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LOCAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN

AVDC is to hold a further public consultation this autumn from Friday 31st October to Friday 12th December, about where new homes should be built around Aylesbury, following on from the consultations held last summer when there was a widespread opposition from the public to the projected Southern Growth Arc.

There will be these options to consider:

The Southern Area Growth Arc, this includes land between the A41 between Bedgrove and Aston Clinton, Stoke Mandeville and the A418 Stone.

The Eastern Growth Arc, this includes land between Watermead and Bierton, land to the north of the canal near Broughton crossing, and land to the north west of Weston Turville, between the Aston Clinton road and the Wendover road.

A combination of the southern and Eastern growth areas.

Dates and times of the local exhibition will be announced in the local press. The Parish Council is keen to receive the opinions of parishioners about the proposed options to help us formulate our reply to AVDC.

Cuddington & Dinton C of E School

On Wednesday 3rd September the first Year 3 class will be starting a fresh school year at the newly formed Cuddington and Dinton C of E School. The Dinton site, which forms the junior department of the school, will be welcoming back some children who were in last year's Year 2 and some who will have come across from Cuddington. Additionally there will be a new navy blue uniform seen around the school and village to go with the new name and logo. The logo neatly combines the owl from the old Dinton one with the bell tower from

Cuddington's Shown below:



Church of England School

It will be an exciting time for education in Dinton and during the summer holiday work will have started on many improvements around the site. An entirely new heating system is to be installed, as well as re-wiring for the whole building. In addition to these fundamental upgrades work will also start

on replacement toilet facilities and the provision of additional and much needed office space. Due to the scale of the works the expected date will not be until the end of the Autumn term. To mark the opening of the new school a service of dedication is to be held in Dinton Church Sunday 21st September at 12.15pm; the Bishop of Buckingham has kindly agreed to be at this special event which will be followed by food, refreshments and childrens activities on the school playing field. Parishioners will be very welcome to join us for this important event.

We are also incredibly lucky in this Parish to have:

The Bottle & Glass,
Gibraltar: 01296 748444

The Seven Stars,
Dinton: 01296 749000

La Chouette,
Westlington Green, Dinton:
01296 747422

Dinton Hermit, Ford, Has New Owners

The Dinton Hermit, Ford, now has new owners, Roger and Mariko Pratap, who live in the Parish. The Dinton Hermit will be retained as an inn, pub and restaurant and will be refurbished later in the year. Planning permission is needed for any major refurbishment.

The Hermit is now open 7 days a week and meals in the restaurant are served Monday -Saturday 12-2.30pm;6.30pm-9pm; Sunday 12.30pm-4.00pm. The food is local and freshly cooked on site. The inn has 13 bedrooms and is licensed for Civil weddings.

For reservations call: 01296 747473

Email: dintonhermit@btconnect.com

Buckinghamshire Home Library Service

Buckinghamshire Library Service offers a voluntary service to those members of the public who cannot visit a library. The home Library Service delivers books, story tapes, CD's and DVD's each month to people and is of great benefit to those who need it most and who have difficulty visiting a library due to age, illness or disability.

Library visitors choose the items their customers would like and deliver them to their home free of charge.

For further information contact the WRVS project manager on 01296 387863

Email: libraries@buckscc.gov.uk

FORD TRAFFIC ISSUES

You may recently have noticed the presence of speed strips in the centre of Ford village. These have provided us with information on the numbers of vehicles passing through Ford and down Chapel Road, their speeds, and the flow throughout each 24 hour period. It is anticipated that the Ford Village Society will be making proposals to the Parish Council this Autumn, on how best to manage the problems that this busy road creates for residents.

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

Thanks to a substantial grant from WREN as well as generous donations from the local community, we have the money we needed to install new Goal Ends and a Basketball Hoop in site of the former playground. Work will soon begin to remove some of the hedge from the field and increase the useful space available for leisure activities. It is also necessary to improve visibility of the site and provide access for contractors' vehicles. As soon as part of the hedge is cleared, work can begin on installing the equipment.

BONFIRES - A Burning Issue!

Living as we do in a rural area bonfires are very much a fact of life, however we have received some complaints from parishioners about the smell and smoke created.

Could we ask that if you are intending to light a bonfire, you check the wind direction and choose a time of day to try to ensure the smoke does not affect your immediate neighbours.

£1.4 MILLION FOR BUCKINGHAMSHIRE!

We are delighted to announce that The Buckinghamshire Foundation (TBF) has been successful with its application to manage the Grassroots Grants programme in Bucks on behalf of the Office of the Third Sector (OTS). This programme will run from July 2008 until March 2011. As you may know, there are two elements; the endowment match challenge and the small grants programme.

