



COUNCIL UPDATE

I'm sure I'm not alone in wanting to welcome the reopening of businesses and facilities that are at the heart of village life. Everyone's experience of lockdown has been unique and I'm sure in years to come people will have differing views about the changes that we've lived through – but as the restrictions lift it is important that we continue to remember where we have come from over the last few months and do everything we can as a community to make sure we stay safe in the future. Although the detail of the guidance changes almost daily we all need to continue to stay alert, control the virus, save lives.

Getting Things Open

We're continuing to look at ways to help the community to get back to normal as soon as possible and to support this we now have all our play areas, hard play courts, car parks and public facilities open and are seeing teams returning to take up sports on the playing grounds – contact us for pitch availability for your team.

In addition, the Council has taken the decision to extend the clock permits for a further year

without charge. So, if you have one already, it will now be valid until 31st December **2021**. If you haven't got one yet we have a few still available via the website for £10. We hope that the extension to the permit's validity will encourage people to get out and about and support local businesses.

Allotment holders have continued to enjoy their plots throughout and those wanting to get out on the river are now able to do so. And, for the first time in many years, we have one of the courts at College Playing Fields set up for tennis, which has proved very successful. If you want to use the courts contact the office and they will take your details and give you the access code. It will change periodically but if we have your details, we'll let you know when that happens.

Lastly, the office is open and staff are available, if you would like to see someone contact the office for an appointment.

- Cllr Simon Hand,
Chair of Hamble Parish Council

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HOT TOPICS

Council Meetings

For the foreseeable future, council meetings will continue to be held online, meaning you can join the meeting from the comfort of your own home and simply listen to what is being said or request a speaking slot. Many people may feel that the opinion of one person

wouldn't make a difference, but actually even a single voice can influence policy decisions. So, if you feel passionate about a topic, the best way to encourage the council to consider your suggestion is to come along to a meeting. Just contact the office in advance for access details.

Anti-Social Behaviour and Litter

At our July meeting, we were delighted to welcome 6 residents who wanted to share their frustrations with anti-social behaviour and concerns over littering across the village.

Following a conversation with the Police, it transpires that despite the regular issues – especially at Woodpecker Walk and the Foreshore - which concern residents, the number of incidents reported to the police is actually very low. Naturally the police direct resources to areas where there is more active reporting. It is therefore vital that all incidents of anti-social behaviour are reported to the police, either by calling 101 or online: www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/

In terms of littering, the Parish Council has already worked hard on this matter - see the 'Keep Hamble Tidy' section - we have increased the amount of time staff spend litter picking and put more bins in areas where there has been high demand. We have asked Eastleigh Borough Council to increase their bin capacity at several locations and, following a request from Cllr Dan, provide more bins along Hamble Lane and Spitfire Way. Councillors have also undertaken regular litter picks; if you would like to be included or borrow equipment to arrange your own, please let us know. Sadly, there is no simple solution and many of the areas of concern are privately owned. However, we want to support and encourage people where ever we can to help us look after our village.



One of the signs designed last year by children at Hamble Primary School

Hamble Railway Station – Adopt a Station Update

Thank you to everybody who responded to our appeal for help with the adopt a station project. I'll contact everyone soon to arrange a zoom meeting. In the meantime, I'm grateful to parishioner, Mark Evans, a recently retired rail professional; Mark has already done some background work and has been in touch with local and regional rail managers with a view to securing assistance and funding.

- Cllr Simon Hand

Our New Look Newsheet

Lockdown presented us with a number of challenges in producing the magazine. Although everything is returning to 'normal' we have decided to continue with a news-sheet style for the next year. Feedback on the last news-sheet was that people liked the short, snappy content and increased use of pictures. Although there were concerns over how community groups would promote their forthcoming events and the useful contacts and events listings and advertisers were also important to many of you. Given this we have increased the number of pages to accommodate more community content and included the useful numbers in this edition. We will be talking to advertisers and hope to include adverts again from the next edition.

Our intention is to do a survey next year to gather opinion on the new format. However, we welcome any feedback before then, and a big thank you to those who shared their thoughts after the last issue which has helped us shape this edition.

- Cllr Sharon Hayward, Chair of the Communications Working Group

HAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

Are you passionate about Hamble and want to get involved? Do you have some spare time? Do you want to work as part of a team at the heart of your community? Instead of sitting on the side lines come and join the team of dedicated councillors.

We have a vacancy on the Council and are looking for a local person to get involved. The role involves a number of meetings – some in the evening and others during the day – as well as getting involved with other initiatives during the year. If successful, you will sit on the council through to May 2021 when local elections will be held and have the opportunity of serving for a further four years if elected. An ideal taster to test whether the role is for you!

