



Chillerton & Gatcombe Parish Council

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What to do about speeding?

I am sure you will agree that the problem of speeding along Main Road has been getting worse in recent months. Even a legal speed of 30mph is too fast for the narrow roadway with blind bends and no footpaths for much of its length. In Gatcombe village, incidentally, the speed limit is universally 60mph, which is a complete nonsense.

So, what can we do? One approach is to ask the Island Council to impose a 20mph limit throughout the built-up area. Unfortunately, a comprehensive review of speed limits will be happening in a year or so, which is good, but no speed limits will be changed until then.

A second approach is to buy a mobile speed gun and train some residents to use it. We would need a minimum of six residents (or another five – I would be one) to be trained. On each occasion it was used there would have to be three trained people on station in hi-vis jackets. It would only be used in locations checked to be safe.

This article is asking you to let me know how you feel about this. Would you be willing to be a volunteer? If so let me know please so that we can find out if this is a viable option. *Nigel Phillips (Chair)*



The Footpaths

We had a bit of a problem with footpaths in Chillerton and Gatcombe this year.

The Parish Council had agreed with the Rights of Way Department in the Isle of Wight Council to leave some wide footpaths uncut during the summer to promote the growth of wild flowers.



Unfortunately, Rights of Way took this one step further and did not cut ANY footpaths. Consequently, all the narrower footpaths became overgrown and difficult, if not impossible to use. Quite reasonably people complained and were told that it was caused by the Parish Council asking them not to cut the footpaths, even when the complaint was about a footpath not on our list.

As IWC Rights of Way have now ended the trial, they want to go back to cutting all our footpaths at the times and in the manner that they choose (which is often very damaging to our wildlife) or not at all.

Needless to say, the Parish Council is not happy with this approach and will seek to have a detailed discussion about the care of our footpaths to try to come to an arrangement that will be favourable to all parties. *Cllr Nigel Phillips*

Parish Updates



The Parish Council made a detailed submission for the consultation of the Draft Island Planning Strategy and a copy is available to view on the website.

Play Area – Health and Safety upgrades have been made to the matting and the equipment, and the sudden growth of nettles has also been tamed!

No 6 Sunday Service – Once again the Parish Council is working with Niton and Whitwell PC to fund the No6 winter Sunday service.

YOUR PARISH MATTERS!!

Sign up to receive YPM emails to keep in touch with everything that's going on in the parish!

Email: jill.webster@outlook.com

Parish Council Meetings

Our meetings are held in the Village Hall and all residents are welcome to attend.

The next meetings are scheduled for:

Tuesday 2nd November
Tuesday 7th December
Tuesday 4th January 2022



Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team

Here are the contact details for your local SNP Team

Email: west.wight.police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Telephone: 101 and leave a message for either-

PCSO 13341 Justin Keefe

PCSO 13229 Stephen Oatley

IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS RING 999



CGCA Chairman's Report 2020-2021

As I reach the end of my first and last year as chairman my thanks go to all the committee for their hard work throughout another challenging year.

Please Note - our AGM is on October 14th at the Gallybagger at 7pm and new committee members will be very welcome.

The works to the Village Hall and The Gallybagger are almost complete with a new perimeter fence around the Village Hall and exterior repair to the walls.



The Gallybagger re-opened on July 24th 2021 with our opening night which was on a lovely summer evening enjoyed by all. We have also restarted the Folk Nights on the last Thursday of the month. The annual photo competition which had 60 entries was tremendous, with some beautiful photos and the presentation was on September 17th 2021. The winning pictures are now on display.

The Snooker & Billiards League has resumed after over a year's break, and we have, as requested, purchased a pool table which was asked for in the village survey and is available on some open nights.

Finally, The Gallybagger will only survive as your Village Hub if it is well used by everybody. Please enjoy it as it is a superb facility, which any village would want as it is run by local people for the community.

Peter J Whiteman (Chair, Chillerton & Gatcombe Community Association)

The Monthly Market is Back!

The monthly market and cafe at Chillerton Village Hall has started again after a long gap. We last held one in March 2020 and all the volunteers and residents were very excited on Saturday October 2nd to have this regular fixture back.

If you haven't been before, it runs from 10-12 noon on the first Saturday of the month. The cafe offers some truly delicious cakes and if you have any surplus garden produce, or preserves for the market table, they will be most welcome.

If you need further information call Gillian on 721519



The Parish Council is considering a fixed memorial to the fallen, to cover all the wars from WW1 onwards. There is a short survey with this newsletter, please let us know your views.



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Save Our School

We are waiting for Councillor Debbie Andre, the Isle of Wight Council Cabinet Member for Education, to receive a report on options for Chillerton and Rookley Primary School.

We have been assured that one of the options will be our proposal for a Multi-Academy Trust with a secondary school. There is a particular school we have been in discussions with, and who are looking to join with our school once it has been de-federated from Godshill. They have asked us not to publicise their involvement at this time.

After this there will be a consultation period depending on the option Councillor Andre is minded to follow. Save our School are gearing up to launch a publicity drive to persuade people to respond to the consultation.

In the meantime, the Stenbury Federation are continuing to follow their apparent policy of running the school down, thus pushing parents into withdrawing their children.

On a positive note, the application to register the school building with the IW Council, as an asset of community value, has been approved. *Nigel Phillips*

