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UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

We had a great response to the call for photos, images or stories of interest about Hamble and its inhabitants including the furry and feathered kind. We hope to showcase as many as we can over the coming months as a reminder of how special Hamble is as well as the talent of its residents. If you haven't had a chance to send in something yet, don't be shy.

In the same way, if you have a special event you're organising locally (the Teddy Bear Hunt for example) or a local community group that you're involved with and you want to get the message out – let us know. We are keen to cover a wide range of issues from school projects to football clubs, local charity events to organisations offering help. It is especially important at the moment – when we face further uncertainty about what the next few months will bring. Hamble really shone during lockdown with people from all walks of life coming together to help one another. Let's make sure that we take care of each other over the next few weeks and months and where we have a great story or some good news share it so that we bring some cheer and hope.

As we approach November many of you will be

prompted to sort out your parking permit for the Foreshore – however, this year you won't need too! We have decided to extend the permit for a further 12 months – this means four hours of free parking every day for the next year at the Foreshore Car Park. If you haven't yet got one contact the Parish Office - permits are £10.00 and will be valid until December 2021.

Like many businesses this year, we have had to make changes to the way the Council operates as a result of the corona virus pandemic. This newsletter is just one of the changes we have made. We have continued to work and although we aren't open to drop-in visits we are always here to help. Some aspects of delivering the service remotely has worked really well - for example the on line meetings have meant more people have come along and got involved from the comfort of their own homes – while other things have worked less well. With this in mind we are taking stock of where we have got to and what changes we might want to make long term. Our aim is to give residents more of what they want, when they want it and at the best cost and think about how best to do that in this new situation.

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HOT TOPICS

Mini Wildlife Habitat on Sydney Avenue

As part of a joint effort to rewild the village Sydney Avenue was flagged up to EBC for improvements. A plan to provide a much needed facelift to the fencing and benches on Sydney Avenue Crescent is now underway, and some of the grassy crescent will form part of Cllr Thompsons tree planting programme, due to start later this year.

This is a great example of how a simple seed of an idea can grow into a lovely and positive community improvement project, with different organisations working together.



Local Knowledge Boards

Earlier this year, Hamble Parish Council started working on creating a set of local information boards, showing local walking routes and places of interest within the village.

This project has now snowballed and we are now working with our neighbouring Parish Councils, EBC and South Western Railway to create a network of information boards and signage at our local train stations, as well as at key locations around the village.

Work is still at the design stage but we hope to have them installed early next Spring.

Dinghy Storage Park - Annual renewal

If you have a space at the dinghy storage park and want to renew it for next year the process will be made a bit easier this year. We will email all current users at the end of December and invite them to make an online payment for their space by the end of January. Permits will be sent out by the end of February. For all other applications you will need to apply on line with spaces allocated during February.



HOT TOPICS cont

Community

One of the most rewarding parts of being a councillor is awarding grants to local groups and organisations. At its October meeting the Parish Council approved three very different types of grants.



The first was to Hamble Good Neighbours (HGNs) to help them continue their Fun Friday project which they set up at the end of lockdown. HGNs, through its volunteers, help people to get to appointments, do their shopping or arrange social activities. This year they have been forced to change how they help people and have instead been providing a Friday treat for those that are isolated and in need of help and support. Treats have included a delivery of fresh fruit, fish and chips or a cake and chat. They were awarded £1,000 to continue with this great project which currently supports 114 people across the parish. Keep up the good work!



Another grant of £150 was awarded to the local branch of Victim Support to purchase equipment such as personal and property alarms for those that have been subject to or witness to a crime. Its aim is to provide extra reassurance to keep people in their own homes. If you need help please contact them on 080 816 891 11 or find more information on their website at www.victimsupport.org.uk/.

Lastly the Mercury Area Residents Association (MARA) applied for a small grant of £150.00 towards the provision of a skip to help them with their annual clean up day on 23rd October. Each year residents carry out a clean-up, in and around Mercury Marsh area, clearing footpaths and generally making the area safe and tidy for the winter. Everyone benefits from this day of action and Council wanted to thank the residents for their annual efforts.

If you have a small clean up project in mind and you need a helping hand get in touch – we might either be able to help with a small grant or provide some additional hands to help out.

Wildlife Corner

Hamble Point has been home to a small group of Wheatears this Spring, Summer and into early Autumn. These delightful birds, about the size of a Robin and weighing about 25grams, arrive from tropical Africa in Spring and find open grassy areas mixed with rocks and boulders, where they breed and feed. They tend to steer clear of trees and bushes. With bouncy hops and short runs on the grassy areas they pick up insects and spiders and can often be seen leaping up to catch flies. They nest in holes in the ground, old rabbit burrows or under rocks and can have 1 or 2 broods of 5-6 eggs each summer. They are often seen perched prominently on the sea defence boulders and the wooden fence along the walkway at Hamble Point.

Their journey home by the end of October will last 30 hours, taking them via Spain and then further south to an area stretching from Senegal to Kenya. A truly remarkable feat for a small bird.

Hopefully they will be back to welcome in Spring next year.



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The Big Hamble Bear Hunt

At the end of October 2020, Hamble will be preparing for its first Bear Hunt.