If you want to know more you will find information and an application form on the Parish Council website www.hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk or alternatively please email clerk@hamblepc.org.uk to request a pack. It also confirms the criteria you have to meet to be able to join – such as being a EU resident, being over 18 and living or working in the parish or within 3 miles of it for the last 12 months. Applications will need to be with the Parish Office by Monday 31st August 2020 and those that meet the criteria will be asked to come along to our September meeting on the 14th at 7.00pm. At the moment the meeting is scheduled to be a virtual one.

So, if you care about Hamble, get involved and join the council!



REWILDING PROJECT

The Council has a project running to rewild the parish to improve the environment and reduce our carbon footprint. To help us, we commissioned a report back in 2018 and have slowly been implementing its findings. Just some of the changes have included creating bug hotels in areas of clearance work, habitat piles, bird boxes, the poppy and wildflower strip, wild flower meadow at the cemetery and a bigger and more ambitious flower planting programme. These are paying off with reports of stag beetles, more butterflies and moths and recently a report of a tawny owl along Spitfire Way!

We have also seen local residents come forward with suggestions for Woodpecker Walk and Heather Gardens and we are looking at how best to start a programme of change in these locations. If there is a space near you that you

are passionate about and believe it could be improved, we are always open to ideas.

We have already started on a programme of tree planting following requests from residents earlier in the year. Our two main areas this coming autumn will be planting along the northern side of College Playing Fields and planting hedging between the Southern Quay and the Dinghy Storage Park. Smaller projects may be done as opportunities arise. We have been working with the Woodland Trust who are supplying us with over 800 saplings in November/early December. If you, an organisation you are involved in or as a business want to get involved helping with this valuable project please let us know.

- Cllr Andy Thompson,
Chair of the Asset Management Committee

UPDATE ON PLANNING

Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) have submitted a Local Plan, which provides a strategic overview of how development will occur within the borough. In April, the Inspector of this Plan identified a number of issues which require attention before it can be adopted. EBC have now reviewed the highlighted issues and formed a response. Some of the key points relating Hamble within this include;

- Hamble Peninsula had been excluded from the original Local Plan as a location for further significant development, but the Inspector was concerned about the lack of detailed analysis leading to this exclusion. Undertaking the review could open up the area to possible development. As a result, we have sought assurances at EBC's latest Cabinet meeting that we will be consulted before any proposed modifications to the Local Plan are submitted to the Inspector.
- Cllr Keith House, Leader of EBC, has assured us that their position is still that the Hamble peninsula should not be an area for further development.
- The inspector also flagged the policy regarding settlement gaps and Policy HA2 relating to Mercury Marina. Both of these could have significant effects on Hamble and again it was agreed that we'd be consulted before a response was given to the Inspector. EBC's stated policy is that it is against residential development on the Mercury Marina site.



Proposed site for 70 dwellings in Satchell Lane

Another important statement made by Cllr Keith House related to the outline planning permission for 70 dwellings in the field opposite Mercury Marina, that had been granted on appeal. The applicant had a year to provide certain details, which it's failed to do so. EBC's view is that a new application now has to be made and feels they're in a strong position for refusing any such application.

Representatives from the Parish Council had a virtual meeting with Hamble Aerostructures Ltd (formerly GE Aviation) for an update regarding the refused planning application for 147 dwellings on its sports field and car park. The said the company, that Aernnova had taken over their ownership of in February, have now submitted an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate and are working through the grounds for refusal ahead of a hearing.

- Cllr Ian Underdown,
Chair of the Planning Committee

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Coronavirus has changed all of our lives and the community we live in. For many it has been a time of loneliness and fear, for others an opportunity to be at home with family getting used to working and playing differently - some have had financial concerns, other serious health worries. We've also learnt a new vocabulary of words and appreciated the importance of a well-stocked cupboard. Most importantly though, we've come to see the world differently, appreciating a whole new group of people who kept us all safe and well throughout; some of these were key workers

but many were neighbours or friends that also helped out.

Given all of this, the Council wants to find a fitting way to mark the pandemic. So, what would you like to see marking this extraordinary year; would it be a lasting memorial such as tree planting or piece of public art, or a one-off community event? We're are completely open minded and particularly welcome ideas from young people. Let us know via a note to the office, an email or on Facebook and we'll look to publish the list of suggestions next month. We're just waiting to hear from you.

- Cllr Malcom Cross,
Chair of the Coronavirus Recovery Group

KEEP HAMBLE TIDY!