The endowment match challenge gives TBF the opportunity to build

its own endowment fund which in turn will enable grants to be given to community groups throughout the county in perpetuity. The Government will almost double every local donation to our endowment fund during the Grassroots Programme through match funding and gift aid!

Small Grants Programme between now and March 2011, TBF will be able to award grants on behalf of OTS of between £250 and £5,000. We expect to have around £540,000 over the three years to use in this

way. The grants will be directed to small community groups working on a diverse range of projects.

We have also recently increased our own Small Grants Programme, so even if a community group does not fit the criteria of Grassroots, please encourage applications, as we may well have an appropriate alternative funding stream.

Call: 01296 330134 for more information and applications.

KERBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Beware! AVDC are tightening up their rules regarding what they will and will not collect in the fortnightly recycling collections. If your paper, cans and plastic are not put into 'suitable' containers they may refuse to take them away. These containers must be of a similar size to the black plastic baskets provided by AVDC. They will not collect recycling if it is placed in plastic bags or containers deemed to be 'unsuitable'. Neither will they collect recycling if non-recyclables are mixed in for example if cardboard or carrier bags are put into the containers.

They have been very strict about enforcing the rules recently the big problem is that if they decide not to take the baskets then the contents often end up strewn around the streets and make a real mess.

If you don't have enough baskets for all of your recycling, give them a call on 01296 585510 to request more. They do make a small charge for delivery, but its worth it to avoid the inconvenience. If you think they have been unfair or unreasonable in refusing to collect your recycling, you can use the same number to complain.

Crossing the A418 at Dinton Castle

The Parish Council has been concerned about road safety and people crossing on the A418 at Dinton Castle, and also vehicles coming from Cuddington direction and waiting at the centre of the junction. Traffic flow on the A418 is very heavy in both directions and many vehicles still exceed the 50mph limit on this stretch. Rush hour problems particularly concern us, especially now that parents of sibling children may be using the crossing.

We have raised the matter with Bucks County Council Highways Department, who carried out a road safety audit and have recommended the incorporation of high level illuminated globes on the central refuge in order to give an earlier warning to drivers coming from the Aylesbury direction.

FIRE ENGINE

The Parish Council has approved a further contract with Milton Keynes Museum to display our antique Fire Engine. The fire engine is on display with a splendid collection of other vehicles.

If you have not visited the Museum do try to do so; it is an interesting record of local domestic and rural life.

POSTWATCH

It would appear that for the time being our post offices in Haddenham, Stone and Cuddington are all to stay.

This is good news. However, we need to continue to make use of the post office services at these local shops whenever possible so that they may remain the community assets they are.

DINTON with FORD & UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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DINTON SUMMER FETE 2008

Another happy and successful year!! The crowds seemed lighter but consistent throughout and everyone seems to have a great day out on one of the few dry days this summer.

The young girl who brought along her own hearing dog for the deaf stepped in at the last minute (in fact on the Sunday) as due to administrative error our booking had not been recorded, so Clair stepped in at the last minute.

The Dakota flight was amazing as the pilot managed three passes over the field at very low levels, which must be difficult for such a large plane and I'm sure he really appreciated everyone waving to him whilst the band played appropriate music!

An initial rough estimate is that we have made about £7,000 which is

wonderful for one afternoon. The event of course takes months of planning and 3 days of hard work to set up and I would like to thank the members of the committee who give up their time voluntarily and are such great support. All the volunteers who set up, man stalls and then clear away afterwards have our great thanks, particularly the man from Ford with a white van!

It was great to have wheelbarrow race teams from Ford, Upton, Dinton and Fairford Leys this year. It was really great fun to watch - not sure about performing! Dinton were the winners again so perhaps next year the same teams could change the results! It was also great to have an under 16's team compete, congratulations boys!

Thank You to everyone again and please come and have a drink with us on our celebration evening sometime in October. Keep your eyes open for signs about it and also Chloe's column.

Great thanks are due to one of the Fairford Leys wheelbarrow team who found a purse and a pair of shoes in the car park. He has the sincere thanks from the lady from Milton Keynes who put them on the ground whilst putting her children in the car and then drove off.

Sylvia Eaton

Chairman, Fete Committee

Fete Celebration and cheque presentation evening will be held on Tuesday 21st October at 8pm in Dinton Village Hall. **Everyone is welcome** to join us for a drink and to let us have your comments on this years fete. Also if you have applied for a share of profits then we will hand you a cheque.