

DUMMER PARISH COUNCIL AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2010

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Yellow Lines - Traffic Regulation Order

Pressure from a small number of residents has resulted in a proposal from the BDBC Neighbourhood Development team to introduce double yellow lines around the church in the heart of the Conservation Area. They would extend to Farleigh Lane, along Up Street to the bus stop and along Down Street with a break of 45m for parking between the Queensfield entrance and a short section before the Queen Inn car park. The area covered by the restrictions currently provides parking for All Saints church, the Queen Inn, walkers, cyclists, singers and bell ringers. Their vehicles would be displaced to other locations in the village. When the proposals were discussed at a lively PC meeting in August there was overwhelming opposition to the scheme. BDBC will soon advertise their revised proposals in the Basingstoke Gazette – it is vital that all those who attended the meeting and those who were away on holiday write to BDBC to express their views.

The pond is now a village green

The parish council has registered the pond as a village green to give it lasting protection. Now is a good time to make progress on the dredging project while Up Street has a lull in development. The pond is heavily silted and Hampshire Wildlife Trust has given advice on solutions to the problem and on ways to improve its habitat value. The first action is to test the silt for pollution, then to identify the source of the silt and attempt to contain it at source and finally to install silt traps in the drains leading into the pond. We hope to gain from Farleigh's experience on a similar project. It may also be possible to reduce the cost by using a team of volunteers.

Snow and grit bins

Dummer is on the list of villages scheduled to receive grit bins. These bins will be installed in Down Street and at the Church bus stop and refilled by HCC. This will allow the community to be more self-sufficient in the event of snow.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2010 AT 7:30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Wind turbines

BDBC has carried out an initial consultation on the scope for an Environmental Impact Assessment concerning the erection of eight wind turbines on land between Popham and Woodmancott. The structures in question would be 100 metres high overall with the turbine hub at 65 metres and blades of 35 metres. The PC has commented that the interests of horse riders, walkers, balloonists and civil and military aviation should also be considered. A planning application for a 60 metre mast to provide data on wind conditions is expected.

Buses

The STS timetable for journeys to and from Basingstoke is as follows:

Dummer Church to Basingstoke

	<i>Depart</i>	<i>Arrive</i>
STS Bus 55	07:46	08:12
STS Bus 55	09:21	09:42
STS Bus 55	11:21	11:42
STS Bus 55	12:21	12:42
STS Bus 55	14:21	14:42
STS Bus 55	16:54	17:15

Mervyn's Coaches service 96A departing at 17:41 connects with Stagecoach Jazz 1 at Sainsbury's to reach Basingstoke at 18:28.

Basingstoke to Dummer Church

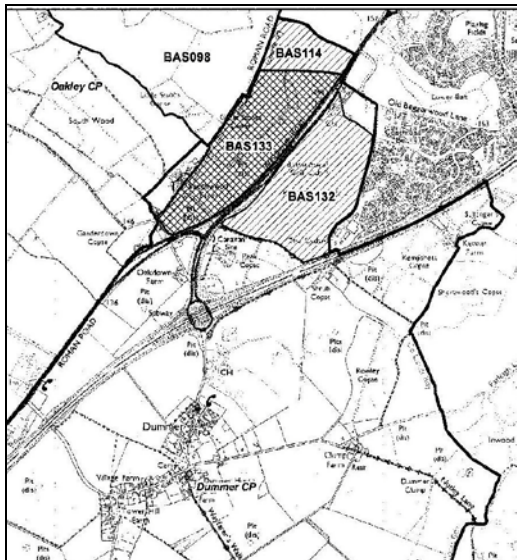
	<i>Depart</i>	<i>Arrive</i>
STS Bus 55	08:12	08:33
STS Bus 55	10:15	10:36
STS Bus 55	11:42	12:03
STS Bus 55	13:15	13:36
STS Bus 55	14:52	15:17
STS Bus 55	17:15	17:15 Sat only
STS Bus 55	17:30	17:52 Not Sat

Play area shelter

Concerns have been raised that the proposed shelter could attract disruptive groups. The PC has decided to shelve the plan for the time being.

3,000 New houses in the Parish of Dummer – Action needed!

Basingstoke has published its Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). This has identified greenfield sites that could be made available for housing in the next 15 years. In addition to the long running campaign to oppose development of the Manydown Estate, the so-called "Oakleystoke", this year residents of the Loddon Valley organised aggressive lobbying to discourage development east of Basingstoke, and Overton has protested that its village has grown too fast. What you may not know is that the SHLAA also contains 3 major sites with capacity of almost **3,000 houses** to be built within one mile of Dummer village itself. They lie to the north of the M3, alongside the A30.



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- BAS114 Kennel Farm - Saunders Field
- BAS133 Hounsme Fields
- BAS132 Basingstoke Golf Club

Because of the opposition elsewhere, elected councillors and planners may see locating new houses in the south western part of the borough near Dummer as a soft option. If you are concerned about the potential of 3,000 more houses in the parish and, **most importantly**, you are prepared to help form a campaign to oppose these sites, please contact the Parish Council.

