

New Clerk to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome Nicola Duke as the new Clerk to the Parish Council. Nicola will take up her duties from 1 October 2016. Her contact details are shown overleaf. The Parish Council thanked the present Clerk, Roger Coleman, for his service that amounted to over ten years and wished him well for the future.

Pam Jones — Parish Council Member (Retired).

A presentation was made to Pam Jones prior to the Parish Council meeting to thank her for her fifty-seven years service as a Parish Councillor for Dilton Marsh and as Chairman for many of those years.

Highways/Environment.

Cllr. Howells expressed his disgust and disappointment that the project to improve road safety at Tower Hill had been stalled or even abandoned by Wiltshire Council. He commented that a recent site meeting had resulted in a misunderstanding on the part of Wiltshire Council regarding the actual traffic conditions and had led that Council to be persuaded that the proposed scheme was now not viable. The Chairman suggested that the local residents in favour of the scheme make representations to the appropriate senior officers at Wiltshire Council for the scheme to be reinstated. Cllr. Howells added that he had been assured by Cllr. Wickham that the £30,000 allocated to the scheme was ring-fenced.

The Council noted that Wiltshire Council is to install a pathway along the verge at Clearwood heading westward for a distance of 140 metres with the work commencing in October and lasting some three weeks. The Clerk was asked to advise Wiltshire Council (Kirsty Rose) that The Hollow is totally unsuitable as part of a diversion route and that its use should be prevented by means of appropriate signage.

The Chairman reported that Selwood Housing had agreed to a noticeboard being erected on the grass verge at Park Road provided that certain conditions were observed by the Parish Council. It had been agreed that it would be placed close to the existing electricity pole. The Chairman commented that the design of the noticeboard would be left to Cllr. Middleton to present to the Council for approval but noted that the Council had resolved at the last meeting that a double panel, post mounted noticeboard would be favoured.

Cllr. Harris reported that she had contacted Cllr. Wickham regarding a 'No Parking' sign at Shepherds Mead and that she was awaiting a response. Cllr. Harris agreed to follow this up including contacting an Adrian Houghton of Wiltshire Council.

Cllr. Roberts stated that he had made a number of enquiries regarding acquiring a defibrillator for Dilton Marsh and that South West Ambulance Service (Julia Doel) had offered to give a short presentation at the next meeting. The Council resolved that she be invited to the next meeting.

A letter from a parishioner relating to the need for resurfacing the track leading to Bremeridge Farm was read out in full by the Chairman. The Council resolved that it was a matter for Wiltshire Council Highways and the Clerk stated that he would copy the letter to Cllr. Roberts for him to pass on to Wiltshire Council via the facility of the 'app'.

The Chairman confirmed that the request by Cllr. Coutts-Britton relating to the War Memorial was in hand and that the work would be completed in time for Remembrance Day.

Cllr. Morland alerted the Council to the change in the Northacre Refuse Recycling Centre planning application in that permission was now being sought for an increase in the amount of recycling permitted from 60,000 tonnes per year to 90,000 tonnes per year and that the refuse involved could now originate beyond Wiltshire e.g. BANES.

Cllr. Harris reported that at a BA13 Partnership meeting she had been informed that the public now has access to the DVLA database to establish whether a car is taxed, insured and had a valid MOT Certificate and that this will assist in identifying abandoned cars and whether it is Wiltshire Police or Wiltshire Council that has the responsibility to investigate incidents involving such vehicles. She added that she would make enquiries regarding the apparently abandoned car at Stormore.

Playing Field.

The Council noted the report given by a RAPID representative during the Open Forum that grant aid had been received in respect of the purchase and installation of seats and picnic tables for the Playing Field. RAPID also reported that a full report would be presented to the Council at the October meeting.

Cllr. Harris reported that RoSPA is being consulted on the best place to locate new play facilities on the Playing Field to ensure that those using them would be fully safeguarded.