One very visible downside to the lifting of lockdown was the torrent of rubbish and litter that appeared around the village.

In June, various paddleboard groups, river users, Hamble Conservation Volunteers and our own parish councillors, collected an incredible amount of litter from around the village - a big thank you to everyone who donated their time on that day.

Despite these efforts, people are frustrated and angry that rubbish continues to be dropped. At the last council meeting, Cllr Jo Nesbit-Bell proposed the use of hard-hitting signs around the village that press home the message that if rubbish is yours, you need to take responsibility for it. The new signs are now in place, so keep an eye out for them.



*Socially Distanced Litter Pick
- including some same household pairs*

Hamble Conservation Volunteers

On the subject of keeping Hamble tidy, Hamble Conservation Volunteers are eagerly awaiting the green light from Eastleigh Borough Council to resume their tasks on the Common and beach cleans. However, they continue to litter clean as individuals and if anyone wants to join in but needs to borrow litter clearing equipment, they can call Philip on 07810 453 138.

SUPPORT FOR THOSE IN NEED

Do you Need Information, Help or Support?

With the guidelines being regularly updated you can find the most up to date government advice on issues covering how to social distance, arrangements for those shielding, businesses allowed to open and travel as well as other useful information on at www.gov.uk/coronavirus.

Citizens Advice Eastleigh

Despite Covid-19, Citizens Advice Eastleigh are still hard at work answering your enquiries. While we have had to close our venues throughout lockdown, our staff and volunteers have been making hugely valued efforts to maintain the service and have been operating from their own homes. You can contact the team via 03444 111 306, their consumer service on 0808 223 1133 or if you need help making a first application for Universal Credit you can call the dedicated team on 0800 144 8 444.

Eastleigh are also now able to take enquiries by email at admin@citizensadvicееastleigh.org.uk or take a look at our website, www.citizensadvice.org.uk which has a wealth of information and advice.

In addition, if you rent your home from a registered housing provider, they will provide you with financial and benefits advice at this difficult time. Early contact with them is recommended. Radian also has a Buddy Club to provide regular friendly chat, companionship and emotional support as well as practical help with how to access food parcels and medicines. Contact your area manager for more information.

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- Citizens Advice, Eastleigh

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Adopt a Phone Box



Phonebox, Hamble Square

I think we would all agree that the Square in Hamble would not be the same without our red telephone box. Sadly, as many members of the Parish have probably noticed, the disused telephone boxes have been removed from Satchell Lane and Kings Avenue by BT who are unable to continue to maintain them.

The telephone box in the Square has remained because it is listed as part of the Conservation Area. However, to ensure the long-term survival of this beautiful landmark, a group of volunteers are required who are willing to get involved in any re-purposing and maintenance. If you are interested and would like to be involved, please contact the Parish Office.

Hamble Yard Sale 11th July 2020

2020 has been a rather different year in many ways and lots of us have had more time at home for decorating, gardening and clearing out the loft, shed or garage. In order to support less landfill and the village more generally it was decided that a Yard Sale was in order.

Despite having to maintain social distancing and following hygiene advice the day overall was a massive success with well over 70 stalls selling various items - some raised money for charity, while others were happy to just give things away. However, just as importantly it was a chance for the Parish to get outside

and say hello to some they may not have seen in a while. Hamble Estate Agents very kindly printed off any maps that were required for people who could not access it on a smartphone.

Fun was had by all and the sun was shining. There have been lots of requests for another so hopefully it will become an annual July event. If you have any questions or suggestions in relation to future events please contact hpgardensale2020@gmail.com

- Cllr Jo Nesbit-Bell



COMMUNITY GROUPS

St. Andrews Church

We are grateful for all the generous donations being made to the food-bank, the porch at St Andrews Church is available as a drop off point.

The Church is open for reflection and personal prayer on Sundays 10am - 1pm and Wednesdays 2pm-5pm.

Church services will start again at St Andrews on Sunday 2nd August at 10am.

- Father Graham, St Andrews Church

Hamble Ladies Group

A message for all our members to let you know that we have decided that there will be no more meetings this year. We hope to start again in January 2021.

The Committee hope you have all been keeping well. Any queries please ring us.

Take care of yourselves.

- Bobby Conduit,
Hamble Ladies Group
(023 8045 3626)

Hamble-Le-Rice Flower Club

Luckily our AGM was held in early March so we have felt organised!

Since Lockdown all our members have received a weekly missive either by way of a newsletter or a quiz!

