

## Hambletonian article - Nov 19

As this edition of the Hambletonian makes its way into our homes, we will be in the final preparations for Christmas and the New Year. For some in our community this can be a lonely time. Can I please ask that you drop round to see that neighbours who live by themselves are OK, or better still ask them for a meal or mince pies over the festive season. Also please enjoy: Carols in the High Street (19th Dec) - the Arts Society evening (13 Dec) and the services at St Peter and St Paul and the Chapel.

The Parish Council is delighted to welcome Cllr Caroline Hubbard as a co-opted councillor.

Following feedback from villagers the Parish Council has concluded that the PC's logo (below) is looking tired and in need of updating. With a view to getting the community involved, the PC has launched a competition to design a new logo. The competition is open to Hambleton residents of all ages, and entries may be submitted via any format (i.e. hard copy, soft copy; any medium). The



PC is especially interested in a design that encompasses different aspects of the village and its various sections of the community. Entries will be considered at the February 2020 PC meeting and it is hoped that a winner will be selected at this time, the prize will be age-dependent! The winning logo will be adopted by the PC. The deadline for entries is 31 Jan 2020, and you may submit your designs to the Clerk via

clerk@hambleton-pc.gov.uk, or in hard-copy FAO Clerk, Hambleton PC, 17 Stewarts Green, Hambleton, Hants, PO7 4SU. Please contact the Clerk if you have any queries.

Some points of business:

- There was a significant kerfuffle with the change of bin pick up days, with WCC failing to notify households, and some collections missed all together. Please let us know of any remaining issues, but all should be sorted with the new glass collection with green bins.
- The tennis court is suffering from some moss growth (like our gardens), this will be jet-washed and the lines re-painted when the weather allows.
- The new parish Lengthsmen contract is working very well. I have been grateful for some suggestions (clearing the ivy in the footpath from Vicarage Lane to the Churchyard for instance), please pass suggestions to the Clerk.
- The SDNP Local plan is now in operation and means that some planning policies are much stricter - see their website if you would like to know more.
- This is budget review time and WCC is proposing some significant changes including a possibility of charging for the green bag collection and higher parking fees in Winchester and market towns. Please contact District Cllr directly if you have a view (Vicki Weston, Frank Pearson, Linda Gemmell). The PC has already said we aren't impressed!

Finally, you might have noticed that it has been raining quite a bit. It is vitally important that landowners clear ditches and grips to allow free water movement. If you have a cellar please ensure you have a quick evacuation plan for any contents and that you have tested your pumps. If you are new to the village with a cellar that has flooded in the past, the Flood Action Group will be in contact. Following a lot of pressure from the PC and the FAG, Highways has at last cleared the Big Pipe outfall and jet cleaned silt build-up. Remember the Big Pipe only keeps water off the road and that householders will still have to pump into the big pipe to stop their property flooding. If you intend to be absent during the high risk months (Jan to Apr), then let the FAG know please.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Parish Council.