



# Whiteparish Parish Council

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

*From the Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.*

### **Parish Precept**

It was agreed to set the precept for 2017/2018 at an increase of 3.82% which equates to £1.50 for a Band D property for the year.

Next year's budget is £9,319 more than projected spend for this year. The raise is primarily due to the £5,000 cost of potential elections as advised by Wiltshire Council, £2,600 for two new noticeboards and £1,000 (£500 each) for potential football pitch and bench maintenance.

The Parish Council last increased the precept in 2011.

### **Publication of approved minutes**

Approved minutes have always been readily available to view as the original copy via request to the Parish Council Chairman.

In the future, approved minutes will also be published on the village website and all approved minutes can still be viewed via the Parish Council Chairman. Parish Council Notes will continue to be placed on the noticeboard and in the Steeple and Street.

### **Rights of Way**

With the help of Riverbourne Community Farm and volunteers path 26 has been cleared. Part of Bridleway 39 has also been cleared with the assistance of the British Horse Society, Wiltshire Council and the landowner. The Parish Council encourages use of the Whiteparish rights of way and hopes frequent use will keep paths clear.

### **BT Payphone Removal consultation – payphone on A36, Southampton Road**

The Parish Council raised no objections to the removal of this payphone. The report supplied by BT indicated it has had zero use in the past year.

### **To nominate three people to become Trustees of Whiteparish Memorial Trust**

Mike Hayday, Richard Burr and John Herrett were again nominated by the Parish Council to continue as Trustees.

### **Mean Wood, Whiteparish**

The Parish Council objected to the application for an order to add a public footpath at Mean Wood, Whiteparish to the definitive map and statement. It was a unanimous decision and the Parish Council has always understood this was a permissive footpath.

### **Churchyard grass cutting**

It was agreed to support the PCC request with financial assistance towards grass cutting of the churchyard.

### **Community**

Villagers are invited to come and meet their Parish Councillors and find out what the Parish Council does at the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre. Everyone is welcome.

### **Reporting Highway Issues**

To report a highway problem to Wiltshire Council please call 0300 456 0105 or contact the Parish Clerk at maria.pennington456@btinternet.com. If going direct to Wiltshire Council please request the issue number should the progress need to be tracked.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is on Thursday, 12th January 2017 at 7.30pm. Villagers are invited to attend the meetings. Please inform the Parish Clerk if you are unable to attend and wish to raise any village matter.