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Littlebourne Parish Council Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the Littlebourne Parish Council's quarterly newsletter. Please also remember to visit our website: www.littlebourne-parish-council.co.uk



www.facebook.com/littlebourne

Village Diary

Up and coming events in Littlebourne to look out for:

Wednesday 1st March

Next LPC Meeting 7pm in the LWMH meeting room

Wednesday afternoon & Friday mornings

The Village Living Room, The Lounge LWMH
Wed 1.30-3.30pm
Fri 9.30-11.30am

Wednesday 15th March

The Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm in the hall, refreshments served from 7pm.

Thursday 16th March

Bingo in the lounge 2pm

Chairmans Report

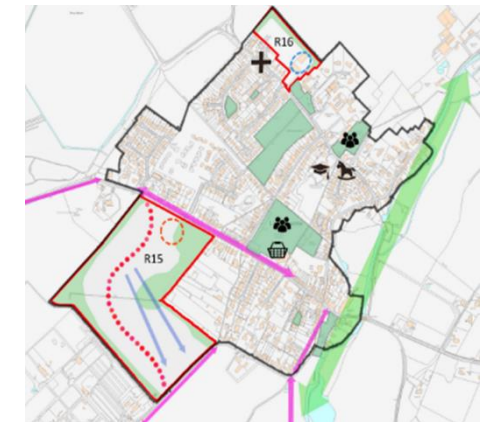
The parish council has been informed that Gladman, the developers who are pressing for a large development on the south side of The Hill, intend to submit an outline planning application to the Canterbury Planning department this spring. This is despite the process for a new Canterbury Local Plan being a long way from completed.

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As many of the village did, Littlebourne parish council has sent a detailed response to the public consultation on the draft 2045 Canterbury local plan focussing on many issues we see in such a large addition to the village and are now preparing to respond to the expected outline application. The main problems would be the large scale, the loss of farmland and landscape, the impact on village infrastructure especially on sewage and drainage and their effects on the Little Stour chalk stream, and A257 traffic burden.



Despite inflationary pressures, your parish council has voted to keep the overall village precept (the parish part of a householders' council tax) the same this year which, because of a large number of village houses now included in the calculations, means that the amount charged to each household for the Littlebourne component of their tax will be slightly lower this coming year.

Please do consider standing in the upcoming elections to be a parish councillor. Your village needs at least one further councillor to look after our local interests and keep Littlebourne the wonderful place that it is.

Cllr Peter Farrow, Chairman.



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In response to the cold weather and rising energy costs, we are offering an afternoon and morning in the Lounge in the village hall, where there will be a warm and welcoming space for you to have a cuppa, chat and warm up - maybe play some Scrabble!. Refreshments will be free. Donations and volunteers welcome.

WEDNESDAYS: 1.30-3.30PM
FRIDAYS: 9.30-11.30AM

STARTS 4TH JAN 2023 FOR 8 WEEKS

All Welcome

Littlebourne Public Toilet

The village public toilet situated at the LWMH is almost completed. The toilet is fitted with a coin machine that requires a 20p piece to open (this is not a money-making exercise as will nowhere near cover the running costs, it is to discourage vandalism). There is also a RADAR key slot for those disabled users. The toilet will be available between 7am-8pm daily. A big thank you to Quinn Estates and Canterbury City Council for their grants towards this project.



Millennium Award Nominees 2023

Thank you to everyone who put forward a nomination this year. The Parish Council have chosen this year's winner. The winner will be announced at the Annual Parish Meeting on 15th March.



Littlebourne Speedwatch Team

We now have two teams of volunteers able use the speedwatch equipment. In the last month the teams have been out on The Hill, trying to slow the traffic approaching the village. As expected a number of vehicles were clocked doing above the limit and letters will be sent by Kent Police to these drivers. We are hoping to run some sessions down on The Green to slow traffic at this end of the village too. We are always looking for more volunteers, if you are interested and can give a few hours please contact cllr.Reid@littlebournepc.org

New benches

Replacement benches have now been installed at the two bus stops outside the hall, and a picnic table has been installed inside the children's play area. The old metal benches needed replacement and the parish council have chosen recycled plastic benches that should last longer and need no maintenance.

Parish Council elections May

Are you interested in standing as a parish councillor in the May elections? Littlebourne Parish should have nine councillors representing the village, at present there are eight so more councillors are needed.

Ever wondered what a Parish Councillor has to do and if this is for you?

- Attend Parish Council meetings – once a month and occasionally additional ones
- Take any issues raised by residents to the parish council on the residents' behalf
- Carry out duties to uphold the local by-laws, to protect the local environment and infrastructure, footpaths and highways, lobby for improvements to services, implement new projects for the benefit of the parish and fund raising for new projects.
- Comment on all planning applications within the parish.

- Sit on sub-committees where appropriate, such as Planning, Finance and Traffic.
- Represent the Council externally.

The Kent Association of Local Councils are running some online awareness events about becoming a local councillor. The next event is on Tuesday 21st March at 7pm, to register for this event please visit www.kentalc.gov.uk there is also other information on this page about the role of a parish councillor.

If you wish to become involved in Littlebourne, or require more information, contact the Clerk on 01227 721500 or clerk@littlebournepc.org

Voter ID



On Thursday 4 May this year there will be elections for all 39 city councillors and in some areas of the district, elections to parish councils.

The government has decided to introduce voter identification for these elections.

If you want to vote at the polling station in these elections, as well as being registered to vote, you will also need to show an approved form of photo ID before you can be issued with a ballot paper.

Without an approved photo ID, you will not be able to vote at the polling station. ID can be any of the following:

- Passport
- driving licence
- Blue Badge
- older persons bus pass,
- Freedom bus pass

Your ID doesn't have to be in date but it must look like you and be in the same name you registered to vote. If you don't have any photo ID you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate, which you must do by 5pm on

25th April. This can be done online or with a paper form in the post. <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>

Is your bus pass expiring in March 2023?

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