

Meeting Report October 2024

Christmas Open Evening

Boldre Parish Council will be holding an open evening with refreshments on **Monday 2nd December at 18.30**. Come along and here first hand about our plans and projects for 2025.

Recreation Ground

It is an exciting time at the council in the amenities team. Final plans are being drawn up for the second phase of the play area.

In addition to the new play and sports equipment some other small improvements will be made. A new patio will be laid underneath the picnic bench, more bulbs will be planted and the arrival of fifteen new trees.

The trees will be planted in two areas: along the play area fence line and in the far corner of the recreation ground. The council will organise a tree planting event and will be looking for volunteers to help out.

Is there anything you would like to see at the recreation ground? Do you have any further fundraising ideas? Please get in touch.

Pavilion and Football pitches

Do you have a group that could use the pavilion for an outside exercise class or use it as a base for some outdoor training? Contact the Clerk with your proposals.

The Pavilion is a great location for an event or a class. There are toilets, showers and a basic kitchen area. Do you have an idea for its use? Are you part of a regular group that could do with an occasional or regular venue?

As the future of football is still uncertain on the recreation ground, thoughts are being given to how the recreation ground as a whole could have alternative recreation uses.

Parish Highways

Highways Group Report – October 2024

‘Encroachment of Hedges’ - please note any significant encroachment issues and let the Highways Group know the location landowner. Our approach will be to encourage a positive response. Initially, as in recent years, we will seek to talk with the property owner, explaining their responsibility. BPC may deliver a letter to the landowner outlining their responsibilities and requesting the issue is addressed; the letter will also indicate that the encroachment problem may be referred to HCC for further action. (Of course, residents may wish to report the problem directly to HCC through their App.)

The group has engaged with Hampshire Police and NFDC to get a ‘turn’ on the **stand-alone S.I.D.** for Pilley Street. Unfortunately, the Speed Indicator Device seems to have been mislaid, the administrator has said they will look into us having another one, but it will not be until the New (financial) Year.

In Portmore further tree damage from HGVs has occurred at Vicars Hill. The group have persuaded HCC to re-open the original request for **‘Unsuitable for Heavy Vehicles’ signs** at both ends of Hundred Lane – one sign on the B3054 is already in place.

The group has also noted and reported **temporary road signs that have not been collected**, after work has been completed; with most of the signs now removed at last.

There also appears to be an issue with the co-ordination of diversion signs with works and the suitability of diversion routes.

We have been in contact with Countryside Services to try and expedite the work on the **Solent Way footpath in Pylewell (FP 502)**. This is currently closed for up to two years, we are hoping that we can have some idea of when the path will re-open. (Recent experience has been that closures have been extended and then completed at the last moment.)

Please continue to report road problems to HCC on their website or app. It would also be useful to emphasise to local residents that the property owner has responsibility for the maintenance of adjacent hedges, drains and watercourses.

Please take the opportunity to report highways problems to HCC – potholes, defects, signage etc – before the section gets swamped by winter weather.

Please, if you notice road signs obscured by vegetation make a note and let the group know.

Please continue to report Road issues to the Highways Authority – Hampshire County Council – search:

Hampshire County Council Report a Problem and select *Road Problem*

Hampshire also have an App for 'Phones – *OurHants*

Speedwatch

The speedwatch team are looking for new volunteers. Do you have any time to give to this worthy cause? Please get in touch. clerk@boldre.org.uk

Helping hands

As we begin to go into the Autumn/Winter season where the days are shorter, the weather is less fortunate and the likelihood of increased illness, we think of vulnerable residents in the Parish.

Do you know of a service that might help with transportation for medical appointments, to local community groups or a service to check in on your neighbour? Can you offer some time to help local vulnerable residents. Please get in touch.

Fibre Broadband

Wessex Internet will soon be rolling out full fibre to properties in the area.

They will be hosting a community evening on 4th November at 18.30.

You can contact them via email vicky.missen@wessexinternet.com.

Boldre Parish Clerk – Victoria Thomas

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The next full meeting will be Monday 11th November at 18.30