

Our next meeting is on Thursday 23rd February at 7pm in Deverell Hall. Please note that the meeting will begin at 7pm on this occasion as we have two interesting speakers.

The agenda for the meeting is:

The Chairman will welcome the guests and residents.

Dr Grahame Saxby-Soffe will give a talk with slides on 'The Roman History of our local area'. Grahame's grandfather was a builder and is responsible for such roads as Alameda Road and Way. Grahame now lives near Oxford but his mother still lives in Widley.

At about 8 o'clock Andrew Perrin, our local historian, will give a talk on the more recent history of Purbrook and Widley. Andrew will be well-known to many of you as the guy who researched a descendant of Lord Deverell and brought him to Deverell Hall very recently. Our last Chairman, Colin Weam, was a friend and mentor of Andrew.

If they are able the beat bobby, the safety officer and a youth worker will be in attendance.

A.O.B. from the residents.

The AGM in November brought forward a volunteer, John Briggs, who will be our Vice Chairman. Welcome aboard John! Also at the meeting a resident pointed out that all the officers on the committee at present would need to resign in 2007. This is being altered to stagger retirement over a three year period.

Sandy Dell/Privett Road Project. Progress is slow but rewarding. Far more volunteers would be much appreciated to our monthly working sessions. We meet the last Sunday of the month at 9.30am i.e. 26th February, 2nd April (because of Mothering Sunday) and 30th April. The progress so far: the south side of Privett Road had all the paths cleared but one section is muddy due to flooding and council lorries which entered the Dell to remove a dangerous 12ft brick wall. In the region of 4,000 bulbs were planted in the two areas for us by the Council and we are grateful to Cllr Gwen Blackett for organising this. The group has made a start on the Sandy Brow undergrowth. There is good news for us workers in that the Probation Service has agreed to put a team to work in the copse on a regular basis starting on Tuesday 31st January. We are very grateful to the resident who put us in contact with this group. The nature notice boards are still in the pipeline. We have been asked to consider clearing the Penjar Pond and the Conservation area on the London Road by the old garage in Purbrook. We are trying to gain permission from the Council to work on those areas.

Kennedy Close/Stakes Road application to build 3x3 bedroom houses with access into Kennedy Close has been refused due to drainage and flooding problems in the area.

Applewood Grove. Permission to put in drainage has been refused as it was felt that the developer would reapply to build flats which have been refused twice by H.B.C. We are being more fully informed on Planning issues by Cllr David Farrow.

The Old Garage Site in Purbrook is now through the planning stage and the proposal is for 7x2 bedroom houses and 2x2 bedroom flats with 10 parking spaces at the rear. The Association has asked for some flint to be used on the London Road frontages.

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Association's web site is: www.hwt.org.uk

The Community Fire Safety phone no. is 02380626809. They will arrange a free check of your property and install, free, smoke alarms if necessary.

Linda Bowden lost her fight with cancer just before Christmas. She was a stalwart worker for Waterlooville Ratepayer's Association and gave us invaluable advice. We will greatly miss her. The MDA Stakeholders Consultation Day on 10th November 2005 was attended by John and Pam. The purpose of the day was to establish what the community needs will be for the new development. A Health Centre that included a Dentist, easy access to Waterlooville on foot, by bike, car and bus, more car parking facilities in Waterlooville and in the new development came to the fore as the priorities.

The MDA Forum on 8th December at the Crookhorn College of Technology. Maps were displayed of the suggested road layouts to access the new development. 1. The southern access road at Park Road on the A3.

The Maurepas roundabout. 3. Hambledon Road.

The Southern access is proposed to be a traffic signal controlled 'T' junction 170 metres south of the Ladybridge roundabout. The Purbrook Heath Road would be diverted. The proposed layout would mean families walking from Purbrook and Widley would need to cross 4 roads to reach Purbrook Heath. The proposed road has crept closer to the Rowan's Hospice which will disturb the tranquillity of a very special place. PAW ARA has tried to persuade the planners of Winchester and Havant to use the Ladybridge Roundabout as the access to the new development, then the route to the Heath would remain as today and it would mean less disruption to the Hospice. The Chairman, Cllr. Brian Colin of Winchester City Council, agreed with the Public and asked that the Developer reconsider the Plan.

The Maurepas Roundabout. The plan showed the centre of the present roundabout more or less lost in the new roundabout. The access will be via a dual carriageway and the whole complex will have traffic lights. If this junction is to be as the December plan then it will probably be the largest roundabout in the South.

Hambledon Road is destined to have two access roads into the new development. One 160 metres south-east of Sunny mead Drive and the other 150 metres north-east of Sunny mead Drive. There is to be no widening of the Hambledon Road at all. Many of the public saw this as a lost opportunity to widen the road to accommodate the extra traffic before the houses and shops were built.

One piece of good news to come from the meeting was that Hampshire County Council does not now need the land set aside for a Bio Mass Recycling Centre in the new development. Perhaps some of the 500+ houses planned for the two fields between Purbrook and Waterlooville could go there that would be very doubtful.

Not having a recycling centre in the middle of new houses will mean a far more pleasant environment for the new residents and not the constant lorry traffic to feed the centre.

Vera Looker gave a succinct and factual talk about CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) at our last meeting. Every week 4/8 young people die of this and CRY is trying to set up clinics to test young athletes. Vera's phone no. is 023 92383585.

The Meeting Place in Elizabeth Road is now running 4 sessions a week i.e. Tuesdays 4pm till 6pm for girls, Wednesdays 3pm till 5pm a 'Sexual Health Drop In', Wednesdays 6.15pm till 8.45pm open to 13yr olds and older and Thursdays 5 .15pm till 7 .15pm open to aged 10 to 14 yr olds.

The Radio Mast in Stakes Road, opposite Claremont Gardens. As predicted Vodafone has gone to appeal to try to overturn the Council's refusal to give planning permission.

Havant Borough Council's **Local Development Framework for 2011** onwards can be viewed at the Hermitage Housing Office in St. George's Walk, Waterlooville or at www.havant.gov.uk/havant-4338. **HBC** would like the public comments by March 3rd.

Brian Kidd, the Portsmouth 'News' gardening correspondent, will be giving a talk on 'Bulbs' in our meeting on 28th September.

Thank you to all our deliverers who coped with an extra Council leaflet with our last Newsletter. Havant Borough Council donated £60 to our Association Funds for all your hard work.

**The Committee hopes to see many of you on 23rd February at 7pm in Deverell Hall
to support our two speakers.**