

Newsletter No 7 September 2006

We must begin this Newsletter by thanking John Vigay from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust for giving us such a knowledgeable talk at our May meeting. One month later he headed a walk in the Plant Farm and Purbrook Heath area spotting many orchids on the ramble. Twelve residents attended. In the Purbrook Heath area there was much excitement when John identified a rare Ginko tree, sometimes called the Maidenhair Tree. Our thanks go to Sheila McIntosh for organising this evening walk. We are grateful to Mrs Jackie Bachelor, Planning Officer from Havant and Mr Steve Tilbury, Planning Officer from Winchester for attending and answering your many questions at the same meeting.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 28th September at 7pm. in Deverell Hall. The agenda for the meeting is:

1. A talk by Brian Kidd, the gardening correspondent for 'The News' The theme for his talk is 'Bulbs'. Brian is such a busy man that we had to book him 18 months ago. He is also a member of the litter picking team which collects other peoples' litter along the A3 through Purbrook.
2. If the police and the community officers are able to attend they want to hear residents' concerns. (3) A.O.B. from the residents.
3. An M.D.A. Grainger Plan will be on show. Hopefully it will show the proposed development of the land from south-west Waterlooville to Purbrook Heath.
4. The M.D.A. Plans will be exhibited to the public in Deverell Hall and Waterlooville Library on the following dates.

Deverell Hall: September 14th, 2pm till 7pm; September 15th 2pm till 5pm; September 16th, 10am till 12pm.

Waterlooville Library: September 21st 2pm till 7pm. September 22nd, 2pm till 5pm. September 23rd, 10am till 2pm.

The M.D.A. Forum meeting on 20th July. There was an update on the progress of the northern area Wimpy Plans and the imminent appearance of the southern area Grainger Plans. The Wimpy area to the south of Hambledon Road showed the new recycling area well away from Hambledon Road, requiring lorries and cars to travel through partly residential areas to reach the 'tip'. PAWARA and the Waterlooville South Board have suggested a separate road should access the tip to the west of the development. The Environmental Agency showed ideas and plans to enhance rivers, streams and ponds in the development area. People with local knowledge added information which the officer appeared pleased to receive. David and Pam attended this meeting.

The Diocese of Portsmouth submitted plans for their triangle of land at Ladybridge roundabout on the A3 to be used for the MDA southern access. The church submitted this independent plan to HBC in an attempt to force the planning authorities to consider their land. The Diocese had agreed to the HBC's request to hold their plans in abeyance until a further meeting took place. That meeting has taken place and the Diocese was given the new Grainger plan. The Diocese can now present a new submission which will tie in with the Grainger plans north of the Purbrook Heath Road. Grainger's proposed new plan shows the access road crossing the Purbrook Heath Road to run parallel with the A3 to traffic lights access opposite the allotments, 300 metres south of the Ladybridge roundabout. The amount of land being used for this road at Widley will probably mean more housing at a later date between the A3 and Purbrook Heath. An Inspector stated that the southern access must be at or in close vicinity to the Ladybridge roundabout and there should be no building south of the Purbrook Heath Road. We understand that the Marrelswood entrance on the new church plan will be onto the Ladybridge roundabout.

A petition against the Ladybridge roundabout church plans was being signed in the Purbrook Post office at the end of July. Most of the headed statements were surmises and not factual and apparently this has caused some residents unnecessary concern. One resident phoned very worried that she would not be able to drive to the Rowan's Hospice via her usual route. She thought the Heath road was going to be blocked off and the diversion would be Widley Walk. Where was Widley Walk? The church plans **did not show a diversion down Widley Walk** or the blocking off of Purbrook Heath Road. Every one has the right to collect and sign a petition but it should be factually correct.

Sandy Dell/Privett Road Project. The good news is that the 4 environmental boards are in place. The working party have switched their attention to the Privett Road area where the council intend to remove the old tarmac surface and add top-soil. PAWARA will then sow wild flower and grass seed.

More volunteers are needed as the group intends to split in the spring of 2007, so as to tackle Penjar pond with the help of BTCV (British Trust of Conservation Volunteers). Privett Road is the meeting point on the last Sunday in the month, hence 24th September, 29th October, and 26th November.

Purbrook Park School Playing Fields in Stakes Road. Development plans were shown to the public at the Crookhorn School on 12th June and at Deverell Hall on 26th July. The developers are seeking to increase the number of homes from 80 to 110.

Rockville Drive Junction. Some progress has been made re. the actual junction where the Rockville Drive meets the roundabout. Shell has agreed to move some utilities so as to give more footpath width on Rockville Drive. The crossing point will be 10 metres towards Wickes which should mean a safer crossing. Cllr Nigel Tarrant is pursuing with Chris Murray, the A3 Project Manager, a solution involving the wide access off the roundabout into the petrol station. Some way of slowing the traffic needs to be found.

St. John's Church alterations. The good news is that the architect and the church listened to relatives and residents and have submitted plans to HBC showing the new Parish Meeting Room being swung nearer the north side of the church. Hopefully this will give more light and room for that part of the cemetery where peoples' ashes have been scattered or interred.

Dustbin collection. This problem will not be resolved until the fortnightly collection is abandoned. At the 28th Sept. meeting we will ask you to pass the following resolution" PAWARA asks the Borough to rethink the fortnightly collection of household waste. In this 21st century the very least the Borough must consider is weekly collection in June, July and August". If this is carried then we will ask other Residents' Associations and Community Boards to back us.

The Old Garage Site in Purbrook. The agreed development has been withdrawn as the Housing Association has been unable to secure a grant.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. There are two interesting talks planned for October and November, both to be held in St. Wilfred's Church Hall, Padnell Road, Cowplain, P08 8DZ.

1. Wednesday 18th October at 7.30pm. Topic" Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in East Hampshire" The talk will be given by John Heasman and the admission is £2. Contact John Vigay, 92592383 for further details.
2. Wednesday 15th November at 7.30pm. Topic "Saving Our Most Precious Resources". The speakers will be David Rumble from the Wildlife Trust and Andy Neave from Portsmouth Water. Included will be the proposal to build a new reservoir near the Havant Thicket, the impact on wildlife and ways in which we can all help to conserve water. Again contact John Vigay as above for further information.

Deliveries. Myra is pleased to report that the plea for Purbrook Chase deliverers has been very successful. Thank you to all our deliverers.

We hope to see you in Deverell Hall on the 28th September.

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