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HAVING YOUR SAY

As always, the Parish Council are 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's or Committees' 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.

MEET THE COUNCIL!

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

Norman Symcox—Chair, HACC Representative
Mickey Vincent—Full Council Vice Chair, Planning and Finance Chair,
and Yenston Representative
Adam Temperton—Planning Vice Chair, Footpaths and Play area rep
Paul Brighten—HALT Representative
Pete Crocker—Highways representative
James Day
Jim Fitch
Geoff Jarvis
David Nicholls
Caroline Rowland—Youth Representative
Malcolm Stobart—SALC and VHMC Representative
Jean Oswick—VHMC Representative
Paul White

Administration for the Council is dealt with by the Clerk and Proper officer to the Council, Rachel Walker, assisted by Fiona Parrott.

In the first instance all queries should be made to the Clerks.

The District Councillors are Tim Inglefield and William Wallace, who is also the County Councillor.

The meeting dates for the final quarter of 2010 will be:

FULL COUNCIL:

Monday 11th October
Monday 8th November
Monday 6th December

PLANNING

As above, plus Monday 25th October
Monday 22nd November
Monday 20th December.

Full Council Meetings take place at 7.30 in the Village Hall Lounge. The start times of planning meetings have some flexibility to reflect the number of applications, however they usually begin between 6.45 and 7.15 and times can be confirmed on the notice board, website or by calling the clerk.

HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH STREET/FURGE GROVE UPDATE

Over the past few years the Parish Council have received numerous complaints with regard to the condition of Church Street and Furge Grove following the Wessex Court Development. Local residents are quite rightly fed up with the ongoing state of the road which they are having to negotiate on a daily basis and there is a growing dissatisfaction at this state of affairs as we enter the fourth winter of mess and muddle. The Parish Council were like to assure residents that they are doing everything in their power to try to rectify this situation but to explain that in this regard, the powers of the Council are extremely limited. The Council have repeatedly contacted the District Council, the County Council and High-

ways to request that action be taken but the responses have been unsatisfactory to say the least. It would appear that the legal documents controlling the Highways elements of the development were not necessarily drawn up as tightly as may have been expected and hoped for, and that there would appear to be a greater level of concern with the financial situation of the developer, than with the practical situation being suffered by those who have to live in these conditions. The Council will continue to pursue the matter but would also urge local residents to contact the District Council (01935 462462) and the Highways department (0845 3459155/southsomhighways@somerset.gov.uk) in order to support the

Council in their efforts, rather than contacting the Parish Council themselves, in the hope that the more of a nuisance we can make of ourselves, the more eager someone will be to take some action and at long last resolve the situation!

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SKATE PARK PROGRESS?

As reported in this newsletter last year, the Parish Council have been aware for some time that facilities for older children in the village are somewhat lacking! Since last year the Council have started looking into the possibility of providing some kind of skate and bike facility in order to satisfy this need and the Council were pleased to see the formation of the Henstridge Youth facilities group, a community group set up to work towards the funding and development of such a project who have already managed to secure some funding towards this. The Council have also been pleased to see the young people themselves participating in working towards their goal, both by their attendance at Council meetings and the Annual Parish Meeting, and with their efforts towards fundraising for themselves.

However! This will be a costly project and will take some time, as funds will need to be found from sources beyond the Parish Council's day to day running costs. With the possibility of a large investment, the Council are keen to ensure that the finished design appeals to as wide a spectrum of the community as possible.

As funds begin to be raised the Council are keen to support the group in moving forward with their efforts. By the time of printing, a consultation evening will have taken place on the 13th September to hear the views of the local community as to their thoughts and ideas on the proposals that have been made so far with regard to siting of the park and the facilities to be provided. The Council are pleased to see that the evening has been well advertised, but if you missed the event then we would still be very pleased to hear from you at this design and development stage, as this is something that the Council are not required to apply for planning permission for as it falls within the Council's permitted development rights, and therefore this is the opportunity for you to put your views forward.

If you have something to say then please contact the clerk on 362937 or e-mail clerk@henstridgeparishcouncil.org.uk



News from the Parish Paths Liaison Officer

The parish of Henstridge covers some 4,249 acres or 4.55 square miles and has approximately 19 miles of public rights of way. The Council's Parish Paths Liaison Officer is myself, Adam Temperton

The PPLO's as they are known try to walk all the paths each year and report back to Somerset county council any issues found. However we cannot check the whole path network regularly, so I ask for your help in keeping our footpath network safe for all users by reporting the following common issues affecting the footpath network:

- 1 Blocked or broken stiles and gates;
- 2 Blocked footpaths (natural or man made blockages);
- 3 Any unsafe bridges;
- 4 Broken or missing signs .

For the fastest response to any dangerous issue please report direct to Somerset county council on-line at the following web address: <http://tinyurl.com/28o4v43> then click on interactive mapping on the right, selecting parish as search and entering Henstridge.

Then follow the report tool on the left selecting on the map where the fault is, or ring Somerset County Council on 0845 3459155. If you are unable to report the fault or it is not urgent please email me on adam.temperton@henstridgeparishcouncil.org.uk with as much detail as possible about where the issue is or leave a message on the parish council telephone and they will pass me the info. I will be automatically advised of any reports that are completed on line.

The online map will also show if a fault has already been reported and shows all of the legal rights of way in the parish with a reference number beginning WN12/ with a number reference following the / which denotes the specific path. This can also be seen on the footpaths map outside of the Bird in Hand.

Finally, a reminder! Please help landowners by closing gates that were closed and keeping dogs under control and on a lead. I would also like to ask the relevant landowners to remember their responsibilities to rights of way that cross their

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