

# DUMMER PARISH COUNCIL

## SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2011

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### **Bus service**

Steventon Travel Services went into liquidation on 15 August and as a result the bus service to Basingstoke has been suspended. There is a statutory requirement to provide buses to take children to schools within the catchment area and HCC and BDBC transport planners are working to reinstate a service for other passengers. This will be a reduced service but would provide a vital lifeline now that Dummer no longer has a shop. The PC is also investigating the possibilities of Dial a Ride or a volunteer driver scheme.

### **Registration of septic tanks**

There have been several reports in the press and on South Today about registering septic tanks following regulations made in 2010. However the Government is now reviewing the registration requirements and will make an announcement in the next few weeks. In the meantime registration is only required if a house is for sale. There is no need to register a cesspool or cesspit, as these are sealed systems that have to be emptied regularly and have no discharge to the environment. More information is available at [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/132387.aspx](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/132387.aspx). If your septic tank has already been granted permission for discharge, then you need take no further action.

### **Woodmancott Wind Farm**

BDBC'S Planning Committee refused TCI's application for planning permission to erect a meteorological mast on the site of its proposed wind farm. TCI has appealed this decision and the Planning Inspectorate opinion is expected shortly. The mast is intended to collect data that will be used to assess the suitability of the site for seven wind turbines, each 100 metres high (60 metres to the hub plus 40 metre blades). An event was held at East Stratton village hall to explain the wind farm proposals and was well attended by residents of all the

surrounding villages. An opposition web site has been created:

[www.nocandoverwindfarm.co.uk/](http://www.nocandoverwindfarm.co.uk/).  
TCI's information can be found at [www.woodmancottdown.com/](http://www.woodmancottdown.com/).

### **Farleigh anaerobic digestion facility**

There is a planning application adjacent to the parish boundary at The Carousel Dairy, Manor Farm, Farleigh Lane, for demolition of the existing agricultural buildings, and construction and operation of an anaerobic digestion facility to handle food waste and agricultural slurries, with creation of an access track to connect the site to an existing highway entrance. This application will be decided by HCC (reference PLAN/WJA/BA170).

### **Parking in Down Street**

The outcome of the consultation on parking restrictions has been decided. The final scheme will refresh the existing double lines and introduce a new section across the access to Queensfield. The Queen Inn's car park has been marked with bays to encourage better parking.

### **New housing numbers and sites**

On 8 September BDBC will discuss the number of houses to be built in the borough each year up to 2027. There will be further meetings on the 20 and 21 September to agree the sites where development will take place. If all the sites identified within the parish were scheduled for development it is possible that 2,400 houses would be built. Other parishes propose to object and it is important that Dummer makes representations at these meetings to express its concerns over the impact of such development.

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:  
MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 7:30PM  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

### **Planning applications: awaiting decision**

The following applications have been received. Installation of 6 solar thermal panels on south facing roof of the club house and 42 solar photovoltaic panels on the roof of the green keepers' building at Dummer Golf Club; erection of a hay storage barn (retrospective) in the paddock adjacent to Dummer Down Cottage.

### **Planning applications, North Waltham**

These applications are adjacent to Dummer. Following approval of extension of the time limit specified in Condition 1 of BDB/67703 for the erection of a warehouse and offices for Class B8 use at TT Tents, Winchester Road, there is a further application for variation of condition 1 of BDB/73944 for the erection of a warehouse and offices for Class B8 to allow enclosure of the open central area of the warehouse and installation of 2 roller shutter doors, also at TT Tents, Winchester Road; a revised application for demolition of existing function building/store and erection of a two storey detached building forming function room and 8 letting rooms and extension of existing car park at The Sun Inn (refused) has gone to appeal.

### **Planning applications: decided**

Applications decided are: erection of a single storey rear extension at East View, Dummer Down Lane; erection of balustrade on existing wood store roof to form balcony at 3 Queensfield; installation of 12 solar panels on detached garage at Lime Tree Cottage, Down Street; erection of single storey outbuilding to rear of garage at The Old Brewery, Up Street; application for Certificate of Lawfulness for use of part of building as Class D2 (Assembly and Leisure) for band practice at Southwood Farm, Trenchard Lane; replacement of glazed conservatory roof with a slate roof at Eastcombe, Farleigh Lane; display of an internally illuminated rolled fascia sign at Mott Motorcycles Ltd, Winchester Road; and relief of condition 4 of planning permission BDB/70204 to allow proposed boundary wall to be replaced with hedging at The Old Post Office, Down Street. Erection of a detached double garage/study with store and playroom above at The Cottage, Up Street, was granted on appeal.

### **Tree work**

Approval has been given for reduction to hedge level of a beech at The Old Brewery, Up Street, and for reduction by 3 metres of 5 leylandii and felling of one leylandii at Oldwell House, Up Street.

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

At the annual meeting held in May reports were delivered by the parish council, Andy Reid for the police, Rob Golding, our new borough councillor, Anna McNair Scott, our HCC councillor, and the nature group.

### **Dummer Nature group**

Led by Diane Nicolle a nature group has been formed. An ad hoc committee has drafted its objectives and constitution. The aim of the group is to raise local awareness of biodiversity and nature conservation and to involve the whole community in identifying, recording and monitoring local habitats and species. A questionnaire and poster for a meeting on 8 September are distributed with this newsletter.

### **The Pond**

The parish council is working with the Dummer Nature Group to prepare an application for a grant to dredge the pond and improve its habitat value. This is a priority action for the coming year. A sample of silt has been sent to the National Laboratory Service for analysis to determine the method of its disposal. A vital part of the scheme will be to prevent further silt from entering the pond.

### **Tennis courts**

The courts have been well used during the summer. Apart from regular litter clearance and minor repairs to nets there has been no need for significant expenditure. Thanks to all who have contributed to the upkeep.

#### *Parish Councillors:*

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Barry Dodd, Andrew Ferguson,  
Debra Mann, Elwyn Wareham

*Borough Councillors:* Andrew Finney,  
Rob Golding, Diane Taylor

*HCC Councillor:* Anna McNair-Scott  
*MP:* Sir George Young

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