

# LPC News

Littlebourne Parish Council Newsletter  
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Welcome to the Littlebourne Parish Council's quarterly newsletter. The aim is to let you know what your council is doing on your behalf to make the village a great place to live, work and relax.

## IMPORTANT! Look out for the housing needs survey for Littlebourne

Rydon Homes have an option for development on land at the rear of The Hill/Jubilee Road, subject to Planning Permission being granted. Canterbury City Council is taking this site forward as one of their Strategic Housing Land Availability

Assessment sites. Rydon Homes are keen to work in partnership with the parish council to work up a development of best benefit for the village. The Clerk and Chairman have finalised a housing needs survey. We have tried to make it simple with tick boxes but there is space to comment.

To ensure impartiality, Action with Communities in Rural Kent will post the survey 2<sup>nd</sup> class on 24th October to all households in Littlebourne and their final analysis and report is anticipated just before Christmas. The results of the housing survey will assist the parish council at this early stage to make decisions on development that will be of best benefit for the village, should it take place.

If you know of anyone who has left the Parish and would like to return, please contact the Parish Clerk, on 01227 700939 for a further copy of the Survey.

All residents are urged to complete the survey by the deadline of **16 November**. Surveys should be returned to Action with Communities in Rural Kent at the address on the survey. If you or your family does not need affordable housing, then only complete Section 1.

Before a planning application is submitted, Rydon Homes have agreed broad principles to a mix of housing both by **tenure** and by **size/type** informed by the Housing Needs survey. They also pledged to give a presentation to a parish council meeting, and then when firmed up further to hold a public exhibition for all residents to attend and

comment, and to consult with organisations/clubs in the village.

The other sites under SHLA are

SHLAA 122	KCC	Littlebourne Primary School
SHLAA 93	Cardy Constructions Ltd	Court Hill Court Hill Littlebourne
SHLAA 44	N/A	84 Bekesbourne Lane

**Affordable housing** - a percentage of the overall development will be housing under a Registered Social Landlord and allocated according to highest housing need. ***Even if you have already registered for affordable housing please make sure you complete the second part of the housing survey if you qualify for this. And make sure you are registered with the parish council as well – please contact the Clerk:- [amanda.sparkes@sky.com](mailto:amanda.sparkes@sky.com) Tel. 01227 700939***

## Your Councillors

### 1. Resignation of a Cllr

Since the May 2011 election, Emma Addley resigned as a parish councillor due to health problems. The parish council would like to record gratitude to her for her hard work and commitment since she was elected on 5 May 2011 and for her help with community projects prior to that. Emma has said that she will help with future events, circumstances permitting. She helped re-arrange the Big Picnic event that was rained off on 16 July to 27 August.

### 2. Welcome to a new Cllr

The parish council was very fortunate that two very worthy candidates came forward to fill the vacancy on the council. The parish council was only allowed to co-opt one, and at their meeting of 15 September voted to welcome Ms Marianne Du Sautoy to the council.

Cllr Du Sautoy told us "I have lived in Littlebourne for nearly seven years having moved here after

living and working in London for 30 years where I had a very varied career working in publishing, events management and as a PA to a Chairman in the banking, property and media.

During the last seven years I have become very involved in Littlebourne life. I have served as a Governor of Littlebourne Primary School. I am currently Vice-President of Littlebourne W.I and Chairman of Friends of St. Vincent's Church.

I'm employed as Personal Assistant to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kent, who is responsible for the University's Estates Department, HR Department and Fundraising & Development. I arrange high profile events for the University and I am in regular contact with City Councillors and Kent County Council and other outside agencies regarding University property matters. I believe this will provide a useful insight especially for planning issues as the responsibility for these becomes devolved.

I'm keen to help ensure that Littlebourne's services, facilities and recreation space are maintained and improved thereby protecting village life which we could see threatened as resources become stretched.

I've been able to bring the University's Chamber Choir and Cecilian Choir to Littlebourne to perform an annual concert in aid of the Friends of St Vincent's Church which has become a popular and well-attended event. Plus a Ride & Stride sponsored walk in September to raise funds for the Churches of Kent with 50% being donated to St Vincent's."

