



THROOP & MUSCLIFF NEWSLETTER UPDATE September 2010

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AUTUMN EDITION ON LOCAL WARD ISSUES FROM COUNCILLOR RON WHITTAKER

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Berry Hill Treatment Works

Over many years residents have raised with us the endless and daily transport problems they have endured by heavy 12-wheel tankers travelling in and out of Berry Hill, including skip lorries. Cllr Ron has constantly been in contact with Wessex Water. The following is the response to representations we made in August, as quoted: "Two thirds of the sludge currently processed at Berry Hill Sludge Treatment Centre arrive at the site through two existing pipelines. Wessex Water is currently pursuing the appraisal for a third pipeline to enable more sludge to be pumped into the site for treatment. The appraisal is under way and various options include crossing third party land. We are in dialogue with the various landowners who might be affected. The timescale affecting the delivery of the new pipeline will be dictated by our ability to negotiate satisfactory access permissions. Once completed, the pipeline will further reduce the number of sludge tankers using the access road. Skip lorries carrying treated sludge cake still continue to need to use the road as a means of egress." This was Wessex Water's statement to us as Members.

Bridleway Link: Horses - Berry Hill

Over past years we have been making endless and ongoing representations to secure a direct bridleway link from Berry Hill through to the rear of the Farms Estate by upgrading the existing footpath (known as M15) to allow horse-riders an access adjacent to the river. With some 120 horses within Throop, this would allow them a safe and pleasant route with separation for walkers/cyclists and remove the existing dangerous practice from the two very busy roads in Throop.

PLEASE SEE WEBSITE www.peoplebeforepolitics.info for more detail information on Ron's representation.



4B Bus Service

Residents have made representations to us regarding the problems around the reduced half hourly Transdev 4B bus service, although the council has no direct influence over the commercially provided bus services, we have made direct representations to both the company and our transport officers forwarding on the correspondence. Having raised the concerns of residents at the Scrutiny panel in September, informed that Yellow Buses have held a meeting to discuss the problems around the delays of this service and they say, they have a SPECIFIC PLAN to improve the reliability of the 4B route. Same time I have raised the issue of having Real Time Information system placed in some of the Bus Shelters in both Shillingstone and Chesildene Drives, this will at least give passengers some indication of Bus timings, Officers are to check this to see if funding will allow, and to which Shelters are best placed.



Main Weir Bridge, River Stour

The issue around the safety handrail on the main weir bridge, after Cllr Ron brought this to the attention of the Dorset County, an inspection supported our concerns over the potential danger and that temporary supports to brace the handrails by scaffold poles were placed in September, same time we were able to secure the funding for the green mesh fencing alongside the small sluice gates bridge [picture] in the interest of safety.

Issues around Throop and Muscliff

In July the Panel considered a briefing note regarding the deterioration to certain sections of river bank which many residents are aware of. A condition survey is currently being undertaken to draw up a programme of reinstatement works and repairs. The Panel support our suggestion of approaching the Probation Service to use those serving community sentences under supervision to assist in these works.

Throop United Reform Church & Manse, Muscliff Lane

Residents were informed in the June Newsletter of the representations made by Cllr Ron since this lovely Grade 2 listed Church has been closed.

In July Cllr Ron was informed that instructions had been given to a local Town Planning and Special Projects agent to look into undertaking preliminary survey work.

Since then three separate Church authorities have shown an interest and naturally Cllr Ron has passed their details to the agent. With the general state of the front of the Church yard we are keeping a very close watch on any possible plans and any representations we may receive will be passed on.



Bournemouth's Green Belt - Abolition of Regional Strategies

In the last Newsletter we made reference to the decision the new Government had made to abolish this body and we now wait to hear the new Planning Act which, we have been informed, is anticipated in the Autumn. It seems the Government still expects Councils to meet previous housing targets and we believe/suspect that even then it may be that the way forward could be deemed to be up to the local Planning Authorities as the Localism agenda will also be incorporated into the legislation. In other words, it will be up to the Authority to deal with any planning applications in the manner it sees fit but at the same time should be in accordance with the Adopted Development Plan.

Throop Gas Lamps

After receiving representations about the failure with certain Gas lamps in Throop, have brought the various numbers shown on the columns to the attention of the local authority.

Farms Estate - Allotments

In 2006 we made a number of representations to Officers that a need exists within the Farms Estate for a non-statutory allotment site as there is a waiting list and we know the demand is high in the area. We were informed in August that a complete soil test has been carried out and plans are currently being drawn up of a proposed lay-out.

Wynford Road Footpath

Have received assurances that Wynford Road footpath, after some ten years ongoing representations, is planned for Structural Maintenance starting end of January 2011, this is to allow arrangement with Fibrecity to undertake their footway works in ADVANCE of this date. [Residents in Wynford Road have been informed]

Path on the South-East side of the main Weir Bridge parallel to the Stour River

Informed by Dorset County Council that work is due in early October [hoping weather will be kind and barring any unforeseen eventualities] that the existing path to the South-East side of the river. will receive similar treatment as to that carried out on the path from the small bridge by the sluice gates bridge.



River Stour New Bench

A new bench was put in on 31st August adjacent to the shingle beach on the River Stour, paid by the Muscliff and Redhill Park Councillors.

Residents and families using the stream, now have a place to sit and relax.

I do hope that residents have found this newsletter of interest.

Many thanks. COUNCILLOR RON WHITTAKER
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