



Wickham Parish Council News

December 2015

**Christmas Lights Switch On
6.30pm Wednesday 2nd December
Join us for some festive fun in The Square**



Retirement of Cllr Mike Bennett

Our thanks and best wishes to Mike Bennett who has retired from his role as an active and vocal parish councillor after serving for 9 years. Mike has been instrumental in ensuring Wickham has an effective Emergency Plan, Mike also project managed the installation of the Jubilee clock in The Square.



We will miss you Mike and wish you well.



Library service transformation consultation

Cost cutting is affecting libraries run by Hampshire County Council and there is a proposal to cease mobile library provision along with other measures to modernise the service.

Make your views known

www3.hants.gov.uk/library-strategy

Highways maintenance consultation



Hampshire County Council is also looking at ways to cut the cost of highways maintenance. Suggestions include dimming street lights, reducing the number of times the grass is cut along the highways and reducing the number of times weed killing is carried out on the roads.

Link to the consultation

www3.hants.gov.uk/highwaysconsultation

Parish Council Vacancy

Do you have what it takes to become a parish councillor?

There is a vacancy on the parish council that will be filled by co-option.

If you would like to be considered please contact Nicki, Parish Clerk by 11th January 2016.

Winchester District Local Plan Part 2 – Development Management and Site Allocations Publication (Pre-Submission) Consultation

This consultation focuses on the ‘soundness’ of the Plan and requires it to be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

View the plan and consultation online
www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-plan-part-2

Copy available locally if required, contact Nicki.

Development in Wickham

Planning applications have been submitted for sites to the north of the village and on the Glebe.

Winchester’s local plan requires that about 100 houses are built to the north with the provision of recreation land in Mill Lane including sports pitches, a changing pavilion and parking.

The Glebe site is expected to provide about 80 houses with public open space on the remaining land and a contribution towards sports facilities.

Hampshire County Council has produced a Wickham Flood Investigation Report with a number of suggestions to improve the current problems.

Both developers will need to demonstrate that their proposals help to improve the existing drainage situation.

A copy of HCC’s report can be downloaded from the home page of the Parish Council’s website

2015 Beating the Bounds

Thank you to Brian Oswald and his team for organising this year’s Beating the Bounds, it is a great walk so look out for the next one!

Walking the church parish boundary takes you to new places and unexpected views and no physical beating is involved!

Parish Council Online Networks



We have over 1,400 people engaging with the **Wickham in Hampshire** Facebook page and group and nearly 322 followers on Twitter – WickhamPC

There are links to the Council’s Facebook pages and Twitter from the home page of the Council’s website www.wickhamparishcouncil.org

You are welcome to publicise events on our Facebook and Twitter feeds

Wickham Parish Council – a Star Council?

Wickham Parish Council was longlisted for the award of 2015 Star Council by the National Association of Local Councils who researched the council through its website and social media sites. We didn’t even formally enter but might next year!

Parish Council Meetings

Held at Wickham Centre, all welcome to attend.

Committees 7.30pm Wednesday 6th January

Full Council 7.15pm Monday 18th January

Please see notice boards and website for agendas, dates and times of other meetings.

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