

JOTTINGS FROM THE PARISH CLERK

Potholes and Road Repairs - if you see, or fall into, a pothole in the road please phone Gloucestershire County Council Highways Department on 08000 514 514 - the call is free and you can report the problem directly. By using this route, as a parishioner, your complaint is usually dealt with very quickly

Vandalism in the Parish - some two years ago the Parish Council installed a Youth Shelter at the Skate Board Park off Buttington Road. On a regular basis this shelter is vandalised to the extent that Council now has to make a decision - keep repairing the shelter (at considerable cost and with funds coming from the Council Tax) or alternatively the shelter will be demolished. At the request of the youth of Burysed Project a waste bin was placed near the shelter as they wanted to keep their village clean and tidy - however within a month of fitting a new bin it had been damaged by vandals and again the cost of repair will come out of your Council Tax. This vandalism costs us all money and is money which would be better spent on facilities for the Parish! Please report any vandalism either to the Police or to the Clerk

Tree Maintenance - during the winter the Parish commissioned a survey of all trees in the Parish to comply with the requirements of the insurers and the Council's Public Liability Insurance cover. The report has identified quite considerable tree maintenance is required and this will be undertaken during the summer and through to January. Two trees at the Wyebank Road/Buttington Road play area have been felled for safety reasons and another is shortly to be felled on Wyebank Road. These are essential works and although it is sad to see trees felled it is sometimes inevitable where disease or age makes a tree potentially unsafe. The beautiful tree in the field behind the Sedbury & Beachley Village Hall has unfortunately been a casualty of the tree survey - whilst it has stood for many years (with its centre filled with concrete!) and has given much pleasure to everyone, the lower branches were in fact dangerous with decay through them. These branches weighed around half a ton and could have killed or severely injured any passerby had a branch fallen. This tree has been heavily pollarded and only time will tell if it will recover but sadly the work was inevitable

Grass Cutting in the Parish - the grass cutting season is now well under way and the new contractors appointed by the Parish Council are doing an excellent job. Please bear in mind that the Parish Council only cuts areas of land for which it has a responsibility (with all residents paying for this as a part of the Precept and Council Tax) with Two Rivers Housing and Glos County Council cutting others areas. Please call the Clerk if you have concerns about grass cutting and want to know who to contact if 'your patch' has not been cut

New Web Site - have you seen the new Parish web site? Council is indebted to Alan Kitto of Tutshill for his help and expertise in providing (and keeping updated) a modern and easily readable web site.

If you have any queries about the Parish please phone or email the Clerk - I will be pleased to help if I am able or direct you to the right person if I am unable to help. Calls between 8.30am and 6.00pm would be appreciated but bear in mind that I do not work full time and also make frequent visits around the Parish so please leave a message if there is no reply

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List of Councillors

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USEFUL NUMBERS

ALL EMERGENCIES: 999

Police (All non-urgent calls)
0845 090 1234

Crimestoppers: 0800 555111

Bogus Callers Helpline: 0800 100 0777

Doctors Surgery - Beachley Road
01291 626041

Doctors Surgery - Coleford Road
01291 637910

NHS Direct: 0845 4647

Sedbury Pharmacy: 01291 622532

Sedbury Post Office: 01291 629300

Sedbury & Beachley Village Hall
01291 624055

Tidenham War Memorial Hall
01291 624663

Chase School Room: 01291 689775

Rev Royston Grosvenor: 01291 622442

Pastor Chris Rees

Stroat Evangelical Church: 01594 529209

Chepstow Citizens Advice Bureau
01291 623437

SAMARITANS: 08457 909090

Gloucestershire County Council
Main Switchboard: 01452 425000

Streetlights (freephone) 08000 514514

Trading Standards Helpline
01452 426200

Education Helpline: 01452 425300

Environment Helpline: 01452 425500

Libraries Helpline: 01452 305420

Adult Helpdesk: 01452 426868

Children & Families Helpdesk
01452 426565

TIDENHAM NEWS

THE PARISH NEWSPAPER FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMER 2009

