stage, merely a concept document sent to BDBC.

Garden villages appear to be the flavour of the month with a new report having been just prepared - https://www.transportfornewhomes.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/garden-village-visions.pdf

In this time of social distancing, having a public meeting is not an option so we need to know what you think and whether you are willing to support a campaign against the proposal.

Even if you live a distance away from the proposal you should consider the importance of this scheme to our future. If such a scheme was ever to be approved it would open the floodgates to developers, and we could see all the fields being developed around us.

If it is decided to run a campaign we shall need a team to coordinate the action, offers of assistance and help in raising funding etc. **Would you be willing to assist the team in any way?** 

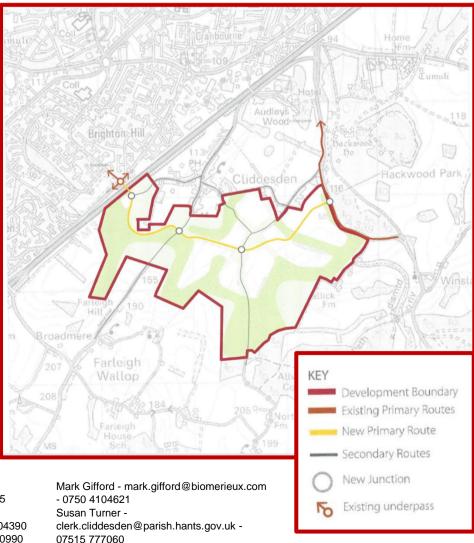
The Parish Council released the following statement to the Basingstoke Gazette on Sunday:

"Since news of this proposed development broke late last week, we as the Parish Council have received numerous objections from concerned residents of the village. As a council we are totally against the loss of valuable countryside in this manner and we will continue to work with all parties to ensure the residents of Cliddesden have a voice going forwards"

This makes the conclusion of the Neighbourhood Plan even more critical. We have been moving forward at a reasonable pace but with such a small team it has been difficult. We now need to step up the action and that will need more help from people who can help write the policies that are required.

The Parish Council needs to hear your opinion. You can email or phone any one of the councillors below. Let us know what you think.

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# **VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

Three months now since we went into lockdown, but there appears to be a faint glimmer of light on the horizon with the Hall maybe reopening in July, Government restrictions permitting. With this in mind, we have been contacting all our regular groups and organisations to begin planning for a return to the "new normal" which seems to be the new buzzword. This will involve looking at how social distancing can be maintained, maximum numbers per areas, use of toilets, entry and exit, etc.

And it looks like our first "event" could be the Hall's AGM which was cancelled in March. It is mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, but if you miss it – the **AGM will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 7:30-8:00pm**, Government restrictions and guidance permitting. It is open to all – please let us know via AGM@cliddesdenhall.org.uk if you think you may come so we can gauge numbers.

As mentioned previously, we have kept busy with a number of improvements to the Hall whilst all has been quiet. We mentioned improved carpark lighting, sanded and varnished floor and redecoration of the kitchen, lobby and toilets last month. This month we replaced all the fire escape locking mechanisms on the main doors out of the main hall which have been giving us problems for years. We have also continued to deep clean areas and items that we generally can't do when the Hall is being used, all being done after assessments to ensure that it is safe to do so by ensuring that social distancing rules are adhered to with the prime focus being on people's health and wellbeing. And of course, we continue to maintain the grounds to high standards.

The **100 Club** draws continue despite the lockdown, with June's draw being done via Zoom – see elsewhere in the newsletter for the winners. As always, if you wish to join, renew or increase your 100 Club holding then please contact Rose Beevers on 01256 475944 or via 100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk.



Whilst cleaning the bar area, we came across approximately 12 small (125ml capacity) stemmed round wine glasses and 5 boxes of 6 straight sided pint beer mugs. The latter are new and were given to the Hall by a pub years ago but the Hall has surplus to requirements, so they have never been used. If anyone would like some, for a small donation, then please get in touch via glasses@cliddesdenhall.org .uk

A couple of the wine glasses and mugs are shown below.



As always, the Trustees best wishes continue to go out to everyone in the community, and we hope that you, your family and your friends are able to remain safe and well and we look forward to welcoming you back to the Hall.