Our Classes are now held via Zoom so do contact Christine on 07764 219913 for more information. All welcome.

Keep your fingers crossed we will be back in the Memorial Hall in September

- Sheila Barker,
Chair of Hamble-le-Rice Flower Club

St. Andrew's Pipe Band



Residents of Hamble and the surrounding area played a key part in some of the major operations of the two World Wars, and during lockdown individual members of St Andrews Pipe Band ensured that these events did not pass without commemoration; with pipers playing in their own streets for VE Day in May, at D-Day memorials in June and, as pictured, Bernie and Carol at the Spitfire to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain in July.

New members – beginners or more experienced - are always given a warm welcome at St Andrews Pipe Band.

Please see website for details.
www.standrewspipeband.co.uk

USEFUL CONTACTS

BEE SWARM COLLECTION	M Barringer	8056 1792 07941 203 102
BUS PASSES (Hampshire)		0300 555 1376
Citizens Advice Eastleigh	admin@citizensadviceeastleigh.org.uk	03444 111 306
EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL (All depts)		8068 8000
FRIENDS OF HAMBLE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Heather Ross - info@friendsofhambleprimary.co.uk	
HAMBLE BROWNIES	Michelle Main Miller	8045 6357
HAMBLE GOOD NEIGHBOURS (Medical Appt Transport Service)	Co-Ordinator	0845 643 0371
HAMBLE CLUB	Mrs A Moore (Sec)	8045 6189
HAMBLE CLUB FC	Colin Williams (Sec)	8122 7187
HAMBLE COMMUNITY SPORTS COLLEGE		8045 2105
HAMBLE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS	Philip Rawlinson - hambleconserve@btinternet.com	07810 453 138
HAMBLE FLOWER CLUB	Jeanette (Hon Secretary)	07813 326 997
HAMBLE HOCKEY CLUB	Mark Hobbs, Sec. markehobbs@hotmail.co.uk	07740 440021
HAMBLE LADIES GROUP	Bobby Conduit	8045 3626
Hamble Ladies Walking Group	Anne Bastard	8045 3996
HAMBLE RNLI LADIES GUILD	Evelyn Ingram/Margaret Robinson	8045 6085 8045 5499
HAMBLE LIFEBOAT	Janet Motherwell (Sec) 83 Satchell Lane	8045 6792
HAMBLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY	Janet Flack	8045 7189
HAMBLE MONDAY CLUB	Mary Austin	8045 5436
HAMBLE PARENTS & TODDLERS GROUP	Jane Hooke	07968 480 370
HAMBLE-LE-RICE PARISH COUNCIL	Amanda Jobling	8045 3422
HAMBLE PLAYERS www.hambleplayers.hampshire.org.uk	Fred Brazier	8056 1465
HAMBLE POST OFFICE		8045 2323
HAMBLE PRIMARY SCHOOL		8045 3298
HAMBLE SEA SCOUTS (ALL SECTIONS)	info@hambleseascouts.org.uk	
HAMBLE SQUASH CLUB	Sharon Hoey	07745 220 149
HAMBLE VILLAGE MARKET	Chris Pullen	023 8044 0660
HAMBLE VILLAGE PLAYSCHOOL	Julie Ash (Administration)	07903 388 568
HAMBLE YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB	Don Ross (Sec)	8056 0561
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL		0300 555 1375
HAMPSHIRE HIGHWAYS	www.hants.gov.uk/transport	
HENVILLE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION	Mrs W Mason	8045 2720
MEMORIAL HALL BOOKINGS	Rebecca Whitaker-Veryard (Bookings Sec)	0798 3220588
NATIONAL RAIL ENQUIRIES		03457 48 49 50
ONE COMMUNITY	16 Romsey Road, Eastleigh	8090 2400
POLICE		101, 999 in the event
RIVER HAMBLE MOORING HOLDERS Assoc.	Jeremy Clark	8040 2767
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH	Rev Caro Conde, Station Road, Netley Abby, Hants	8044 8671
SCOUTS – Spartan Explorers (13 – 17 year olds)	Sue (not part of the Sea Scouts)	8056 0766
ST ANDREW’S CHURCH (inc Priory Centre)	Father Graham Whiting	8045 2148
TESCO BUS	Barbara Thurman	8045 3574
Traveline		0871 200 22 33
TS MERCURY OLD BOYS’ ASSOCIATION	Capt D Parsons, Westmead, 49 The Park, Yeovil, BA20 1DF	01935 414 765
YMCA Youth Service (Southampton)		023 8214 0640

If your, or any of the above, details need updating, please let us know.

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