



Whiteparish Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES AUGUST 2018

Best Kept Village 2018

Fantastic news! Whiteparish has come 2nd in the County rounds of Wiltshire's Large Village section of the Best Kept Village Competition 2018. Many thanks to everyone for all your help. The certificate and prize money of £100.00 will be presented at a future Parish Council meeting. If you have any thoughts on how to spend the £100.00 on the village please let the clerk know.

Whiteparish Skatepark Project

Funding has now been secured for the new Whiteparish Skatepark. Skateboarders, BMX and scooter riders are set to get a new skatepark thanks to a grant of £50,000.00 from funding body Sport England plus £20,000.00 funding boost from The Cleansing Service Group and £7,500.00 from The Hills Group Limited. The latter two awards have been made available through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) who administered for both The Hills Group Limited and The Cleansing Service Group by Community First, the Rural Community Council for Wiltshire. The Parish Council also received a £5,000.00 grant award from Wiltshire Council Southern Area Board and a further £15,000.00 payment under section 106 planning agreements.

Last year the Parish Council was approached by some young residents of Whiteparish, with concerns over the current half pipe and its limitations and inability to encourage the users to progress. The existing skate ramp facility consists of a 20-year-old metal half pipe which was no longer adequate for today's more adventurous multiple users along with health and safety concerns. It was considered a more varied wheeled sports facility would be more beneficial to a greater age range of users.

Present and past members of Whiteparish Youth Group were involved in the design team, some who worked closely with the three tender skatepark companies. Gravity Skateparks was the chosen contractor by the Parish Council and it is hoped the construction will begin by early autumn 2018.

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 - Section 53 Order. Making Authority: Wiltshire Council. Title of Order: The Wiltshire Council Parish of Whiteparish Path No. 41 Rights of Way Modification Order 2017

We have been advised that an inquiry into the above Order will be held at 10.00am on Tuesday 2nd October 2018, at Whiteparish Memorial Centre. The inquiry is currently scheduled to last 2 days. The length of the inquiry will partly depend on the number of witnesses who give evidence. It is therefore very important that if you wish to speak, give evidence or contribute to the inquiry in any way, that you attend on the opening day. It is open to anyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone else with an interest in the Order to attend the Inquiry.

Councillor Vacancy

There are two vacancies. Would you like to contribute to the working of the Parish Council and be involved in decision making? Meetings are held approximately every 5 weeks on a Tuesday evening. If you are just the person to help make a difference and create a better future for local residents please contact the Parish Clerk for further information.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday, 25th September 2018 at 7.30pm. Further meeting dates are 30th October, 4th December and January 8th 2019. The meetings are held in Whiteparish Memorial Centre.

Villagers are invited to attend the meetings. Please inform the clerk if you are unable to attend and wish to raise any village matter.