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FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

As spring appears to have arrived we can reflect on what most would consider a very damp and cold winter. Most of us are regenerated and enthused by warmer weather and brighter skies. Personally, I look forward to the trout rising to the colourful mayfly as they tease this reactive fish into action; This thought acts as a reminder of how natural instincts inspire all creatures to move and react to certain triggers and changes in their environment and that people are no different.

Your parish council has been active in addressing many issues affecting the village and has continued to communicate all their actions and events that would help local families and households. The issue facing our council is how we all react to these different communications and how much it takes for any of us to rise and take the information and fully digest what has been taking place on our behalf.

During the last few months your council was instrumental in making the potential planning application for a new housing estate in the village public knowledge. The reaction was a swift rise to action with many residents wanting to take part and have their say. Your parish council has to wait and will react and rise to the challenge when the plans are submitted as this is the role and place of the council in accordance with local government protocol.

On a positive note there have been great steps taken in drafting the early stages of a village design statement. I am so pleased that out of the challenge faced by the community, the beginning of a document that defends the past and shapes the future look of the village has been created.

There are some significant steps being taken to understand the wants and desires of the residents and in particular the new amenities group has been launched. Unfortunately the communications relating to this have not been tasty enough for people to rise to and therefore I am fearful that this particular important initiative may have been overshadowed by the housing challenge.

Over the years that I have been chairman, I have tried to make it clear that parish councillors and those associated with the projects we initiate, do their best as volunteers but they are few and far between and a very small proportion of the residents. If you feel that you could rise to action and make a positive contribution or would like to find out what role we play we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on 1st June. Ian Rodd.

DORSET HOME AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. Dorset has seen a recent rise in thefts from vehicles left at beauty spot car parks. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle. Do you need to take the sat nav when going for a local walk? If people could just reassess their security prior to going for a walk then a lot of disruption and upset for victims could be prevented. For example when a handbag is stolen, apart from the disruption of cancelling all credit and debit cards, it usually contains house and garage keys, and victims usually have to go to the expense of changing all the locks on their home.

Charlton Marshall History Project. Thanks to last month's note some interesting items and photographs came to light. Is there anything else out there?

DOG MESS - AGAIN.

PLEASE
REMEMBER THE

North Dorset
DISTRICT COUNCIL

**POOP
SCOOP
LAW**



You MUST clean up after your dog OR

FACE A FINE*

*Maximum fine in Magistrates' Court £1,000 or

For advice please ring Environmental Health on (01258) 454111
www.north-dorset.gov.uk

These laws apply to all roads, trailways, footpaths, bridleways and their verges, as well as all public open space. There are plenty of bins in the parish so 'no excuse' - take some bags. Kicking it into the edge is not enough; you MUST pick up.

CHARLTON MARSHALL ONLINE CENTRE needs more 'mentors' to help people with Word, email, and the internet. Experience with ebay and skype would be useful but not essential. Some training and support for mentors is available. Can you give a few hours Monday to Thursday 10.30 to 12.30? Contact Marice on 450854 or Jean on 452457.

Church Lane Action Group

There has not yet been a formal planning application for the land but we are obviously expecting one.

We are working with Dorset Community Action to draft a Character Statement for the Conservation Area. This will be presented to North Dorset District Council planning office as a reference for any planning applications within the Conservation Area.

Due to concerns with the siting and timings of a traffic survey conducted on behalf of Savills we have conducted our own with help from volunteers to provide evidence for comparison.

We have involved the Planning Aid charity and will further use their help once a Planning Application has been submitted.

We are still after any historical evidence of the field and orchard. We have dated a tree sample to approximately 65 years but if anyone has information on the history and use of the field it would be much appreciated. Ian Osborne 450213 or landatchurchlane@hotmail.com.

FRIENDS OF BLANDFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL provide door to door transport by minibus with disabled facilities to Tesco or Morrisons on Thursday mornings allowing about an hour and a half in town. There is no charge but donations are welcome. Contact Jean Durrant at The Friends Office on 450095.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

February

- The meeting was held in the Village Hall because of anticipated numbers. 89 members of the public attended. Open Forum was extended and mainly given over to concerns about proposed development of land at Church Lane. District Councillor Richard Moyle gave some very helpful input. Councillors gave assurance that notification will be given when the plans are received by the Council and available for parishioners to view. Plans will also be available to view at North Dorset District Council Offices and on their website. A meeting has been arranged for Councillors to meet North Dorset Planning Officers.
- Traffic issues. Failure to achieve a speed limit on A354 at Thornicombe was disappointing.
- Blandford Leisure Centre. 70% of local councils currently not contributing.

March

- Amenities Group. Steering group formed - Groups Amenities Interests Needs.
- Gas Box near Village Hall. Transco to be asked to attach emergency contact details.

