

Biddenham Bulletin April 2013

Hopefully the run into Spring will give us all some better weather than of late? This will be the first growing season since we appointed the Parish Handyman Ryan Lenihan, whilst he has a programme to follow throughout the year we would appreciate your comments if you think there are areas that need attention. As always please forward comments/request to the Parish Clerk, Roz Buchanan on gdclerk@hotmail.co.uk.

We have had a number of issues which we have had to consult and determine a course of action for over the past few months. The planning for a traveller's site next to the A428 at Bromham and the request from the landowners Wingfield and their agent Biddwells to shoe horn in an additional 300 houses in the Parish. We consulted widely on these issues and it was pleasing to see 90 residents attending the PC meeting to make sure their views were put forward. When the Parish Council see planning issues, or indeed any issue, which we believe will be contentious we go to the trouble of posting a note through everyone's door to make sure they are informed.

This is quite a task as there are now over 750 homes in Great Denham and with the growth of another 1,000 homes communication will get more difficult.

There will be another communication going out to all residents regarding a number of issues we wish to bring to your attention and ask for your support. One of these will be to ask you to supply your email address to the Parish Clerk so that she can a) keep you informed of events and issues b) so that you can bring to our attention any issues or concerns that you have within the parish. Your email addresses (should you provide them) will be kept in-confidence and will only be known to the Parish Clerk.

The park & ride site is near completion and all ground works are completed. Lighting columns are in place and white lining and CCTV cameras are to be fitted shortly. Also as the final stages are taking place the new traffic order round Kingswood Way and part of Greenkeepers Road – by the school – will be marked out, this will be double yellows and prohibit stopping and parking between the hours of 08:00 and 18:00 Monday to Friday.

The Borough have ensured that there are a number of "mother & child" spaces at the front of the park & ride to facilitate parents who have to travel to Great Denham Primary School by car. A word of advice to mums and dads using cars to bring children to school; as soon as the park & ride is available the Borough will be sending out the camera car to catch any illegal parking/drop off activity. **YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!**

The infrastructure is going in for the road system around the District Centre and to the next build area (H11i) which will see 101 houses on the land immediately behind Great Portway, Whitings and Stone Close.

The new Nursery is nearing completion and work should be starting soon on the Community Hall. No news on the shop and other facilities as yet but I hope to be able to have some positive news on this by the May edition.

Just one final thought as we see a new pontiff installed in the Vatican. The new district centre calls for the provision of an Ecumenical Centre. This is supposed to be a multi-faith building open to all. The builders have to supply the land and market to interested parties. What about this as an alternative in the face of all the bricks and mortar that will be surrounding the new centre - a garden of peace and reflection, set out with landscaping quiet corners with seating, water feature etc? I would welcome your views.

Kind regards

Jim Weir

Chairman – Great Denham Parish Council