*Cllr Marianne Du Sautoy.*

### **Recycling sacks**

The parish council welcomed the city council's recycling officer as a guest speaker to their July 2011 meeting. She explained that Canterbury district's residents can buy extra rolls from Serco in Kingsmead Road for £1.50 per roll. Rolls are NOT available any longer at the city council offices. Helen explained that as not everyone can get to Serco the city council are to provide vending machines with better quality sacks at £1.80 per roll. Probable venues will be the leisure centres. Watch this space – if we hear more we will advise in a future edition of this newsletter

and the other usual village communication methods.

Cllrs did suggest that any Littlebourne residents with a surplus of rolls could bring them to the parish council office on a Monday or Friday morning to create a community pooling system, likewise any resident needing a roll may call to collect one, supply permitting.

### **Howletts Elephant Bridge on public right of way CB150**

There were rotten steps and overgrown vegetation on the elephant bridge at Howletts zoo, but our thanks to Howletts who have just replaced the entire bridge and fencing – a wonderful job.

### **Kent Police and PCSOs in Littlebourne**

The parish council is pleased to report that the PCSO team has been out on several occasions in Littlebourne throughout the summer, door knocking, to ask residents about what they perceive as policing concerns in the village. This exercise finished in mid-September and the data will be input into the Police system. Kent Police have promised the parish council a write up in due course. Contact our PCSO Gavin Dodswell on 07772226190 and our Community Warden Ken Campbell on 07969583916. Ken will be retiring in January, a new Warden is to be appointed. More details once known will be in a future edition of this newsletter.

### **Twinning with Wimille - joint project**

The parish council is to twin with a town council in France – the town of Wimille. The first joint project involves Littlebourne primary school when two teachers from Wimille will visit the school on 2 November 2011 aiming to set up a project. Our thanks to teacher Ms Anne Hardy and the Head teacher for their help and co-operation.

### **Ideas or help for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Monday 4 June 2012**

The parish council has discussed possible ideas – from a Big Picnic, Street Party, Hog roast, children and youth activities, BBQ, dog show, stalls, to a carnival, and possible involvement of Wimille guests.

If any resident has any ideas or would like to be involved and help in any way please give ideas to any Cllr or the Clerk.

## **AN UPDATE ON ELLEN COURT**

Cllr Spratt, as Chairman of the parish council is receiving regular update reports from the contractor. She is negotiating to try and get footpath lighting for the rear of Ellen Court through the length of the passage to the church. As at end of September scaffolding has been put up to first floor level and the site has been cleaned up.

## **Reporting crime and anti-social behaviour**

A reminder that Crime and unsocial behaviour is or at least is perceived to be on the increase and more police support is needed in rural areas. This will not happen however, unless parishioners report all incidents. To report incidents, unsocial behaviour etc, use the 24/7 number 01622 690690 which is always answered. All emergencies continue to 999.

## **New process for obtaining a grant from Littlebourne Parish Council**

As a result of an internal auditor's suggestion that the council's annual grant giving process be 'tightened up', a new application process as opposed to the giving out of a cheque as in previous years is to be adopted with immediate effect.

The Clerk has therefore written a policy, a funding agreement and an application form. These were adopted by the parish council at their parish council meeting of 21 July 2011.

Copies of the Policy, the Funding Agreement, and the Application Form were sent to the village organisations that the parish council gave a grant to this year 2011-2012, (Littlebourne Youth Club, Littlebourne Horticultural Society, St Vincent's Church and The Littlebourne Afternoon Club (Over 55's)) in July with a covering letter explaining the new application process

Any additional voluntary groups in the village wishing to apply for grant support for the financial year 2012-2013, should apply under the new process and ensure the application form is with the Clerk by 20 October 2011. This is in order that the applications inform the parish council's budget setting figures during October/November. Successful grant payments will be paid in April 2012.

Any questions or comments, or to receive a form or for help to complete an application, please contact the Clerk.

## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

**Littlebourne Youth Group** meets on the first and third Monday of each month in term time only from 7 – 9pm for young people from 9 to 19 years old. A parental consent form has to be completed on first visit.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE DANCING, MUSIC, BASKETBALL, TABLE TENNIS, SNOOKER, NUMEROUS BALL GAMES, ART, BOARD GAMES, AND LOTS MORE.