Wildlife of a different sort will be coming to Hamble during half term with the Hamble Bear Hunt. The organisers will be sharing the fun of the hunt in our next newsletter we hope!

PLANNING

GE planning Appeal

(Hamble Aerospace Limited)

We promised in the last edition to let you know how to take part on the GE planning appeal. The application is for the construction of 148 dwellings on its sports fields and car park. The Hearing will be opening on 10th November and will be held as virtual event.

If you wish to take part or view it contact the Case Officer on 0303 444 5243 or email kerr.brown@planninginspectorate.gov.uk The Parish Council will be represented by the Clerk.

Co-Op Extension

By now, you may be aware that the Co-Op in the village centre has been granted planning permission to extend into the currently-empty adjacent unit, which was formerly the Joseph & Joseph hair salon.

The extension will provide much-needed additional floor area both for retail space and storage, enabling the Co-Op to hold more stock of a wider variety of items.

As the Village Centre is a Listed Conservation Area, detailed consideration has been given to the 'street scene' appearance of the Co-Op store front to ensure that it is in keeping with the character of the area – with the above artist's impression demonstrating the final expected appearance.

Full details of the plans can be found at planning.eastleigh.gov.uk/s/ under reference **F/20/87669**. A start date for the project hasn't yet been confirmed.

Changes to the Planning System

The Parish Council Planning Committee has recently considered proposed changes to the UK's planning system. The government wants to speed up the planning process through a number of measures including the use of zoning areas, with planning permission being automatically given if certain criteria are met. This has implications for how communities can influence where new growth goes and how decisions are made. The consultation has now ended but it was agreed to monitor the situation for how it will affect the village and the wider area.



HAVE YOUR SAY

Budget Planning

It's that time of year when the Council compares the major projects on our wish list to our bank balance.

There are always lots of projects on the list which need to be evaluated and prioritised – including replacing all the bins across the village, replacing the benches on the Southern Quay, car parks at Hamble Point and Westfield Common, extending the footpath along School Lane to reach the small car-park and improvements to foot and cycle ways. If you feel any areas of Hamble need particular attention please do let us know.

One of the biggest projects on our list is the renovation of Mount Pleasant Recreation Ground. This is the area that sits adjacent to Hamble Primary School.

The current pavilion is in a state of disrepair and is past its best and the skate park and play ground are well used but both are in need of attention.

This area is the gateway to our lovely village and would benefit immensely from a facelift. At the moment, we are undecided on the desired outcomes, but will be working to create

some proposals for public consultation over the next 12 months.

Some suggestions so far have included better sports changing facilities for the football teams who hire the pitches, improved lighting for the skate park, extending the car park, relocating the council offices to provide more space and a more professional environment and even a café.

If you have any ideas, please let us know!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Hants SNAP scheme

Recently, the Constabulary launched their Hants SNAP scheme, a police initiative aimed at dealing with traffic offences caught on camera, in order to protect road users across the region.

Under the scheme, footage of dangerous incidents can be submitted via an online portal. This can be from a dash cam, head cam or other recording device that has been legally used.

Once we have received this, along with written witness statements, this will be reviewed by trained decision makers to assess whether any offences have been committed.

They will consider whether action is proportionate and if there is sufficient evidence to prosecute any person involved. For those we do prosecute, outcomes could include an educational course, fixed penalty notice, court prosecution or a warning letter.

As always, we would urge residents to continue to call 999 in an emergency where a crime is in progress or there is a threat to life. Alternatively, residents can call 101 to report any incidents of concern.



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Remembrance Day

Following on from the October information about Remembrance Sunday we will not be having the service in Church that immediately precedes the act of remembrance as we cannot safely have that number of people in Church.

We will still be having the service at the war memorial area of the Churchyard, which will start at 10.45am.

It is very important that people who attend this service observe the social distancing rule of 6 ft or 2m, unless they are part of a family bubble. Within the area itself, markers will be placed on the paving stones for the representatives of the organisations laying wreaths, so that they can be 6ft apart.

The Church will be open all day until 6pm, so people can have an opportunity for their own private time of reflection, prayer and remembrance. This is an opportunity to remember not only those who died in the war, but also those who have suffered and died from the pandemic in the last year.

May we use this day as an opportunity for remembrance, prayer and reflection.

Rev Father Graham Whiting from St Andrew's Church

Citizens Advice Eastleigh - drop in service resumes

Eastleigh's Citizens Advice has resumed its local drop in service at the Mercury Library each month. It had provided a telephone and web based service for the first few months of the year and has seen a marked increase in people seeking help with employment and benefit issues. Unlike other areas in Eastleigh requests for help have been down by a third, the number in Hamble has remained more or less the same.

As well as the drop in service help is available via the telephone on 03444111306 and their website <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/eastleigh-citizens-advice/>



Eastleigh



Food Waste Collection

Eastleigh Borough Council's popular food waste recycling service, which was temporarily suspended during lockdown to ensure health and safety, is set to return from 9 November.

In a change to the previous service, food waste will now be collected by smaller, lower emission vehicles. The new vehicles will also enable staff to socially distance as they will require less crew members in each vehicle. Food waste will continue to be collected weekly, on the same day as residents' usual bin collection. However, as it is now being collected by a separate vehicle, the brown food waste bin may not be collected at the same time as residents' wheeled bin.

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