



# Hucclecote Parish Council Headlines



## New Parish Council Website

The Parish Council is in the process of updating its website, with the new design to include an array of different features designed to better advertise our local area and the priorities of the council.

This website aims to be a 'one stop shop' for local residents, providing up to date information about events, and local weather, news and traffic alerts. It includes easily viewable agendas and minutes from council meetings, as well as a variety of different photographs taken from around the parish. The website will also have a register of contact details and surveys for local residents, including planning consultations sent to us by Tewkesbury Borough Council. It is hoped that people in the parish will be able to use these features to let us know what their wishes and concerns are so we can deal with them in council meetings more easily.

The website is expected to launch in mid to late December, [www.hucclecotepc.gov.uk](http://www.hucclecotepc.gov.uk)



## Future Newsletters

As of April 2017 households will no longer receive a printed copy of this newsletter. With the increased properties on Coopers Edge the cost to produce the newsletter has increased considerably and the delivery has become difficult to manage.

The newsletter will be available to view on the parish council website, on parish noticeboards or you can register to receive a copy via email. If you would like to receive an emailed copy please either contact the Clerk to the Council or register on

our new website when it is up and running. If you do not have access to the internet you may collect a printed copy from the parish council office, during office hours.



## Grants secured towards extension of Village Hall

The Parish Council has secured more than £36,000 in grants towards the planned extension and remodelling of Pineholt Village Hall. This should enable us to start the building contract in the Spring of 2017, and the work should be completed four months later. The grants have been awarded by Tewkesbury Borough Council and The Summerfield Trust; we are looking to secure more funding from other sources.

The layout of the current facilities at Pineholt Village Hall is not well planned, so we cannot, at present, make the best use of the building. The provision of much larger storage areas in a position adjacent to the main village hall will make it much more practical for the various groups that currently use the hall, and should attract other organisations to use our facilities.

The work entails extending and reconfiguring the hall to provide the following additional facilities: -

- The construction of new purpose-designed storage areas adjacent to the main hall, so that the current storage areas can be converted to create an additional room for community use.
- The construction of a new office space for the Parish Clerk, so that the existing office area can be converted to become an Information hub. An additional WC and kitchenette will also be created in this space, so that people using our current upstairs meeting room have access to toilet and refreshment facilities.
- Numerous smaller improvements will also be undertaken at the same time - for example the installation of automatic disabled-friendly entrance doors, updated fire and staff security arrangements, and the enlargement of the outdoor play space.

One of our current regular users of the Village Hall is the **Teddybears Toddlers** group. The group said: "The Village Hall is really well

located to serve the families that use our play group, but the current storage areas are hopeless. If the hall can provide larger storage facilities, and automatic disabled-friendly entrances that make it easier for mums with pushchairs I'm sure it will attract other bookings. It will certainly ensure we continue to make use of the hall for our regular events."



## Borough Report

Tewkesbury Borough will have to change some of the Cleansing Rounds due to the increase in households within the Borough. When your wheelie bins are emptied over the next few weeks you will have a card hung on the outside for details of your collection days. Some areas will see no changes, except for the usual bank holidays, etc., but there may be changes for others. You can also check all your details of collections on the Borough's website.

The Council is also setting up a new look to their web pages and this is scheduled to go 'live' at the end of November. This will be more 'user friendly' and will make it easier to see what areas you are looking for. It is also set up to accept payments for various services, including Brown Bins for garden waste. Also, you will be able to report any problems that you may have.

For information, if you should have problems with roads, pavements or lighting in your area you can report these direct to Gloucestershire County Council Highways – Amey, on **08000 514514**, or through their website [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport) .

The Joint Core Strategy planning document is still currently being worked on by the three Councils, Tewkesbury, Cheltenham and Gloucester, and will go back to the Inspector for final confirmation that this is acceptable, and then can be adopted for use. This will give the Councils a document which can be used to build new houses and also still keep green areas safe.

If you should have any queries or problems which I may be able to help with, please contact me. My telephone number is **01452 859388** or email: **[gillblackwell6@hotmail.com](mailto:gillblackwell6@hotmail.com)**.



## Highways Matters

**Yellow Lines** - We have been approached by a few residents to see if there is any scope to make adjustments to the parking restrictions. We have explored this with Gloucestershire Highways, and whilst this may be technically possible, it would require a fresh consultation exercise and a new Traffic Regulation Order to be raised. The cost of this legal process would be considerable for the council, and we feel that in the current financial climate it is not a viable option to undertake.

**M5** - Night work by Skanska for Highways England has been taking place on the M5 between junctions 11A and 12 for patching repairs to the surface. The installation of a low noise surface remains scheduled for 2018/19.

**Belmont Avenue** - The "Keep Clear" box at the entrance to the avenue has been repainted.

**Footpaths** - The paths in Hucclecote Road, Sussex Gardens, and Colerne Drive are to be inspected by Gloucestershire Highways. Where they identify safety defects, resurfacing will take place.



## Coopers Edge Update

Following the meeting with Bovis Homes and Consortium Managers onsite the remedial works have now started and are progressing slowly but steadily. This includes tarmac

surfacing to a number of cross road trenches, ramping of some roads and driveways, repairs to block paving and, as we write, commencement of repairs to dysfunctional street lighting. Still to happen is landscape works and some tree planting.

The topic of adoption of estate roads is always high on the agenda and again this was discussed during the above meeting and via subsequent e-mails. Both the Building Consortium and Gloucestershire Highways appear to be involved in legal wrangling over this; their latest thoughts are that some movement should take place in the New Year!! We will continue to exert pressure.

There are also an increasing number of complaints regarding Business Park traffic parking on Coopers Edge. We continue to raise this issue during Business Park meetings, but it would help our case greatly if residents affected by this problem could contact the Park Management Team directly on **01452 619281**.



## Broadband Speeds

Our survey to gauge the current broadband speeds in parts of the parish has revealed that scores of local residents are suffering with speeds of barely 2 Megabytes per second (the average download speed across the UK is now 18.7 Mbps).

Low broadband speeds like these mean that it is almost impossible to use the I-Player, and for people that need to work from home, it can be very challenging.

Among the areas that seem to suffer the most are Chestnut Road, Roselle Drive, Robinswood Close, Stump Lane, Arlington Road, Lancaster Road and Juniper Way. Many residents have already complained to BT, and felt they had been fobbed off. Several parishioners had been told that it was not 'financially viable' to link them up to an optical fibre connection, even though suitable cabling is nearby.

We will be contacting 'Fastershire' to feed this information through to them, and we will press them to include these areas in their next phase of work to deliver higher broadband speeds.



## Christmas Greetings

*The Chairman and Councillors wish you all a happy peaceful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.*



## Household Waste Collection Schedule

Green refuse bin, Food waste caddy and Brown garden bin	Blue recycling bin and Food waste caddy
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> December -NO COLLECTION	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 – CATCH UP COLLECTION	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March

### To contact the Parish Council:

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### The Parish Councillors are:

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CLlr Mr Andrew Pugh  
CLlr Mrs Gill Blackwell  
CLlr Mr D Bentley  
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