



Whitfield Parish Council Newsletter

November 2021

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Future distribution of the Newsletter

As the Village Groups and organisations re-start their meetings and activities, we are keen to resume the regular monthly Newsletter to advertise these events to everyone.

Unfortunately, despite getting a good response from the Volunteer Network, we have been unable to recruit enough Volunteers to deliver to the entire Parish and so it is with deep regret that we can no longer use the voluntary network after many years of loyal and steadfast service to the Community. Before Covid there were over 43 Volunteer Distributors and over the years, many, many more have 'done their bit'. Thank you all for your Years of Service !

We are looking for a reliable way of delivering to all houses in the Parish. Meanwhile we are publishing this edition which will be posted on the Parish website and social media, with printed copies being left at various locations around the Village.

Parish Councillor Vacancies

No specialist skills are required apart from an interest in Local Issues, a desire to contribute to the community and a few spare hours a week.

What is a Parish Councillor?

WHAT WE ARE NOT...

- We are not old folk who meet now and then and natter on about "Not a Lot".
- We are not the cast of the Vicar of Dibley!

WHAT WE ARE...

- We are people who care about our Parish and the local community we represent;
- We give guidance, support, information and we have a firm commitment;
- We only have limited powers, but we do have influence and a LOUD VOICE;
- We are negotiators with the power to put pressure on service providers to make the right choices for our community;

SO WHAT DO WE DO?...

- We are able to spend your Council Tax contributions to benefit the community!
- We Manage and Maintain the Recreation Ground, Childrens' Play Areas, Adult and Childrens' Gym equipment, Sports Pitches and Pavilion.
- We erected the War Memorial and continue to maintain it and fund the Remembrance Day Service expenses.

- We provided trees along Sandwich Road
- We support Whitfield Juniors FC Football
- We support the monthly Litter Pick
- We support the Resident Wildlife Group
- We provided the Interactive Speed Sign
- We paid for the Pavement widening by the One Stop Pelican Crossing
- We give donations to Village Groups:
- We paid for the refurbishment of the Village Small Hall
- We paid for the Hall's Brick Pavier Path
- We underwrote funding of St Peter's Church roof repairs, although the Church obtained most of the costs from other sources.

The most important thing now and why we are appealing to you is because we are in need of more people to join us to continue what we do.

Come along to meet your Parish Councillors..
Talk to us see what YOU could do..
See how YOU can help your local community
The decision is up to YOU

Parish Council Website

www.whitfieldparishcouncil.org

The website has all the Parish Council news and information, future meetings, previous meeting minutes, as well as local events, news and information.



Remembrance Service and Wreath Laying Sunday 14th November at 10.45 am

The Remembrance Service will be held by the Reverend Sean Sheffield in the Village Hall, Manley Close, followed by the Wreath Laying Ceremony outside at the War Memorial. Everyone is welcome and will have the opportunity to lay their own Wreaths and tributes.



Residents' Litter Picking Group

The Litter Picking Group usually meet on the third Sunday of every month 10.30 to 12 noon on the Recreation Ground.

Stefanie and Richard Smith.

email – kiwi.smith@hotmail.co.uk

or phone – 07798 538580

Why not join the Adopt a Street scheme?

whitfieldparishcouncil.org/litter-picking-group/



Whitfield Farmers' Market has returned!

Every Thursday in Whitfield Village Hall

08.30 - 12.00 noon.

Come and see what we have on offer for you. After making your purchases why not stay and enjoy a coffee.



Residents Wildlife Group (Whitfield)

A group of local individuals who wish to make the best of the outdoor spaces, so that Whitfield is a wildlife friendly village.

Contact: Stefanie and Richard Smith ,
email – rwg.whitfield@gmail.com
or phone – 07798 538580



Kent Police

Whitfield's PCSO Tyler Harris

www.whitfieldparishcouncil.org/public-services/pcso-information/

Tyler is not always on duty, so problems can be reported by Email:

csu.dover@kent.pnn.police.uk

Police non-emergency number: 101

(Message may be left for Tyler if he's off duty)

In an emergency, always call 999



Dover Flower Club Christmas Spectacular

**Monday November 22nd
7.15pm at the Village Hall**

Christmas Unwrapped: demonstration by Jacqui Arnold, a National Judge.

These fabulous arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening.

There will also be a Christmas goodies raffle.

Tickets £10 for visitors: Members free.

For further information Contact:

Gillian Ogden Tel: 01304 617848

Maureen Edmond edmondrandm@talktalk.net

We have a new postal address:

Whitfield Parish Council
c/o Beeches, Cranleigh Drive,
Whitfield CT16 3FG

phone and email are unchanged:

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Recent Parish Council Meetings

Due to current unfilled vacancies and the unavoidable absences of Councillors, the September and October meetings transacted business was restricted and will be carried out at the next quorate meeting.

Following the resignation of Councillor Carol Coleman the Chair expressed thanks for her service and work, particularly as Chair of the Recreation Committee.

