

# 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 housing survey**

In a few weeks time each household will be posted a survey to comment on housing need for the village. This has been initiated by a meeting between the parish councillor Chairman and Clerk and Rydon Homes, as Rydon Homes have an option for development on the land at the back of The Hill and Jubilee Road. Development may be inevitable here as Canterbury City Council is taking this site forward as one of their Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment sites. The results of the housing survey will assist the parish council at this early stage to press for a development that will be of best benefit for the village.

Prior to any planning application, Rydon Homes have agreed broad principles to (i) a mix of housing both by **tenure** (owner occupied, part buy/part rent, and affordable/social rented) and by **size/type** informed by the Housing Needs survey (ii) **Affordable housing** - a percentage of the overall development will be housing under a Registered Social Landlord and allocated according to highest housing need. *Make sure you complete the second part of the housing survey if you qualify for this.* (iii) **Developers' contributions** - The developer, for example, could agree to build a doctor's surgery and pharmacy on the site.

NOTE: There would be no vehicular access off of Jubilee Road to the new surgery or homes - instead access in and out would be through the creation of a roundabout on The Hill at No. 42 - this could slow down the traffic in the village.

If a planning application is forthcoming Rydon Homes have agreed to hold a public exhibition for all residents to attend and comment. The parish council will ensure details of this are advertised

## **Your Councillors**

Parish Council elections are held every four years. In May 2011 Littlebourne had a contested election with 14 candidates standing for 9 seats. Littlebourne now has a new council, with the elected Cllrs signing up for a new term of office with enthusiasm. The nine 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 Emma Addley**

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### **Cllr Geoffrey Barrett**

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**Responsibilities:** Finance, Planning, Twinning

### **Cllr Pamela Evans**

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### **Cllr Mike Gallagher**

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### **Cllr Betty Jeffries**

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### **Cllr Ken Shaw**, 36 Nargate Street 01227 721560,

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**Cllr Geof Welch**, Riverbank, 32 Nargate Street,  
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**Responsibilities:** Children & Youth, Seniors, Community & well-being, Emergency Plan and Neighbourhood Watch, Flooding, Highways, KALC rep, Street Monitor, Police.

## **The Council welcomes a new Clerk**

The council wishes Tony White, the previous Clerk, all best wishes for his retirement and introduces a new Clerk, Amanda Sparkes from 1 March 2011.

Amanda says "I am delighted to be the new clerk, and am looking forward to working with Cllrs and meeting many residents over the coming weeks. I worked at Canterbury City Council for 9 years supporting all the 26 parish councils in the district, more recently taking on the role of parish clerk to Chestfield, and although all parishes are different this lowest tier of government is my favourite. I live in a cosy cottage in Petham with my partner Paul, and my two children, a daughter of 18 and a son of 14, who both attend Simon Langton Boys School, so even when not working I am working doing laundry and taxi-driving duties. I love Wagamamas, reading, country walks, pub lunches, cooking, and photography. Contact me on 01227 700939 during normal working hours, or email [amanda.sparkes@sky.com](mailto:amanda.sparkes@sky.com)

### **The Annual Parish Electors Meeting**

30 residents attended this meeting on 14 April 2011 to hear reports from the parish council, city and county Cllrs, and village organisations. Full Minutes are on the website at

<http://www.littlebournepc.kentparishes.gov.uk/> .

The Chair's annual report is précised as follows:

"Thanks to Mrs Clayson for keeping Littlebourne tidy; to the Twymans for leasing the riverbank to allow the formation of the nature reserve; and to The Four Village Post Office Stores Management Committee who worked with the Parish Council to obtain all the licences/agreements for the shop extension. Thanks to The Hall committee, with their improvements of new chairs, a hearing loop, new curtains and carpets, re-decoration and kitchen refurbishment. The Booking service now allows email and text bookings and a new website has been set up. Thanks to Family Investment Homes for adults with learning disabilities, who look after the planter boxes in the village.

2010-2011 highlights included:

- Final agreement, after several years, to update the criteria on Social Housing, to ensure Littlebourne residents receive priority on the allocation of homes.
- The Children's Centre opened its doors, initially in the Hall, then moving to a purpose built centre in the School grounds.
- Gym Equipment installed on the recreation ground
- The Big Picnic on The Rec - a great success, thanks to Cllr Emma Addley and her team, who also organise the lantern festival at Christmas.
- The Allotments started a stall to sell their members' surplus produce, to aid Littlebourne horticultural society and to buy seeds/equipment.
- Littlebourne Parish Council involved in Ellen Court, insisting that accommodation for the elderly was still required in the village and that the empty accommodation was only because of poor standard and no security of tenure. The council has made comments on the rebuild planning applications and

Cllr Spratt liaised with the Project Group at the City Council, attending every meeting. Demolition commenced in April.

- 23 April 2011 saw a St Georges Day celebration – a huge success with village Clubs represented, organised play, Easter egg hunt, fancy dress workshop, dog show, free refreshments, fancy dress parade and an adult Charge.
- The parish council, with help from the Environment Agency, got repairs to Nargate Street. Bus Stop markings throughout Littlebourne to avoid any parking on bus stopping areas were also agreed.

**Flooding – a reminder** Littlebourne Parish Cllrs ask residents in flood areas to check gulleys around their properties and remind them to keep their sandbags. For more information contact Cllr Mick Giles.

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

The parish council has made contact with a town council in France – the town of Wimille who are keen to 'twin' with Littlebourne. They visited the village and Parish Cllrs in May 2011 and were very impressed with all that the village offered. The first joint project will be in the Autumn through pupils and teachers at Littlebourne primary school.

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

Crime and unsocial behaviour is 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.

### **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**

**Monday 4 June 2012** – Book the date now for village celebrations to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

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