

MARCH NEWS

Hambledon Parish Council

Dates for your Diary

Annual Meeting of the

Parish: Thursday 19th March 2020 (8pm; Main Hall, Hambledon Village Hall)
ALL WELCOME!

Next PC Meeting: Monday 6th April 2020 (7.30pm; Meeting Room, Hambledon Village Hall)

Inaugural Climate Change Discussion/Action Group Meeting: was booked for Wednesday 11th Mar; now postponed until Wednesday 25th Mar (7pm; Rushmere Farm). Please contact Sue Crossley (suepcrossley@gmail.com)

Church Action Day: Saturday 18th April (10am-1pm; St Peter's & St Paul's Church). Help with church & churchyard maintenance. Please contact Frank Luard (fluard@hotmail.com)

Up-coming Fundraisers:

Hambledon Tennis Court's 2020 Paris - Roland-Garros Event: Friday 13th March, 8pm-11.30pm, Hambledon Village Hall (bar, live music, auction of promises etc.)



Annual Meeting of the Parish

Please come along to Hambledon's Annual Meeting of the Parish. There will be a chance to ask questions; find out about PC work over the past year and discuss future projects; hear from your local county and district councillors and Police; listen to a useful presentation on household waste recycling; and enjoy a glass of wine (or alcohol-free alternative) at the end! Thursday 19th March 2020; Hambledon Village Hall; 8pm.

Councillor Vacancy

The PC is now looking to fill the current vacancy by co-option. An advert will shortly be placed on the village notice board and on the PC website ('The council'/ 'Councillors & Roles'). If you would like more information please contact the Clerk via e-mail (clerk@hambledon-pc.gov.uk)

Bus Shelter

Quick update: the PC is still liaising with First Bus's insurance company. It is hoped to replace the old shelter with a more aesthetically pleasing and weather-resistant design.

Operation Resilience

Road surface repairs are programmed to take place on the B2150 through Hambledon, from the Junction with Brook Lane to the Junction with Fareham Road, in preparation for a proposed surface treatment (to be carried out during the warmer months of 2020).

Surface repairs will be carried out overnight 20:00 - 06:00hrs in localised areas under a road closure. Access for residents and businesses will be maintained wherever possible, however,

Soup/Lent Lunches: all charity soup lunches are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month; Lent lunches every Thursday throughout the period. 12pm-1.30pm in Church. All welcome. Dates for 2020 as follows:

12th March
 19th March
 26th March
 2nd April (last Lent Lunch)
 21st May
 18th June
 Summer break

Volunteers are desperately needed for making soup and/or bread for the Lent lunches. Please contact Mandy Burrige on 92 632410.

AQUIND Interconnector

AQUIND Briefing Note No 6 is now available (see the 'Planning' page on the PC website)

News from HCC

Cllr Roger Huxstep's report for Mar 2020 can be found on the PC website ('Council Meetings' page; associated documents for Mar 2020). Topics covered are as follows:

- **HCC has approved £2.1 billion budget** for 2020/21
- **Annual council tax increase of 3.99%** includes 2% to be spent specifically on adults' social care.
- **Coronavirus** - one of the best ways to minimise spread is to adopt good respiratory & hand hygiene. Stay up to date with latest info and guidance on the government's web pages gov.uk/coronavirus

vehicular movement will be restricted (excluding emergency vehicles). Pedestrian access will always be available.

The works are due to start on the night of Monday 23rd March 2020 and will take 8 nights to complete. The road will be reopened to traffic during daytime hours as usual.

Direct all queries to Hampshire Highways on 01962 813061 or email operation.resilience@hants.gov.uk

News from Winchester CC

Cllr Vicki Weston's report for Mar 2020 can be found on the PC website ('Council Meetings' page; associated documents to Mar 2020). Topics covered are as follows:

- **Flooding** - relevant agencies' responsibilities:
 - HCC - lead authority; ditches/pipes (or private land-owner); & highways
 - Southern Water - mains sewage
 - Residents - own properties & private sewage systems
 - Environment Agency - main rivers; flood advice
- **Ditches & Riparian Responsibilities** - riparian landowners are responsible for maintaining ordinary watercourses. For more info see <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/flooding/floodprevention>
- **WCC News:**
 - Lib Dems' financial plans for 2020/21 have been adopted, including council tax up by 3%; parking charges up 3% (or to the closest 10p); charges for green waste disposal; a commitment of £750,000 to support plans to become a carbon neutral council by 2024, and a carbon-neutral district by 2030.
- **Draft Plans:**
 - Biodiversity and the Biodiversity Action Plan 2020
 - Draft Local Enforcement Plan 2020 (comments by 28 Mar 2020). SDNP has its own enforcement guide: see <https://southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/SDNPA-Enforcement-Guide-Amended-Sept-2018.pdf>
- **Current consultations** - view via <https://winchester.citizenspace.com>
- **What's on?** - for info on future events see the following:
 - <https://www.visitwinchester.co.uk/whats-on/>
 - <https://www.visitwinchester.co.uk/whats-on/festivals/>