



# Whiteparish Parish Council

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

*From the Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016 in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.*

### **Reintroduction of the Parish Steward Scheme – UPDATE**

Wiltshire Council have reintroduced the scheme by contracting Ringway Plc as providers for the next five years. From October 2016 we will get a visit from our assigned Parish Steward every few weeks or so, to tackle those little jobs which improve life in the village but which have not, perhaps, been so readily completed of late.

Ringway have invested in twenty bright yellow Ford Ranger 4x4s, so there will be no problem noticing their presence! Each vehicle carries the equipment to tackle jobs which one man can handle, such as hedge cutting, strimming, invasive weed control, small pothole filling etc. Should you notice a highway problem around the Parish please let the Clerk know.

The aim is that, in time, as our assigned Steward gains familiarity within the Parish he will become more pro-active in seeking out tasks to complete, always assuming our priorities have been met.

### **Common Road/Clay Street**

Further to a request from a resident, inconsiderate parking on Common Road near the school was discussed. It was agreed to ask Wiltshire Council Highways for any possible solutions.

### **Asset of Community Value**

Following an application from the Campaign for Real Ales, Wiltshire Council have registered the Parish Lantern Public House as an Asset of Community Value.

The Parish Council was not involved in any way about this decision and Wiltshire Council have apologised to the Parish Council for not involving them.

### **Over Growing Vegetation**

The right of passage along our footpaths and pavements, in many cases, is being impeded by vegetation. The Parish Council would like to remind all land owners and house holders that they are responsible for the clear passage of pedestrians along pavements and footpaths and urge them to clear any offending vegetation. The Parish Council wishes to remind the public that the blocking of rights of way is a criminal offence.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 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.