

BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Elections for Town & Parish Councils will be held in May 2015

- Are you concerned about your local area?
- Do you want to represent the views of local people?
- Do you want to contribute your business or personal skills and expertise?
- Are you passionate about services provided to your community?

Who is eligible?

Any person over the age of 18 who is a citizen of the UK, The European Community, or the Commonwealth can be a councillor if they are an elector in, work in, live in or live within 3 miles of the area of the local council.

What will I do if elected?

A Councillors term of office is 4 years
Raise matters that the Council can consider and formally take action about at meetings
Attend monthly Council meetings
Make informed contributions which influence the debate on the business that needs to be decided at those meetings
Participate in the Council's decision making process
Represent the Council externally

The Chairman invites anyone who is interested in becoming a councillor to join us for meetings and shadow some of the work involved. We will be sadly losing some of our current Cllrs this May. We would also ask you to submit a few words about yourself and what you can offer the Parish; this will then be published in the March LPC News which will give residents an opportunity to get to know who is standing in Littlebourne, before the elections in May. We will also be inviting those existing Cllrs that wish to re-stand to do likewise. Please forward your short item to clerk@littlebournepc.org by 15 February for inclusion.

Millennium Award 2015

Nominate now for the Millennium Award 2015. Since 2000 the parish council has sought to select that special someone who goes the extra mile, or who cares for the people and the environment, or who has made a difference to the community through a project or work undertaken, for the benefit of the residents of the village. It doesn't have to be a person it could be a club or project which could receive the prize of £100. Please write to the Clerk by 31 January 2015, with reasons for your nomination.

Rydon Homes

It appears Rydon homes are still preparing to put forward an application to build on the List. They have just put in an EIA screening request to the City Council for 90 homes and a doctor's surgery, LPC will be keeping a close eye on any developments.

Burglars mess with your head not just your home

Kent Police is asking residents to take simple measures to protect themselves from becoming a victim of burglary. Most burglaries happen during daylight hours, with offences often peaking at about 11am, so while you're hard at work, burglars are too. To help reduce the risk of becoming a burglary victim officers are asking residents to work with them by following these key principles:

Light it

- Light dark or hidden entrances with low wattage security lighting
- Use timer switches to turn on lights/radio – invest in a 24-hour segment timer for under £5. Remember to use an energy efficient light bulb

Lock it

- Keep your front and back windows and doors locked (double lock uPVC)
- Keep side gates locked – burglars often break into homes from the garden where they have less chance of being seen
- If bins are emptied before you leave for work return them to your garden – they can be used as climbing aids if left on display
- Instead use bins as obstructions in side entrances

- Trim high hedging/plant growth – they could provide cover for a burglar
- Secure your garage and shed – items inside can be just as tempting and can even be used to break in
- Don't keep large amounts of money or jewellery at home. If you have to, use a safe that is stored out of sight and fixed to a solid floor

List it

All valuable items should be registered for free on www.immobilise.com – logging details helps police to return them to you if they are found or seized.

These include:

- Expensive jewellery and antiques
- Bicycles
- Laptops, desktop computers and tablets
- Mobile phones and MP3 players
- Home entertainment systems including TVs

Littlebourne Youth Group

We will be holding our Christmas Disco on the 15th of December, we would like to extend the invitation to anyone aged 8-18 who would like to join us. Please contact Laura on 07914607145 to book a place.

We have had a great term including team games, sports, pumpkin carving. A massive thank you to all our volunteers for their help every week. We are always looking for keen volunteers willing to give up two Monday evenings a term, please contact Laura on the above number. After this date the youth group will close for Christmas. Next session begins on Monday 5th January and will run on 1st and 3rd Monday of each Month 7 – 9pm except for School and Bank Holidays. There are places available at the moment. A Parental consent form to be completed on first visit only, children from surrounding villages are most welcome

POTHoles/STREET LIGHT PROBLEMS

Report problems direct online at www.kent.gov.uk
Or call 03000 418181 mon-fri 8-6pm/ 03000 419191 at any other time.

LPC Meeting dates for 2015

The meetings are held in Littlebourne War Memorial Hall in the upstairs meeting room from 7.00pm; 10 December 2014, 14 January, 11 February, 11 March, 1 April APM, 15 April, 13 May, 10 June, 15 July, 9 September, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December 2015

Keep up to date with Parish business Visit the website; Minutes are published every month there and on the Council's notice board. Contact the Clerk or the Chairman, or any members of the council at any reasonable time,

during office hours except for emergencies contact clerk@littlebournepc.org or 01227 721500 (answer machine).

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