Potential Housing In Sedbury

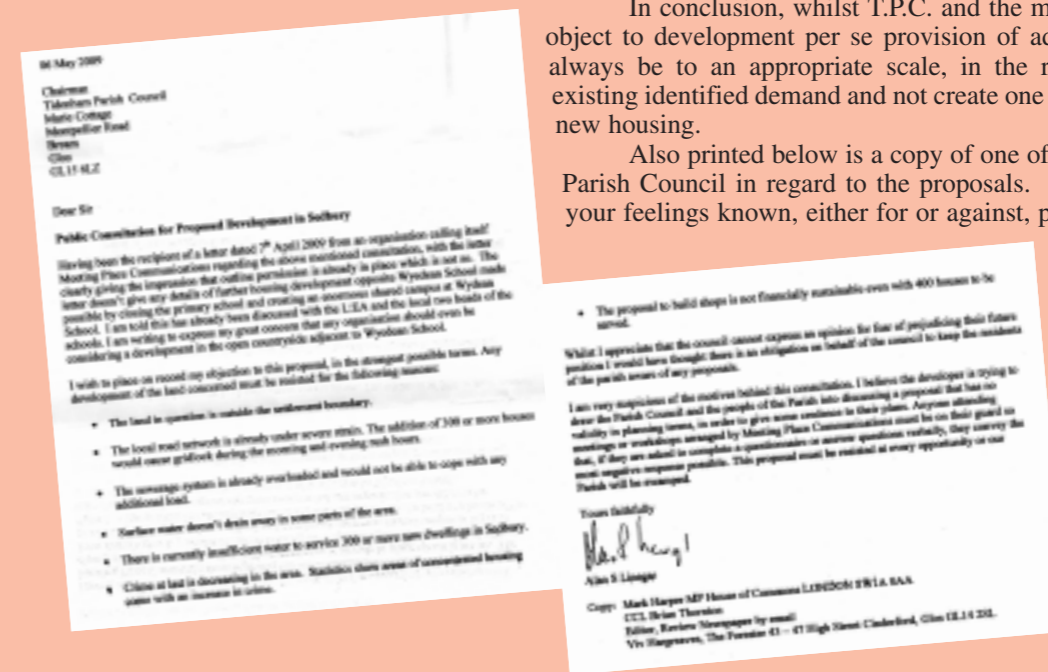
As the majority of parishioners will be aware from either direct communication, or press editorial, the Winston Group have announced their proposed development of some 300 dwellings with community and retail facilities on land between the A48, Sedbury Lane, Wydean School and the A48 link road. To that end they have embarked on what they describe as a community consultation exercise designed to draw both the support and involvement of the community in composing the nature of the development including community requirements.

However, from representations received by Tidenham Parish Council (TPC) and meetings attended by Councillors, there seems neither local support nor perceived need for such large-scale development with doubtful community/retail facilities. Why doubtful? To date the Winston Group has made neither proposals nor guarantee as to the community/retail infrastructure to be included in their scheme should they succeed.

Whilst the Development Control and Highways Committee of T.P.C. must maintain a neutral position in the matter, in order not to prejudice their position if/when a planning application is received, T.P.C. must act upon instructions received from parishioners. To that end T.P.C. has reviewed their development policy for the parish, a copy of which is printed below. Within that policy it is recognized that whilst communities need to evolve so as to attract enhanced services they should do so in a way that does not unduly alter the character of a settlement nor overload stretched social and physical infrastructure such as health, education, traffic and general services. Therefore major development concentrated at one location is regarded as being inappropriate. Additionally, the separate identity of all settlements should be ensured and, in particular, the coalescence of Sedbury with Tutshill avoided.

In conclusion, whilst T.P.C. and the majority of residents do not object to development per se provision of additional dwellings should always be to an appropriate scale, in the right place and satisfy an existing identified demand and not create one by provision of a surfeit of new housing.

Also printed below is a copy of one of the letters received by the Parish Council in regard to the proposals. Should you wish to make your feelings known, either for or against, please write to the Clerk to the Parish Council and we will ensure your comments reach the District and County Council's.



Tidenham Parish Council

Following a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 20th May 2009 Tidenham Parish Council has agreed the following policy in preparation for the development of the Forest of Dean District Local Development Framework Core Strategy:

Development within the parish will be controlled by the relevant chapters of the Local Development Framework plan currently in course of preparation by Forest Of Dean District Council. Tidenham Parish Council believes that there are several locations in the parish of Tidenham, within the settlement boundaries of Woodcroft, Beachley, Tutshill and Sedbury, including brown-field sites, which are capable of accommodating development. It is recognised that it may be necessary to make minor modifications to the limits of the defined settlement boundaries. Together these potential sites can provide sufficient new housing developments to meet the housing needs of the parish.

Furthermore, in order to preserve the character of the area whilst integrating new development Tidenham Parish Council does not believe that the Parish can accommodate within any minor boundary modifications more than 50 additional dwellings in total, and no more than 20 on any one site.