April

- The PACT panel can communicate with community and public bodies that are failing to respond to requests from the public. District Councillor Moyle urged the community to complete PACT cards with their problems and send them in.
- Land at Church Lane. Mr Osborne gave an up-date of the Action Group's progress. There has been contact with various members of NDDC. The group has been in consultation with Jo Rose from DT11 regarding the production of a Character Statement of the conservation area; this has involved the taking and collection of photos of the area. Schools have been contacted regarding likely impact - awaiting feedback.
- Parish Meeting: To be held prior to the AGM on 4th May. Posters will publicise the meeting.
- Blandford Leisure Centre. Agreed the village contribution towards keeping the centre open would be £6,000 per year for the next three years.
- Burial Procedures. The clerk has produced new forms and will produce guidelines to Charlton Marshall Cemetery Regulations
- Old Cemetery. The clerk will contact Countryside Services to cut back trees and shrubs. The walnut tree donated by NDDC will be planted in the cemetery
- Gas Box in Bournemouth Road. This belongs to Southern Gas Networks who have promised to place a sign on it.
- NDDC's Housing Strategy 2010 - 2013. Hard copy has been received.

THE GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR YOUTH AWARDS 2010

This is an annual award scheme to find five young Dorset heroes in the following categories:

- Education
- Dedication to home life/the community i.e. helping to care for others and proving an inspiration
- Bravery during and/or after illness
- Sport
- The Arts

In addition to the above, the President, Mrs Jean Oliver, will present the Mike Oliver trophy in recognition of outstanding achievement.

Applicants can apply individually (with permission of parent/guardian) or be proposed by parents, schools, clubs, carers or societies. Letters must not exceed 100 words, must include the category, address and telephone number and be received by Saturday 29th May 2010. The scheme is open to young people between 9 and 18. Those selected will be asked to attend a presentation evening in Sturminster Newton.

Each of the heroes will receive the accolade "Great Dorset Steam Fair Hero" and be presented with a certificate of recognition plus a non-transferable five-day family car pass to the 2010 Great Dorset Steam Fair. This will allow the hero and family to drive onto the steam fair site and park in the reserved allocated car park every day of the fair from Wednesday 1st September to Sunday 5th September 2010. Applications to: Great Dorset Steam Fair, Dairy House Farm, Child Okeford, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 8HT. Mark envelopes on top left hand corner 'Hero 2010'.

A RACE NIGHT WITH A DIFFERENCE was held recently at The Charlton Inn to raise funds for Wessex Cancer Trust. Cartoon snails were the subject of the racing in place of traditional horses, providing great amusement to both adults and children alike. The funds raised on the evening were matched by Barclays Bank making a total of £1062.

Grateful thanks to local businesses who sponsored the races, The Charlton Inn and the supporters on the night.

If you would like to help with any future events or would like to make contact call Karen on 07545 145776 or email karen@wessexcancer.org



CHARLTON MARSHALL YOUTH CLUB. During our first year 41 young people have visited the Club. Tamzin Cooper and Emily Browne received Easter eggs for their 100% attendance. Dorset Youth Association has organised a canoe event for us in May and the

Safe Schools and Communities Team will be talking to us about internet safety. Anyone aged 9-17 will be made very welcome at the Club in The Church Room and Village Centre on the second and fourth Thursday each month from 7 - 9 pm. Just turn up or ring 452457 for more details.

Clubs, Youth Organisations, Charities, let me have your news by 14th July, October, January, April for inclusion in Charlton Marshall News and free advertising of what you do. Editor.

THE VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHT ON 27TH MARCH was again a great success; 82 contestants in 14 teams made a very competitive and lively night. With the very successful raffle the total raised towards the planning costs for the new Hall was £606.46. A big thank you to all the participants and of course to all the helpers, and not forgetting Paul and Shirley Holloway from Luton who formulate the Quiz and adjudicate on the night.

Planning and legal costs are currently running at around £2900 and the four Quiz Nights so far have raised around £1800 towards these costs.

Serious fund raising will be needed next to raise the £500,000 required to give us our new Hall but it can be done with the help of everyone in the Parish. Roger Higgins, Treasurer

Dorset Crimebeat helps put Ideas Into Action

- Are you under 25 years old?
- Do you or a group of friends have idea about how to improve life in your community?
- Is your idea going to contribute crime prevention in your community?
- Would you like up to £500 to help your ideas become reality?



For more information or to download an application form then please visit www.dorsetcrimebeat.org.uk . Also you can contact Lynette Weedon the Dorset Crimebeat Co-ordinator on 01202 593333, or by email on lynette@streetwise.org.uk .

Several Charlton Marshall residents went on a Drive55Plus event recently and found it very good. The next courses are Wed 16 June 9.30am and 2pm Wimborne, Allendale Centre. Mon 21 June 9.30am Poole, Upton House.