That's all for now. Keep an eye on the Hall's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CliddesdenVillageHall for up-to-date news, and most of all keep safe and well.

Greg Mendelsohn Village Hall Management Committee chair@cliddesdenhall.org.uk Cliddesden Primary School

The current pandemic has certainly had a real impact on life at Cliddesden Primary School and as a Head Teacher I have had to face some major challenges. On March 20th the school closed to all pupils apart from those who are the children of key workers and those children who are deemed as vulnerable. Only a few children kept attending during April and May and quite often only on certain days. On some occasions we only had one pupil in school! The staff were put on a rota, so we took turns to come into school.

My teachers have been brilliant and have provided plenty of home learning opportunities for the children with the teachers providing weekly plans for parents to follow, and lots of links to useful websites. Our parents have been amazing substitute teachers and we have been fortunate enough to keep track on what our children are learning and doing at home through an online platform, emails, blogs and photos.





From June 1st we reopened the school to more children and now have pupils from Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 6 in school, joining our children of key workers. This means all the 4 classrooms are in use and all members of staff are now in school apart from a couple who are shielding. Each of these groups is referred to as a 'bubble' and children stay in their bubble all day and do not mix with other bubbles. We have had to introduce a new set of school rules with social distancing measures in place and lots of additional handwashing and hygiene practices. All the children are following these rules brilliantly. The school is very different with around 40 pupils in and we have specific drop off and arrival times for the different year groups, separate play times, lunches and all, but staff and children alike are managing brilliantly.

Kenneth Davies

Headteacher

For more lockdown photos please see our website: www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk, Events, Lockdown

Paula Lavender



### **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 7TH JULY, 7.30pm**

Remote meeting via Skype. Parish Council meetings continue to be open to the public, please contact the Chairman alanbtyler19@btinternet.com or clerk.cliddesden@parish.hants.gov.uk for a link to join the meeting

# BASINGSTOKE & DEANE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

BDBC's current Local Plan was adopted in May 2016 and covers the period from 2011 (when the previous Local Plan ended) up to 2029.

However and importantly, national government guidance now promotes the concept of an 'on-going cycle of plan making and review', reinforced by a legal requirement to review Local Plans every five years.

BDBC has been preparing for its Five-year Review which will need to take into account changes in national planning policy, including the evolving approach for assessing housing need. In preparation, the borough made a further 'call for sites' last year to update the SHELAA (Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment).

A number of evidence documents are being compiled to inform the Local Plan Update (note this info correct at *Winter 2019 Local Plan Newsletter*) including the:

 Water Cycle Study (WCS) and Strategic Floodrisk Assessment (SFRA) The WCS will assess the capacity of the borough's water supply and wastewater treatment infrastructure to accommodate any future growth – and consider the impact of growth on the borough's water environment. The SFRA will identify flood risk across the borough from all sources, including from rivers and surface water.

- Retail & Main Town Centre Study will consider viability and how changing shopping and leisure patterns will impact upon centres.
- Landscape Character
  Assessment & Landscape
  Capacity study The Character
  Assessment will identify and
  describe the variation in character
  of the borough's landscape, while
  the Capacity Study will consider
  the landscape capacity and
  sensitivity of sites regarding their
  relative suitability to accommodate
  future development.
- Basingstoke Urban Design
   Framework An assessment of the design policies within the current Local Plan, considering to what extent they could be made more effective and locally specific.

Other updated evidence documents will include the <u>Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA)</u>, Economic Needs Assessment, Transport Assessment, Settlement Study and Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment.

The Borough Council will hold public consultations on the Local Plan Review, the first being an *Issues and Options* Consultation scheduled to be published this September.

The proposal for 'Upper Swallick Garden Village' will be included in the *Issues and Options* Consultation.

**NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL** THANK YOU to everyone who has supplied an email address to receive an e-copy of the *Newsletter*. If you haven't already done so – and would be happy for the Parish Council to hold an email address to deliver the *Newsletter* electronically – please email 'YES' to confirm this to alanbtyler19@btinternet.com.

In line with the provisions of GDPR (the General Data Protection Regulations), Cliddesden Parish Council takes the protection of your personal data seriously and we will only use your email address for the agreed purpose and will not pass your details to any third party.

