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Hiring the Parish Field

The Parish Council received some complaints and concerns about the use of the parish field when hired out for parties and other events. One of the main issues was noise late at night. A working group was established to look at the issues raised and make proposals to change the hire agreement so address some of the concerns raised. The working group was chaired by Cllr John Owen and residents were encouraged to write to the group to express any concerns. The following proposals we put to the parish council and all were agreed and now form part of the hire agreement for the parish field:

- An explanation is made in the agreement that clearly shows that the parish field is not an event arena but a field for use by the community. It may be necessary to cancel an event or restrict parking on the field due to weather conditions which may make the field unusable or unsuitable for parking or private or community hire.
- The deposit has been raised to £250.00 to ensure that the field is left in a suitable state after hire and that the hire agreement has been adhered to in every matter. The deposit will not be returned if the agreement is not adhered to.
- That any speakers in connection with music or other requirement be faced away from village houses.
- That the music or any other sound/speaker equipment be turned off at 11.30pm
- That everyone must leave the parish field by 12.00pm
- That an electric timer be fitted in order to automatically switch off any sound/music equipment at 11.30pm
- That a minimum of 1 month in advance notice be given to the Clerk to the Council to receive an application to hire the parish field. The Clerk to have delegated authority to consider applications received where this was not possible.
- That all marquees and other types of equipment in connection with the hire be removed within 5 calendar days, weather permitting with the Clerk to have delegated authority to extend this period if other reasons are seen to be suitable for non-removal within the 5 day period.

The Parish Council hopes that by changing the agreement, people will be less affected by the use of parish field. Every effort was made to take on board people's concerns whilst still wishing to see the field used for the community and its residents.

If you have any further questions are wish to raise any concerns about a parish field event/hire please contact the Clerk to the Council.



BEREAVEMENTS

We were all sorry to hear of the recent deaths of two well known Parishioners':

Eric Weston on 19th May and Ida Simmonds on 29th May

Our thoughts are with their families at this time.

DINTON PARISH FETE

Preparations for the annual Dinton Parish Fete are in hand and tickets for the raffle have been printed and will be delivered to the members of the Parish in end June/early July. Hope everyone will support us.

We are very lucky to be have a Memorial Fly Past by a Spitfire and a Hurricane. Hope the weather is fine and they are not grounded because of cloud or rain.

Look forward to seeing everyone on the 30th August from 1.30 to approx 4.30.

SUNGLASSES FOUND ON THE PARISH FEILD

A pair of sunglasses were found near the seat behind the younger children's playground. Please phone Lorraine Gooch on 01296 747655 if they belong to you!

Plaques for the Children's Playground

These are continuing to be a very successful way to give all our children and grandchildren their own personal stake (in every sense) in the little children's playground. All proceeds from the profits of sales are put towards improvements in facilities for young people in the parish – most recently the multi-use games area for older children has benefited from the purchase of a new litter bin, and to contribute, with the Fete Committee's kind gift of funds, to the installation of a new bench seat there too. If you would like to purchase a plaque for your children or grandchildren please contact Diana Coole.

Annual Parish Meeting **CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW 13.04.10**

I have now completed one year in office as Chairman of the Parish Council. Doesn't time pass quickly when you are having fun! I would like to start this evening by thanking my fellow Parish Councillors for their support and hard work during the year which has actually made it a pleasure for me to be Chairman: We are all volunteers working on behalf of the Parish and have the best interests of the Parish at heart. We don't always get things right, but we like to think we are willing to listen. We try hard to keep ourselves up to date and a number of us attend training provided by BALC. I would also like to thank our Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) Mike Thompson and our Tree Warden, David Hobden, and Carol Lynch who keeps our Parish Record for us. I would also like to thank our District Councillors and County Councillor. They are always willing to listen to our issues and help us where they can. We work with them in the Local Area Forum ; also thank you to our local police and PCSO whom we see regularly. Finally, I would like to thank our Parish Clerk, Keith Gray, for his work on our behalf. Those of you who take The Bucks Herald will have seen that Keith has been awarded Clerk of the Year in Bucks by the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and well deserved it is too.

I can report that our finances are in a healthy state and we were able to put £5000 in a deposit account as a barrier for contingencies. The precept was increased by 2.1% to take account of increases in printing, insurance and other costs; provision was also made for our new notice board, Ford VAS and salaries. We hope you think this is good value, at about £1.00 per week per household.

We live in a special and beautiful parish. Some of it in a conservation area with some 76 listed buildings including a 1* church and two 2* buildings. The PC has worked hard to ensure that this heritage is maintained to the best of our ability. Successes have been arranging the painting of railings near the church in Dinton and the war memorial in Ford, having the litter bins emptied monthly, cleaning the bus shelters, maintaining the footpaths, repairing the vandalised telephone box in Dinton, regularly cutting the Parish Field and Hedge and arranging litter picking. We have had less success, like most parishes with having anything done about our potholes despite constant nagging of highways. This winter resented quite a challenge to the Parish and we had some successes with having the C63 re-measured and deemed narrow enough near the Biggin Pond to be eligible for gritting. The bin at the end of New Road, Dinton, proved to be very useful, despite the county dumping the salt on the grass and totally ignoring the bin we had provided. We found, however, that overall our gritting arrangements in the Parish were inadequate for the ice and have now purchased 3 more gritting bins for next winter.