The Chair also expressed his thanks and gratitude to Lena Rashid for her 15 years of service as Deputy Parish Clerk. The Council send both Ms Coleman and Mrs Rashid their very best wishes for the future.

The Finance Reports, the Conclusion of Audit Notice the External Auditors Report were noted.

Clerk reported:

That the recruitment of a Deputy Responsible Finance Officer / Proper Officer / Parish Clerk is progressing.

Speed Indicator Device (SID) has developed a fault. Service being arranged.

Recreation Ground - 2 incidents reported:

Motorbike driving erratically and inconsiderately on the property. Plastic garden chairs smashed up in the MUGA. Both incidents on CCTV and have been reported to the PCSO.

Correspondence received:

Resident concerns in respect of speeding traffic along Archers Court Road and the lack of 'school' warning signs. The Chair contacted a number of partners in respect of this, which has resulted in the installation of 'school' warning signs being agreed. The Clerk has also contacted the PCSO in respect of this matter.

Planning related enquiries and concerns.

Enquiries in respect of the upkeep and maintenance of the Green Areas on Richmond Park.

A suggestion that a 'pathway' across the Recreation Ground between Beauzfield and Farncombe Way be considered.

General enquiries and issues in respect of highways, pathways, Public Rights of Way, overgrown hedges and vegetation.

Dover District Councillor Jim Back provided the following update report:

Councillor Back has contacted Kent Highways in respect of the resurfacing of Archers Court Road and will be discussed at the next Dover Joint Transport Advisory Board Meeting.

He has been in close contact with the Case Officer dealing with the Planning Application for 38 houses at 78 Archers Court Road, and has suggested triggering Cumulative Impact as a reason for refusal.

Councillor Back has also been in contact with the Case Officer handling the Planning Application for 66 properties at 14 Archers Court Road, also suggesting Cumulative Impact application in this case as well.

DDC Councillor Nigel Collor will enquire about extending the 30mph speed limit out of Whitfield towards Coffin Hill

The Council accepted quotes for an electrical inspection of the Pavilion and to purchase 3 Air Purifier Units for use at meetings .

(NOTE:- Due to the urgency and the safety related aspect of these items, they have been approved under delegated powers)

Councillors were asked to consider 'Plant a Tree for the Platinum Jubilee'. The Queen's Canopy - which is just one of the events being promoted by the Lord Lieutenants Office for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022.

Next Parish Council Meeting

9 November 7:30pm at the Parish Pavilion:

Meeting cancelled due to insufficient Councillors being able to attend, so the meeting would possibly not be quorate and would not be able to transact necessary business

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November 2021 - Village Events and Meetings

If you would like your event, meeting or community group included in future Newsletters, please supply details by the third Sunday of the month to the Parish Clerk:
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Weekly Meetings

Daily	Wise Owls Play School	Pre-book only	Whitfield Village Hall
Tue	Modern Jive Dance lessons - Just turn up !	8pm to 11	Whitfield Village Hall
Tue	Yoga for All	2 sessions starting at 12.15pm	Whitfield Village Hall
Tue	Poker Night	8pm start	Whitfield Club
Thu	Whitfield Farmers' Market	8.30am to 12	Whitfield Village Hall
Thu	Social Ball Room	8.00pm to 10	Whitfield Village Hall
Fri	Breathe Easy Singing Group (Term Time Only)	1.30pm to 3	Whitfield Village Hall
Sun	Services are held each week at various times and locations: bewsboroughparish.org		

Monthly Meetings

3rd	Parkinson's UK	10.00am to 12	Whitfield Village Hall
8th	Whitfield Gardeners Society	7.00pm to 9.30	Whitfield Village Hall
9th	Parish Council Meeting	CANCELLED	7.30pm to 9.30 Recreation Ground
10th	Parkinson's UK	10.00am to 12	Whitfield Village Hall
10th	Whitfield Afternoon WI	1.30pm to 3.45	Whitfield Village Hall
11th	South East Kent & Coastal Breathe Easy group	2.00pm to 4	Whitfield Village Hall
15th	Whitfield Evening WI	7.30pm to 10	Whitfield Village Hall
17th	Parkinson's UK	10.00am to 12	Whitfield Village Hall
22nd	Dover Flower Club	6.00pm to 10	Whitfield Village Hall
24th	Dover Craft and Home Economics	2.00pm to 4	Whitfield Village Hall

Children dance classes are back too.

Check out the notice board at the hall and the posters outside the hall for all information on Dance Fusion and Baby Ballet.

Please Note:- All these groups are run by individual leaders. If you would like to attend them then please check out the posters in the foyer at the hall to get contact details.



Whitfield Juniors FC

Whitfield Juniors play matches at the Rec most Saturdays throughout the season. This well run club organise up to 7 teams from under 7's to under 10's and all the members are a credit to Whitfield.

Why not go along and give them your support and maybe have a cup of tea from their canteen while you watch?

Although Government Guidelines have prohibited training and matches at times, the Parish Council have worked closely with the WJFC Organisers to ensure that the club have been able to safely use our facilities whenever permitted.