**NEWSLETTER EDITORS** We would love to hear from anyone who may be able to help with producing the *Newsletter*. Please contact any member of the Parish Council or email clerk.cliddesden@parish.hants.gov.uk

### PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

<u>20/01098/FUL</u> (pending – 18 May) Appleyard, Woods Lane. Four new dwellings with associated parking and access.

20/01168/FUL (pending – 6 May 2020) Greenlands Nursery, 3A Hackwood Lane. Three new detached bungalows.

19/03304/HSE (granted 12 June) 3 Hackwood Lane. Single storey side and rear extensions, basement, side extension, additional fenestration. 20/00489/TDC (pending – 20 Feb) Land to rear of The Mount, Farleigh Road. Technical Details Consent for two new dwellings with access, parking, landscaping (re approval of 19/02487/PIP (planning in principle). 20/00390/FUL (pending - 12 Feb)) Land Adjoining 1 Millars Cottages, Station Road. One new 3-bed dwelling with car parking, cycle shed and rearrangement of parking.

#### PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00212/20/TCA (Validated 4 June) Tamburello, Farleigh Road. T1 Cherry: reduce crown by 1.5m leaving an approx finished height of 4m and crown spread (radius) of 4m. T2 Cherry: reduce crown by 1.5m leaving an approx finished height of 5m and crown spread (radius) of 4m. T3/T4 Silver birch: reduce crown to previous pruning points approx 3-4m leaving an approx finished height of 6m and crown spread (radius) of 4m. T5 Cherry: reduce crown by 1.5m leaving an approx finished height of 5m and crown spread (radius) of 4m T6 Cherry: reduce crown by 1.5m leaving an approx finished height of 5m and crown spread (radius) of 4m.

T/00191/20/TCA (Pending – 20 May) Manor Farm Cottage Farleigh Road Yew (T1,T2,T3): Crown reduce by c.3m leaving trees c.8m high and c.3m wide.

#### Re Tree applications

The Parish Council and Parish Tree Warden request that no work is undertaken during nesting time as per the provisions of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

### **POLICE REPORT – Andrew Reid**

Here is a brief overview of what has been happening within our area.



On the whole I was extremely impressed by how most residents acted within the lockdown period, remaining at home, not travelling etc. I did, however, receive reports of some who broke the rules by having strangers call on them from outside the district and others meeting up in locations to hold 'business' meetings!

Crime generally slowed during the lockdown, although three of the five months of 2020 have seen a rise in reported crime – compared with the same period in 2019 – across the 22 parishes covered; that said, I am pleased to report that within that area we have had no reported house burglaries during the whole of 2020. Sadly, I cannot say the same for outbuildings, sheds etc, for which we have had 44 compared to 17 during the same period in 2019. I continue to urge residents to protect their property, make sheds secure, use alarms and lighting, record serial numbers of equipment and take photographs as well as inscribe your post code to aid recovery if found. January also saw a huge rise in criminal damage offences, 14 related to damage to crops by poachers driving through them to chase and kill deer or hares, frequently leaving the carcasses behind to say 'we have been'. The damage caused in lost yield from the crops alone was over £12,500 in January itself. Towards the end of that month four men from outside the area were arrested for criminal damage and poaching after a call from a farmer reporting suspicious lights on his fields. One of those men was further arrested for possession of an offensive weapon, at the time of writing all four are due to be charged with a total of 13 offences and await a court hearing.

The lockdown brought people from outside the area to walk and exercise. Whilst the majority were good and stuck to the footpaths, several did not, and I received various calls where people have simply walked wherever they wanted through various wildlife habitats and leaving gates open allowing livestock to escape. In one incident a Basingstoke resident's dog was involved in a sheep worrying incident in Ellisfield in which a sheep died as a result. The person was located, and suitable enforcement action has been taken. I continue to urge all dog owners from all areas to please keep their dogs under strict control and on leads near livestock. I further add that everyone when walking please stick to the footpaths of which we have many; frequently lawful snares and traps are in use along with lawful poisons for rats etc. as part of vermin control. These are being used lawfully and away from the footpaths on private land and away from public access areas; as such they are of no threat, harm or danger if you and your dog are on the footpaths. This is not a scare tactic; it is a fact that walkers need to be aware of.