Planning applications continue to take up a considerable amount of time, with 34 being dealt with this year, despite recession. One was about 12 inches thick and took hours of reading. Thank you Rebecca for dealing with that application. With the closure of the British Legion Branch in Stone, the Parish Council took responsibility for the ceremonies at Ford and Dinton at the War Memorials. It was good to see the number of people who supported that occasion and we were grateful for the advice we received from Air Vice Marshall Jefferson Mackey.

If anyone is able to offer help for poppy collections, please let him know.

During the year we have worked closely with Cuddington and Dinton School in developing their travel plan. The result of this has been white lines on the road near the school to allow the school 'bus to park. It is in all our interests to encourage as many children as possible to travel to school by 'bus and ease congestion on the road near the school. We also supported Ford Village Society in its bid for devolved funding for its Vehicle Activated Sign. We contributed to the Core Strategy on the development plan for the Vale of Aylesbury. We believed the strategy to be unsound because it did not consider in detail the knock on effects of the housing growth on the villages, in particular the increase in traffic in surrounding areas.

FUTURE ISSUES

The Parish is facing a number of issues which we hope to represent you on in the near future:

Pressure from housing growth in Aylesbury on surrounding roads and villages and for increased waste disposal facilities.

The high speed train, HS2 – we will be invited to participate in the consultation to be carried out later this year. Can I urge you to look at the notice boards at the back if you want to read about the impact of this on the whole of the area.

Web Site – We are interested to hear how many parishioners feel this will be a good idea.

Moveable Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS)

Our work with the Ford Village Society reached a key milestone on 1st June with the commencement of the two year Moveable Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) Trial in Ford. This trial is being run by Ford Village Society in conjunction with Dinton with Ford & Upton Parish Council as a pilot for Bucks CC and a number of other villages within Bucks are watching progress with interest - providing the trial is successful the Ford MVAS solution could be rolled-out across Bucks.

To date some 30 Ford villagers have volunteered to regularly move the MVAS to any one of five pre-allocated positions. The alternating Slow Down : 30 flashing message on the sign will be complimented by the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team who have committed to attend the village on a number of agreed dates to enforce the speed limit with their laser speed gun.

That the project has progressed thus far is due in no small part to the enthusiasm and commitment of Ford Village Society and Chris Hargraves in particular. The project is founded on the strong sense of community spirit within the Parish and we are pleased to be able to play our part in its success.

Ford Village Society

The society's History Group has put together a collection of village reminiscences following interviews with various long-standing residents, some of whom have now sadly passed away, about their memories of Ford. The document makes fascinating reading and is available to all Ford residents in digital format from Pasquale Andreano by emailing him on pasquale.andreano@btinternet.com. Our thanks go to Pasquale and all the members of the History Group for their work in compiling this invaluable resource.

Our next social event will be on Sunday 27th June when villagers (and children) are invited to a Family Pig Roast to be held in the parish marquee at "Greenacres", kindly hosted by Mary and David Hobden – details as per the flyers distributed recently.

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LES SHELDON

We were sorry that Les Sheldon, who lives in Upton has stood down as a Parish Councillor, owing to family reasons, after a number of years on the Parish Council. He will be sadly missed. Notices have gone out to elect a replacement Councillor.

BUY WITH CONFIDENCE

To find a tradesman you can trust, call Trading Standards on 08454040506 or visit: www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk

HADDENHAM UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (U3A)

Anyone wishing to join this group should contact the secretary Peter Wrenham on 01844 291932 or email: apwrenham.plus.com Membership for 2010 is now available.

CHURCH RAILINGS RE-PAINTED

The church railings have been re-painted owing to the generosity of an anonymous donor, for which we are very grateful. THANKYOU!

POTHoles

We have been told by BCC that more money is now available to repair the awful state of our roads. Faults can be reported to:
Transport for Buckinghamshire on 0845 230 2882

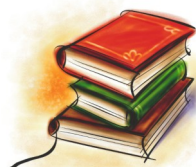
HIGH SPEED RAIL LINK(HS2)

A leaflet of key facts is available to download from the County Councils website or by contacting Louise Whitney on 01296 383751

MOBILE LIBRARY

This will now be at Dinton Village Hall:
Alternative Mondays 10.00am - 10.30am
Dinton New Road: alternative Mondays 2.30pm - 3.00pm
Upton New Lay-by: this service has CEASED

Please use the mobile library or it will cease to be available!



Useful Numbers

Bell Ringing Tower Captain
Andrew Wild—01296 748679

Church of England
Minister: Avril— 01296 747755

Churchyard Working Party
Andrew & Helen Wild—01296 748679

Dinton C of E School—01296 748264

Dinton Cricket Club—01296 748162

Haddenham Health Club—0844 477 8575

Girl Guides (Sue Napier) - 01296 748554

1st Stone Brownies—01296 655692

Marquee Hire (Chris Robinson) - 01296 748113

Parish Magazine (Dinton)
Mike Thompson—01296 748561

Police Station (Waddesdon) PC
Mark Wray—07989498979

Pre-School, Dinton Village Hall
Valerie Partington—01296 747495

Village Hall Bookings (Dinton)
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