We are looking for more Volunteers to help on the sessions – a police check will be required and will be paid for by us, CRB Check paid for by us. Only 1 or 2 evenings per term would be very helpful.

Enquiries Viv. 01227 722088

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## **Traffic Committee and Speedwatch**

The Traffic Committee are looking for Littlebourne residents to train to use the 'Speedwatch' speed check equipment, which will be carried out from time to time in various spots in Littlebourne.

Contact Cllr Mike Gallagher. 01227 722476

[mike.gallagher79@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mike.gallagher79@yahoo.co.uk)

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

Littlebourne's Neighbourhood Watch needs contact 'Link Persons' in every street. Contact Cllr Mick

Giles on 01227 728228 or email

[Mickandwendy1@btinternet.com](mailto:Mickandwendy1@btinternet.com) or

Cllr Geof Welch on 01227 728507, email

[Ducks.riverbank@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:Ducks.riverbank@tiscali.co.uk)

## **Littlebourne War Memorial Hall Trust**

The new Chairman, Mrs Cate Reid, also runs the Room Booking Service for the Hall complex.

Available to hire are the Hall, the Lounge, the Parish Meeting Room 1 and the Meeting Room 2 all with refreshment facilities.

To book any of these contact 07508297349 or

email [hallbookings@littlebournevillage.com](mailto:hallbookings@littlebournevillage.com)

## **Keep up to date with Parish business**

Visit the website; Minutes are published every month, or the Littlebourne column in the Kentish Gazette each week. An Agenda posted in the council's notice board details the council's meetings and areas for discussions and general

business. A recess early in the meetings allows any member of the public to speak. All meetings are open to the public and anyone is always welcomed. Contact the Clerk or the Chairman, or any members of the council at any reasonable time, normally during office hours except for emergencies.

### Diary dates

**22 October Charity and Craft Day**  
in the Village Hall from 10.00am.

**16 November 2011 – Ensure you have returned your housing needs survey to Action with Communities in Rural Kent by this date**

**1 December Parish Council will turn on lights on tree outside 4VPO Stores**

**8 March 2012 – the elector's meeting / Annual Parish Meeting** – 7pm in Littlebourne War Memorial Hall Lounge. Come and hear what the parish council has done on your behalf in the preceding 12 months and to receive reports from the village organisations and Children's Centre.

**Monday 4 June 2012** – The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations (see elsewhere in this newsletter).

### Saturday/Sunday 14 and 15 July 2012 Tubs and Baskets Judging

We would very much appreciate it if for this Diamond Jubilee Year you would plant your tubs and baskets in a Red, White and Blue theme. This year's winners and runner ups enjoyed a 'wine and nibbles' presentation evening on 16<sup>th</sup> September in The Lounge. Winners Hazel and Chris Armstrong and Mr and Mrs Broadbridge around 30 people enjoyed the evening. Please do enter into the spirit of this for next year.

This newsletter is compiled by the Clerk to the Parish Council, Amanda Sparkes. If there is something you would like covered in the next edition please contact her on 01227 700939 or email [amanda.sparkes@sky.com](mailto:amanda.sparkes@sky.com). Also contact her if you need it copied in **Large Print**.

Your nine Cllrs are as follows:

#### Chairman, Cllr Viv Spratt

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**Responsibilities:** Chairman, Allotments, Children & Youth, Seniors, Community & well-being, Finance, Media and website, Planning, Recreation Club, Ground and gardens, Twinning, 4VPO Assoc.

#### Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mick Giles

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**Responsibilities:** Vice-Chairman, Littlebourne Charities, Emergency Plan and Neighbourhood Watch, Flooding, Highways, Recreation Club, Ground and Gardens, 4VPO Assoc.

#### Cllr Geoffrey Barrett

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**Responsibilities:** Finance, Planning, Twinning

#### Cllr Marianne Du Sautoy

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#### Cllr Pamela Evans

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#### Cllr Mike Gallagher

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#### Cllr Ken Shaw, 36 Nargate Street 01227

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#### Cllr Geof Welch, Riverbank, 32 Nargate Street, 01227 728507, [Ducks.riverbank@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:Ducks.riverbank@tiscali.co.uk)

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