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Littlebourne Parish Council Newsletter

Issue 39, October 2020

**Welcome**

Welcome to the Littlebourne Parish Council's quarterly newsletter, coming to you a month later again. The aim is to let you know what is going on in the village and make you aware of various initiatives that might be of interest. Please remember to visit our website:

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**Village Diary**

Up and coming events in Littlebourne to look out for:

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

LPC Meeting 7pm – via Zoom

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

LPC Meeting 7pm – venue TBC



**A note from The Chairman of LPC**

On behalf of the village, a big thankyou to all those who have volunteered and have been helping vulnerable folks during this ongoing pandemic. Social distancing has been hard for many people and your efforts have made a huge difference. Now, and particularly as the government tries to open up society again, and we all weary of restrictions, it is critical we all continue to do our bit to reduce the likelihood of Covid 19 in our neighbourhood. There are many vulnerable people living here who depend on local services such as the 4VPO shop and post office not being affected or, worse still, closed by this virus. All of us staying alert, maintaining personal hygiene and social distancing will help.

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Your Littlebourne Parish Council has continued to function during this year with video-conferenced council meetings in place of meeting in person. These have generally worked well. Parishioners who may wish to address or 'attend' a virtual council meeting are welcome – please contact the Clerk ([clerk@littlebournepc.org](mailto:clerk@littlebournepc.org)) who will be able to help you with the technical side of linking in.

The government has set targets for all districts in the country for the number of new houses they must plan for. Despite what seems like an enormous amount of development already going on around Canterbury, it has failed to meet the existing government target and indeed the new National Policy Framework has now increased the required numbers of annual house completions it demands. You may be aware that Canterbury City Council have earlier this year run a 'Call for Sites' to receive suggestions as to where development might take place in the district. Such suggestions can originate from anyone even if they are not the land-owners. These will be considered as part of the City Council's 'Local Development Plan'. Your parish council has been extremely concerned that Littlebourne may be targeted for further new developments in addition to the List site. We were informed by Canterbury City Council that they intend to share proposals with parishes only as late as 'early in 2021' as a rather un-democratic attempt to exclude parish councils from interfering with the smooth development of their Local District 2040 Plan. Our worry is that we might only get to hear about potential housing once

Canterbury had pretty much made up its mind about where they would approve such development.

Despite the somewhat secretive process, through various local contacts LPC has become aware of several proposals for significant new housing development within Littlebourne which, if approved by Canterbury, would radically alter the village we live in. These would still all have to go through a formal planning approval process by the Canterbury District authority including parish council and public consultation and may or may not be adopted but because of their potential impact we wished you to be aware of these at this stage. Firstly, a proposal to further develop behind the new doctor's surgery on farmland and where there are old farm buildings – potentially up to 30 new houses. Secondly, a proposal which a developer has just recently shared with the Parish Council to develop Mount's farm land on the south side of The Hill ranging from Bekesbourne Lane and bounded by School Path, the zoo and reaching up to around level of the Evenhill pub. Gladman, the developers, have not indicated the number of houses but the area is several times larger than the ongoing List development of around 90 houses (see map opposite). Littlebourne Parish Council will attempt to meet with the developer to ascertain more details on what they are proposing. Our initial feeling, already communicated clearly to Canterbury City Council planners, is that this would be disastrous for our village which is already having to absorb a large increase in population plus much increased traffic flow from other new developments down towards Sandwich. It would prohibit, probably for ever, any possibility of a southern relief road for the village and lock us into permanently increased traffic on the A257 High Street and The Hill.

If you wish to become involved in how the Parish approaches these plans and can constructively assist us in our response, please email either the Clerk ([clerk@littlebournepc.org](mailto:clerk@littlebournepc.org)) or myself ([cllr.farrow@littlebournepc.org](mailto:cllr.farrow@littlebournepc.org)) or any of your parish councillors.

Councillor Peter Farrow



### New Village Flagpole

The LPC Community Fund were delighted to be able to provide funding for a new village flagpole and replacement flags, this is sited just outside the lounge door. The old flagpole is in a tucked away place and is in poor condition, so it was felt it was not worth spending money refurbishing. This new position will ensure the flag more visible when flying and will enable it to be seen from the road.

A specialist flagpole supplier installed the flagpole during August and is now ready for flags to be raised.

### Public toilet project

Plans have now been drawn up to create a public toilet in the old boiler room, next to the parish office at the village hall. This will enable people to access this toilet during set hours (there will be a timer on the lock allowing LPC to lock the toilet overnight). This will be one toilet for all, setup with disabled access. The next stage is to apply for planning permission with Canterbury City Council.

### Traffic Action & Highways

KCC Highways have finally responded to our request for an exact pricing for the moving of the 30mph limit further out of the village. The budget price we had previously been given was £4,500 and the exact figure now £6,800. LPC were to contribute and Cllr Northey had offered money from his Members Fund, but we would now need to know how much KCC Highways were going to fund as the costs had increased considerably.

20mph schemes are being rolled out in some local areas; Canterbury City centre, Faversham and Sturry are all to get streets with a 20mph limit. LPC have contacted KCC Highways to see if this is something we can bring to Littlebourne too.

**Jubilee Road:** Several vehicles have been noted parking, particularly on Sundays on the double yellow lines at the High Street end of Jubilee Road. These details have been passed onto the PCSO. This selfish parking causes queuing of vehicles onto the High Street and problems for anyone wanting to travel along Jubilee road to access this part of the village.

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