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MEET THE COUNCIL

The Parish Council in Henstridge is made up of 13 Councillors.

Adam Temperton—Chair, HACC & Youth Representative
Dave Nichols—Full Council Vice Chair
Simon Cullum—Footpaths Representative, Tree Warden
Paul Brighten—HALT Representative
Pete Crocker—Highways representative
Jim Fitch
Geoff Jarvis
Mickey Vincent
Sue Place
Carolyn Nicholls
Jean Oswick—VHMC Representative
Caroline Rowland
Paul White

Administration for the Council is dealt with by the Clerk and Proper officer, Zöe Godden. In the first instance all queries should be made to the Clerk. The District Councillors are Tim Inglefield and William Wallace, who is also the County Councillor.

HAVING YOUR SAY

The Parish Council is keen to receive input from parishioners and would remind you that while a discretionary public forum is held at the beginning of every meeting, lawful items for discussion and decision have to be listed on the Parish Council or Committee agendas. Therefore if there is something that you feel the Parish Council should consider, please put your concern or query in writing to the Parish Clerk. Planning meetings (held twice monthly) are open to the public, and public opinion on planning applications is always welcomed, either at the meetings or in writing. Copies of meeting agendas are posted the previous week on the Parish Council's Henstridge & Yenston notice boards.

The meeting dates for the second quarter of 2012 will be:

FULL COUNCIL:

Monday 9 July 2012
Monday 6 August 2012
Monday 3 September 2012

PLANNING:

As above, plus Monday 25 June 2012
Monday 20 August 2012
Monday 17 September 2012

Meetings start at 7.00 in the Village Hall Lounge. Documents relating to the relevant planning applications are available to view 15 minutes before the start of each meeting.

HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Despite the temperamental weather, it is Summer and so time for the second newsletter of the year.

In addition to the usual parish council meetings, May 28 was the date for the Annual Parish Meeting. This is the chance for local groups to come along and tell everyone what they have been doing throughout the year and their plans for the future. Anyone who lives in the parish is welcome to attend, listen to the reports and raise any issues they want the parish council to address in the coming year.

Due to the laws governing

the activities of parish councils, any new issues raised cannot be resolved at the Annual Parish Meeting. They must be added to a future agenda for discussion.

A brief summary of the reports received can be found inside, along with updates on our very successful litterpicking days, woodland maintenance day and more.

The parish council would like to thank all those who gave their time freely to improve the look of the parish.

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING SUMMARY

Representatives of several groups gave up their time to report to the meeting. The full reports will soon be available to view on the parish council website, or call the clerk if you want to see paper copies.

- Chairman's Report—Overview of the year's activities including litter picking days, Oak Vale Woodland, planning applications and the parish council's finances.
- John Winfield, PCSO - Crime report with statistics, information on numbers of calls to the police and staff issues.
- Village Hall Management Committee - Maintenance and fund raising activity, new trustees needed and thanks to all volunteers and hall users.
- Henstridge Cricket Club—Recruitment drive for playing members underway as numbers have dwindled.
- Sports Club—Includes representatives from cricket, football and Taekwondo clubs, football club have won Yeovil & District league and several tournaments, focus for the coming year is updating the changing rooms.
- W.I—Many social, educational and charity events held throughout the year, vouchers available for a free visit to a W.I for ladies who may be interested.
- St Nicholas Primary School—Number of pupils on role increasing, new temporary classroom planned, children taken part in many activities including building a cob pizza oven, music and outdoor trips and visitors into school.
- Explorers Playgroup—Doing very well, all places taken and children on the waiting list, many fundraising activities completed and on-going, new website, trip to Farmer Palmers planned and much more.
- Loose Ends—Been running for six years, number of attendees has increased (especially male), highlights include Royal Wedding event, outing to Sherborne Castle Gardens Christmas Grotto and Mad Hatters Jubilee Tea Party.
- Family History Group—Have been transcribing parish records at the church, contact Margaret Hunt for more information

**THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL
THOSE WHO TOOK THE TIME TO ATTEND AND
CONTRIBUTE.**

MUSINGS ON LIFE AS A TREE WARDEN

Henstridge now has a tree warden, and some, especially the trees, might say "about time". The Tree Warden has a few responsibilities, amongst them, the health of the trees on parish land, their maintenance and their safety.

With this in mind we have started an initial survey of the trees on the recreation ground. In most cases, the necessary treatment is some judicious pruning, but we are getting a second opinion about the majestic plane tree sited within the boundary of the cricket field. An old injury has left the tree at risk, and it may require more extensive surgery to prolong its life. Further information will be posted in the parish council notice boards if necessary.

A stroll around the perimeter of the field

will show a nice collection of mature trees, and a modern-day rarity, an Elm, which is in the children's' playground. This tree will probably die when it reaches a certain height (the height at which the beetles that infest it fly, believed to be around 16 feet) but it can be enjoyed for now.

There is the possibility of a chance to plant a jubilee oak, and we are taking advice on this.

If you are aware of trees on parish land that might cause you concern, or if you have an interest in trees, then please email the clerk with relevant details and I will follow up at the first opportunity I have.

THE BIG TIDY UP—LITTER PICK AND OAK VALE WOODLAND

The council is over the moon with the turn out for the two litter picking days, organised on Saturday 31 March and Sunday 1 April. The first day saw 16 volunteers give up their time to clean up parts of the village. Notably, Carezza Howell, a pupil from St Nicholas Primary School, attended on both days and put in a lot of hard work.

Work also took place in Oak Vale Woodland to clear overgrown brambles and litter pick.

Both of these events were made possible by the volunteers who worked so hard on the days. The parish council is most grateful for everyone's efforts. Another Oak Vale day will take place in the autumn and litter picking will now be at least an annual event.