



Whiteparish Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

From the Meeting held 7th September 2017 in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.

Best Kept Village

Whiteparish came second in the first round of judging of the best kept village competition. Thank you for helping keep the village smart.

Wiltshire Mobile Library Service

Wiltshire Council are carrying out a routine review of the mobile library routes and would appreciate the comments of the community on the proposed mobile library schedules for our area. The consultation documents are available to view online from the Wiltshire Libraries webpage at <http://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/> from 4th September. Members of the public and customers can make a comment about routes in their community by downloading and completing the Consultation Feedback form. **All review documents and feedback forms are also available from the mobile library.**

The consultation period is from 4th September to 4th November 2017 and during this period they will also be consulting directly with customers of the North and South Mobile libraries. Following the consultation they hope to be in a position to introduce revised routes in February 2018.

Kissing Gates

The installation of four new kissing gates on footpath path 5 took place on 11th September. The gates were kindly funded by the New Forest National Park. Many thanks to all the people that helped particularly members of the Ramblers Association.

Skatepark

The Parish Council has been approached about a replacement skatepark. The Parish Council agreed in principle of a replacement skatepark subject to approving cost, design, location and subject to evidence of need and demand.

Over Growing Vegetation

Several concerns have been raised about overgrown vegetation throughout the village.

The right of passage along our footpaths and pavements, in many cases, is being impeded by vegetation. The Parish Council would like to remind all land owners and house holders that they are responsible for the clear passage of pedestrians along pavements and footpaths and urge them to clear any offending vegetation. The Parish Council wishes to remind the public that the blocking of rights of way is a criminal offence.

Inconsiderate Parking

Concerns have been raised regarding inconsiderate parking, in particular at the entrance to Green Close which leads on to Highlands Way. Please can residents be mindful of where and how they park, especially near road junctions.

The parking of vehicles on junctions/corners reduces visibility and thus safety. Please take into account emergency vehicles such as ambulances and fire engines. Can they access the area and if so, can they do so without the need to mount pavements? Are you obstructing pedestrian access anywhere, potentially affecting the vulnerable? Please park considerately and think of others.

Next Meeting

The next Meeting is on Thursday, 12th October 2017 at 7.30pm. Villagers are invited to attend the meetings. Please inform the clerk or any councillor if you are unable to attend and wish to raise any village matter.