I am aware that on June 17th 2020 an older man – described as tall, slim, tanned, with white hair and bald on top, in his early 60s – was visiting various homes in and around the Hooper's Mead area along with other places, asking to undertake tree work. The man left in a red BMW car registration MF62 NRU. I have undertaken research and advise all residents not to employ him or anyone else that cold calls at your door offering to undertake work. If residents are looking for work to be done, please consult Hampshire Trading Standards 'Buy with Confidence' on their website. The HTS have vetted all people in their directory and unlike other well-known similar type companies that provide a similar service they do have the authority to vet and check people and companies. I wish to thank the local residents that called me to let me know this man was about and to Simon your local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for his assistance. If you are not a member of the Cliddesden NHW please drop an email to Simon on sibarksy@hotmail.com and he will add only your email address and keep you updated with local crime and information that will be of assistance to you.

And finally, as we move into the next phase of COVID19, please remain safe and follow the guidelines and if you have any information in relation to any crime, please give me a call direct.

Many thanks for your continued support.

### **Cliddesden Chat**

Have you joined the new "Cliddesden Chat" Facebook group yet?

This group has been in existence for just three months and the original intent was to provide a new channel for Cliddesden news, views and discussions – something more interactive to complement the monthly village newsletter, and with more restricted access than neighbourhood social media sites such as NextDoor.co.uk. As we went into lockdown almost exactly at the same time as the group was setup, it very rapidly expanded to satisfy our needs to communicate, support each other and share produce and plants.

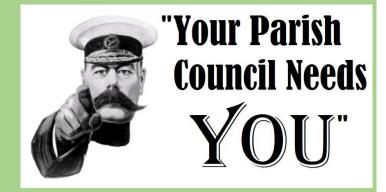
The group is open to past and present residents and businesses of Cliddesden and linked parishes. In three months it has seen almost 140 members join with well over half of these active and producing over 200 posts and 500 replies to date. And what a range of topics with requests for recommendations and advice, offers of help, shopping and garden plants and produce, plugs for local businesses, lots of pictures of the local surroundings and wildlife and of course the obligatory cute pictures of the ducks and ducklings.

So if you aren't yet part of this online community, then head to Facebook.com/groups/CliddesdenChat and request to join.



I was fascinated by a conversation on "Cliddesden Chat" about the history of the Forge.

It got both the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan team thinking about the wealth of knowledge which exists about the historic buildings in the village and how it is not collated in one place.



I have looked at the "Village Design Statement" produced in 2004, the "Conservation Area Report and the book on Cliddesden by Victoria County History.





These three give a pretty good picture of many of the buildings in the village but I am sure that there is far more knowledge to be uncovered by asking you.

If you have some information about any building in the village please share it with us by emailing me alanbtyler19@btinternet.com or phone 460425 or drop it through my door at Chequers, Farleigh Rd.

I will collate all the information received and it will be shared as widely as possible. It will also be a useful addition to the Neighbourhood Plan which is now starting to come to fruition.

I look forward to hearing from you Alan Tyler

### **CLIDDESDEN MILLENNIUM VILLAGE HALL AGM**

The Village Hall is required to hold its Annual General Meeting, open to the public, once a year and we usually have this in March. However, the Charity Commission relaxed the rules to reflect the current pandemic related restrictions and allowed these meetings to be delayed. With a slight easing of restrictions in sight at the time of writing, it looks like we may be able to open the Hall in July with suitable safety precautions put in place.

Therefore, we are planning on holding the Hall's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 7:30-8:00pm to which all are invited. We also hope to use this as an opportunity to draw July's 100 Club prize. This is of course dependant on Government and other guidance and restrictions.

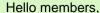
With the current and expected restrictions in mind, and with everyone's health and wellbeing uppermost in our minds, we will be implementing practices to ensure we can comply with social distancing and reduce the risk of virus transmission. To this end, we will operate a one-way system through the Hall and ask that all attendees enter the Hall through the main entrance straight into the main hall and take a seat. On exit we will ask you to leave by the first exit onto the patio and straight out to the carpark. Seats will be suitably distanced, and we ask that you only enter the Hall lobby when you can see it is clear to the Hall and that you don't congregate around the entrance, in the lobby, or at the exit.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM - if you are thinking of attending then please let us know via AGM@cliddesdenhall.org.uk so that we can get a feel for the number of attendees.



