



Dibden Purlieu Pond Clear Up



The Parish Council, in partnership with local volunteers Tony Rogers and Alec Musgrave, commenced a major clean up of the pond at Oakenbrow, Dibden Purlieu.

The necessary works included the removal of some dense undergrowth to allow a mini digger to remove spoil from the silt trap. Following this, the mammoth task of removing a large quantity of pondweed was entered in to. In order to achieve the removal of the weed Tony and Alec had to wade into the pond and tie a rope around large quantities of weed. The rope was secured to a tractor, which pulled the weed ashore and subsequently into a skip. Future work is planned , this

will include the removal of any remaining weed and the provision of two new signs warning people of the danger of ponds. In addition, there will be some work carried out to reduce the depth of the pond around the edges.

It is anticipated that all of the improvements will be completed by the end of the year.

The Parish Council would like to thank both Alec and Tony for their advice and hard work.

New Hearing Loops Installed at Council Premises

With the help of a £4800.00 grant from the National Lottery, the Parish Council has installed hearing loops into the Council Chamber at The Grove and to the Parish Hall at West Street.

The Council is keen to make public access to all Council facilities easier for all members of the community. The hearing loops are the first in a list of improvements, which are being carried out on Council premises.

Vandalism Continues

Sadly vandalism continues to take away funds from more deserving causes to repair or replace items and equipment damaged by vandals. The Council strives to improve the Parish and this year it introduced new planters on the main entrances to the Parish. On numerous occasions the plants were either stolen or damaged and the flowerbed on Prospect Place was completely trampled. Safety surfaces at play areas have had sections burned or cut out. Apart from the cost repair the Council employs the services of a private security firm to patrol the areas to try and reduce the damage and anti social behaviour. The Council would like to enlist your help to try and reduce these problems by reporting any incidents you may witness to the police.

The Future Development of the Parish

The Council is keen to develop a plan for the future development of the Parish. In order to set this process in motion the Council is pleased to have appointed Helen Owers to act as the Project Co-ordinator for the task. The initial stages of the process are to carryout a review of all the services and facilities such as housing, community



facilities, shops, the environment, transport etc within the Parish, identifying areas where there are weaknesses and where improvements could be made. This information will then be used to draw up a plan to take the Parish forward. It is anticipated that these initial stages will take twelve months to complete. Whilst Helen is coordinating the project, for it to be a success, it has to be supported by the community at large. If you would like further information on how you could get involved then please contact Helen either by telephone on 023 8084 1411 ext 208 or by email at helen.owers@btconnect.com.

Street Lighting

Each year Hampshire County Council asks Parish Councils to submit bids to have street lighting in their area upgraded as part of their Community Safety Initiative. The schemes are limited to £5000, half of which is paid for by the Parish Council and there are strict policies on such schemes. Each year the Parish Council budgets to carryout one scheme in the Parish. Whilst we have a list of roads which we believe could benefit the Council would welcome any suggestions where street lighting could be improved. If you would like to suggest an area please write to the Clerk of the Council at The Grove.

Starting School in September 2005

If your child was born between 1 September 2000 and 31 August 2001 then Hampshire County Council have said that is important that you apply for a school place by midday on **Friday 19 November 2004**. To do this you will need to collect a brochure and an application (CR2) from your local primary or infant school. If you need more information contact the Admissions Team on 01962 846004/846001/846020/846038.

Allotments

As part of the Councils commitment to improve its three allotment sites work has started by installing notice boards at the sites. The first notice board has been installed at the West Street site and it is anticipated that that the other two will be installed by the end of the financial year. These boards will be used better communication between the tenants of the allotments and between the tenants and the Council.

It is via these notice boards that the Council will be able to ask tenants what improvements they would like to see at their specific sites along with their priorities. The suggestions will then be put forward to the Council for consideration. If they are accepted budget provision will be made for the improvements.



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