Cllr. Harris stated that she had spoken to Dilton Rovers Football Club regarding the unacceptable language, especially swearing, used by the footballers and she had been informed that those responsible were unknown and had no connection with the local football teams.

Things to Do and Places to Go

Dilton Amateur Gardening Club meets the 1st Friday each month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Membership, £10 single, £18 couples, Visitors £2.00. Tel Pam Good, 01373 822433. .

Little Marshians Parent & Toddler Group Every Tuesday from 9.30 am —11.15 am at the Memorial Hall. For more Information please e-mail at littlemarshians@hotmail.com.

Dilton Marsh Women's Institute meets the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. If you would like to discuss the WI or come to a meeting (someone will accompany you if you feel it's a bit daunting going somewhere new alone) please ring Priscilla Gray on 864661

Traidcraft. Coffee morning with Traidcraft stall each month on 1st Saturday from 1000-1200.

Dilton Rovers Football Club. Training Sessions are held at Dilton Marsh Playing Field on Saturday mornings for boys and girls age 5 years to Adult—£2 PER SESSION. Training times do vary for each age group so for more information please contact the Club Secretary—CAROLYN HILLMAN on 01373 824282. New members always welcome.

Dilton Rovers Adult Sunday Team. Training Details on Request.

For more information please contact the Club Secretary: Carolyn Hillman on 01373 824282 or www.diltonrovers.co.uk.

Westbury Blue Circle Short Mat Bowls Club Tuesday Evenings 7.15pm to 9.45pm at Dilton Memorial Hall. Contact the Secretary , Gill Willis 01373 826562/0774 6488818 for further information. All ages welcome.

Dilton Marsh Acoustic Club 'Open Mic' sessions at The Prince of Wales 2nd & 4th Mondays each month from 8pm. It is always a friendly, fun evening and newcomers (players and audience) are especially welcomed.

Westbury U3A

September 13th was one of the hottest September days since records began. A late morning thunderstorm had resulted in a power cut at the meeting hall and surrounding areas. The down side was our speaker Kevin Little, from "The Smelly Alley Fish Company" in Reading was unable to screen his PowerPoint presentation. Nevertheless we were richly entertained as Kevin gave a wide ranging talk covering not only his own life as a fishmonger but some history, holiday anecdotes and stories of the rescue animals that he and his wife and family care for. His fish shop is situated in Union Street which in Elizabethan times contained an open sewer. Even though the sewer has long been buried very deep the name Smelly Alley has persisted colloquially. Kevin's father owned the fish shop before him managing to preserve independence against competition from the larger chains of shops. We heard how the arrival of a large consignment of pike caused enough consternation to warrant a visit from the police, dangerous animals! Other adventures included preparing specialist salted fish for Polish customers and the Spanish lady who had her freshly purchased eels escape in another shop, recapturing all but one.

Caring for 21 cats as well as numerous other animals takes a great deal of Kevin's time. He was thanked for a most entertaining talk.

Francis Burroughes will talk on October 11th his title "As I was seated at the organ" The meeting will be held in the United Reformed Church Hall on Warminster Road, at 1.45 for 2pm. Do come and join us, you will be very welcome and your first general meeting is free.

Bulb Planting— New bulb planting is to take place in the village. Volunteers are required to assist in this worthwhile project. If you can help please contact Alison Irving or a parish councillor.

Beware Rogue Traders!! There have been instances locally of unlicensed and aggressive door to door salesmen (known as 'Nottingham Knockers') calling on vulnerable residents selling low quality and overpriced goods. If you are, or have been, visited do not hesitate to phone the police on 101 or 999—the latter if you suspect that a crime is in progress.

The next Dilton News will be published on the 25 October 2016. If you have an item you wish to be included please send it, or e-mail it, to the Editor at the address given below to arrive no later than 21 October 2016.

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 20 October 2016 at 7.30pm. All meetings are held in the Memorial Hall. There is an Open Forum just prior to each Parish Council meeting when members of the public can raise any matters of concern to the community

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