Greg Mendelsohn Village Hall Management Committee chair@cliddesdenhall.org.uk

### **100 Club**





Due to present circumstances the draw was called at my house on 13th June 2020 monitored via Zoom video with the Mendelsohn and Fewster households.

#### Here are the lucky winners:

1st	63	lan Hopkins
2nd	39	Bob Kew
3rd	175	Bob Kew

#### Bob certainly has lucky numbers!

Whilst July's draw will be held at the Hall's AGM on 14th July, with the current restrictions we may well continue to hold the monthly draws via Zoom and in future will open the invitation to 100 Club members. If this happens then we will mail you via the email address you have previously provided with instructions on how to join. And don't worry if you don't have Zoom loaded on your computer, phone or tablet – you will be able to join via a browser such as Internet Explorer, Edge or Chrome.

Rose Beevers Tel: 475944 (100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk)

## **BASINGSTOKE LIONS CLUB – MAY 2020**



I scraped back into the country on 16<sup>th</sup> March, just as things started to go pear-shaped, and immediately self-isolated. Along with many others in the Club, I am classified as "vulnerable". There are those among us who are not as well as we might be, but for the most part we are as tough as hobnail boots (particularly the women). So, it will come as no surprise that, while following social distancing guidance, we remain active.

As soon as it became clear that we could no longer hold our business meetings at the normal venue, our President got to grips with Zoom and got us set up to conduct our business that way. It is not ideal, but we had an 80% turn out at our last meeting which is about normal. But minute taking is a challenge. One cannot bang one's fists on the table to restore order when things get out of hand (and boy do they get out of hand!). Men for the most part have minds that run on rails – solid and predictable. Women are multitaskers par excellence and have the vociferous communication skills of a flock of starlings in flight – they all manage to get on the same wavelength almost at once creating a stunned silence among the men.

Welfare wise the inability to contact people face to face has not so far been too much of a problem. Recently the Red Cross got in touch with us about a man who had just left hospital and was in sore need of a new mattress. We managed to supply one thanks to the good offices of the Basingstoke Community Furniture Project. We have also donated to Spotlight, who are running their own foodbank, and to a group of seamstresses to enable them to buy more material to make scrubs for the NHS. One of our members has been accepted as a food parcel deliverer for the foodbanks on the strict understanding that she does not wear her "Lennie the Basingstoke Lion" suit. We don't want any heart attacks!

Another of our members is a nurse at the hospital, so we asked her if there was anything that was in short supply on her ward. She said that the only thing they were short of was hand cream which got used up very quickly due to the excessive amount of handwashing that is now required and the resulting chapped hands. So, we're supplying some additional hand cream and then we'll see what more we can do.

We have recently been joined at our meetings by two members of the Basingstoke Voluntary Action (BVA) team and they are proving to be worth their weight in gold. The Fleet Lions Club project to recycle redundant computers which can, after a general makeover, be re-cycled for use by children and in schools has tweaked their imagination and they have been locating redundant equipment, picking it up and delivering it to Fleet. They are also a fountain of useful information and pointed us in the direction of easyfundraising.org.uk. In these difficult times, when our normal means of fundraising are impossible, this is a godsend. All you have to do is register online with the organization and nominate Basingstoke Lions Club as your charity. Then, when you want to make an online purchase, you access your supplier (there are over 4000 registered) through the easyfundraising website and make your purchase as normal. There is no additional cost to you. Easyfundraising then collects whatever the percentage agreed with the supplier is and credits it to our account. With five members signed up we've already been paid £8.88. Not exactly a fortune, but with all you readers signed up it could be. So please remember us the next time you are about to make an online purchase. We do help many of the most disadvantaged people in Basingstoke.

The Coronavirus is dreadful. But it has demonstrated how many caring people, kind people, brave people are around us. We salute them all! Bravo Basingstoke!

You too can help to make a difference to the lives of others by joining us via www.basingstokelions.org.uk

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Submission deadline for August's edition is the 20<sup>th</sup> of July – bootofthedailybeast@gmail.com