Being furthest from the Gloucester/Cheltenham focus of development than any other location in the county Tidenham Parish Council believes that Tidenham parish is not an appropriate location to accommodate significant numbers of new homes for Gloucestershire and the Forest of Dean.

**Adult Community Learning
Autumn Term courses @ Wyedean School**

Look ahead to some FREE and popular courses!

We have some exciting new evening + Saturday classes starting in September, as well as our popular ones. Choose from Silver Jewellery; Golf Coaching; Reiki (Beginners); French; Spanish; Yoga; Life Coaching; Painting & Drawing; Pilates; Computing (Beginners or Continuation) ; Digital Photography; Tai Chi; Japanese Language + Culture; Create Japanese Art; Latin American Dancing; World Religions; Internet + Email; Belly Dancing; Web Page Design; Alexander Technique; First Aid; ECDL...and more ... Many are FREE too!

**Give it a Go! For a free Brochure
Ring: 01291 625822 / 625340 / 625346
or pop in to the School Office**

MAY FUN DAY

As many will know the two charities of Sedbury and Tutshill village halls held a joint fun day at Sedbury on 23rd May which was very well attended and helped by the good weather.

The day's events included stalls, animal rides and a raffle for which we sold over 1,500 tickets. Through the generosity of residents and local businesses there were a great many prizes, which made the raffle all the more enjoyable. The event raised valuable funds with each charity benefiting by some £320.00. To charity's such as ours this is a major boost of funds and will help us to continue our programmed improvements.

To all who donated, attended and purchased raffle tickets, thank you for your help and support which is much appreciated by all involved.

Steve Ford Chairman, Sedbury & Beachley Village Hall

POLICE NEWSLETTER

A chance to have your say in local policing issues and to raise your concerns with local police officers and Police Authority members.

HAVE YOUR SAY IN POLICING COMMUNITY SAFETY ROADSHOW

Come to the next police and Community Consultative meeting being held at
Lydney Town Hall
on **Thursday July 9th**
refreshments 12.15pm, 12.30pm start.

CRIMESTOPPERS

Call anonymously with information about crime. Just tell us what you know not who you are.
You're **NOT** asked for your name. You may receive a **REWARD**.

A COMMUNITY SPIRITED PERSON URGENTLY WANTED

For approx 5 hours per week, School Term only

A School Crossing Patrol is needed at Tutshill C of E School. If you're reasonably fit, aged over 18 years and are available at the start and end of the school day, then the Headteacher, Mr Richard Phillips, would be very pleased to hear from you. You would be required to be on site from 8.40am until 9.10am and from 3.00 - 3.30pm, Monday to Friday although we would consider a job share. Full training would be provided by the Police and regular support is provided by the Road Safety Unit of Gloucestershire County Council who also supply the uniform.

The hourly rate is £6.39 for 6 hours, 25 minutes per week as you are paid an allowance for looking after your kit and getting ready for duty.

Could you handle the safety of children in your hands?

If you are interested, please contact Mr Richard Phillips or Mrs Anne Davies (School Administrator) on

01291 622593

Terms & conditions are available on request.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Firstly I would like to thank all of the Parish Councillors for their hard work, time and commitment in an often thankless task. Their time is always given generously and without reward trying to ensure we all live in better area with the services and amenities we deserve. Whilst we would wish to be able to wave a magic wand and solve all the problems in the parish immediately sometimes this isn't possible but we continue to try. Parishioners often make comments that we are the forgotten part of the county located where we are, next to another country and don't then get a fair deal. To address this over the past year we have dealt with issues ranging from the police presence in the parish, antisocial behaviour, parking problems, speeding, road repairs, planning and the list goes on. With all of these problems we have ensured that your voice and wishes are heard by the right people and have tried to get changes made.

Improvements in the parish and responsibilities to cut grass, maintain trees, closed churchyards, play equipment, dog bins and parish buildings etc require funds; these funds being provided from part of your council tax and then passed on to us from the District Council. All of these issues and expenditures are detailed in the various committee minutes and we would welcome parishioners to attend our meetings to hear how decisions are made – details of meetings are on the Parish notice boards.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my predecessor Councillor Roy Birch for his hard work as Chairman of the Council and also the Clerk of the Council Jan Cordon for her patience, long hours and dedication in providing the council and the parish with the best possible service.

Finally, but not least, to welcome the return of our local Battalion 1 Rifles from their difficult tour of operations. As a community we acknowledge their bravery but also mourn their losses in a country far away from their home in Tidenham Parish.

Andy Hossack Chairman - Tidenham Parish Council