Congratulations to North Waltham

At the Hampshire Association of Local Councils AGM, the Fuller's Brewery award for the best village in Hampshire was won by our neighbours North Waltham.

New homes questionnaire

The South East Plan has been abolished and with it the target of increasing the number of new houses to 945 a year. BDBC is conducting a survey on the level of housing development the borough should be planning for the next 20 years. The survey period lasts until 14 January 2011. See www.basingstoke.gov.uk/go/newhomes.

Standing water in Farleigh Lane

Heavy rain causes water from Nutley Lane and the Clump to run down Farleigh Lane and flood outside Dummer House and then flow on into Down Street. These floods wash material out of the banks, which blocks the drains and perpetuates the problem. The parish council has asked the HCC highways team to consider installing conservation kerbs 4" (10cm) high in a short section of Farleigh Lane and to restore the verge. The kerbs would be similar to the ones in Chapel Close. The PC would welcome views on this scheme.



Chinese lanterns

Concern has been expressed about these lanterns which are effectively mini-hot air balloons composed of flame, paper and wire. They can travel several miles, carried upwards by the heat until they burn out and fall to earth where they can be a danger to animals and to thatched roofs.

Tennis court contributions

Many thanks to all those players and friends who contributed to the tennis courts this year. Although the number of donations was down, the courts remain in good condition thanks to regular maintenance. One of the nets requires some repairs but should remain serviceable for another season.

Ditch clearing

HCC Highways team have been asked to clear the ditch in Down Street opposite the golf club and to improve drainage. It is hoped this will reduce the accidents that have occurred in recent years.

Planning applications: awaiting decision

Applications awaiting a decision are: Conversion of Barn 1 and Barn 2 into residential dwellings, retention and repair of existing stables and Barn 3 for private equestrian use as stables and hay store, and change of use of land to private equestrian use, all at Kennel Farm; erection of a two/three bedroom cottage and garage and erection of garage to serve existing dwelling at Lynton, Tower Hill; erection of a two-storey rear extension and alterations following demolition of existing single storey rear extension, also listed building consent, at Keepers Cottage, Up Street; erection of a single storey side extension following demolition of existing side extension at 1 Glebe Close; change of use from Class B1 (office) to dwelling and internal alterations, also listed building consent, at The Clock House, Kempshott Park; erection of a single storey rear extension at 1 Ganderdown Cottages, Winchester Road, Dummer; Construction of swimming pool and erection of changing room and plant room at Mulberry Cottage, Farleigh Lane; change of use of redundant agricultural buildings to B1(c) (light industrial) and B8 (storage and distribution) at Dummer Down Farm; erection of three bedroom cottage and double garage at Rose Court, Down Street (awaiting appeal decision). In North Waltham parish: Display of a free standing non illuminated sign (for the Fox) on land north east of Wheatsheaf Hotel, Winchester Road; demolition of existing function building/store and erection of a two-storey detached building forming function room and 8 letting rooms at The Sun Inn, Winchester Road.

Planning applications: decided

Change of use to a cricket ground, including new landscaping and temporary access, on land adjacent to Dummer Down Farm; erection of a detached four bedroom dwelling with associated access at Laurel Cottage, Dummer Down Lane; display of various non-illuminated and externally illuminated signs at the Wheatsheaf; erection of hay storage barn at Paddock adjacent to

Dummer Down Cottage (needs to re-apply); erection of a side conservatory and infill sides of existing carport to form garage at 3 Manor Farm Cottages (refused); demolition of existing garage/store at Lynton, Tower Hill; erection of rear and side extension to garage and link to dwelling, construction of basement below garage and raising of garage roof to form living accommodation with roof lights, at Pond Cottage, Up Street; insertion of two roof lights to office space at Unit 2, Clump Barn, Farleigh Lane; erection of detached garage/study with first floor playroom at The Cottage, Up Street (withdrawn); variation of a planning condition to allow design of conservatory to be altered with a tiled roof at Sweetlands, Up Street.

Tree applications

Removal of a cherry at Portman House, Down Street; crown reduce by 30% a horse chestnut at South View, Up Street; and crown lift to 5 metres one beech and one field maple at Meadow House, Dummer Down Lane.

Vote for high speed broadband

Over the next five years BT is rolling out superfast fibre optic broadband across the UK. It calls the service BT Infinity. The centre of Basingstoke is in the rollout plan. The Race to Infinity gives the Dummer exchange the opportunity to raise its priority and be included in the rollout plan. The five exchanges with the greatest registered interest as a percentage of the total telephone exchange size on 31 December will be added to BT's fibre rollout plan. BT will also donate £5,000 of computer equipment to a local community project. Exchanges need a minimum of 1,000 valid voting addresses in order to enter the race. Private and business addresses can vote. You can via the web site - only vote once per postal address via www.bt.com/racetoinfinity. Vote today!

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