

The Villager July 2014 Issue

Monk Sherborne Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

This was held prior to the full Parish Council meeting and we are pleased to report that a good number of local villagers were present to hear reports from all interested parties including Cllr Keith Chapman, Hampshire County Council, Cllr John Leek, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and PCSO Rickard.

Community Speed Watch

This important venture is being set-up in conjunction with Sherborne St John Parish Council. In addition Ramsdell Parish Council is to be asked to join in the working arrangements. Two local Monk Sherborne residents have agreed to be trained to be participating members. It is hoped that in all three parishes through the combined efforts of local people and Hampshire Constabulary this initiative will help to eradicate speeding throughout our villages.

Neighbourhood Watch

Three Neighbourhood Watch signs have been purchased to promote this valued scheme to deter criminality within the area. Although we are all pleased to live in what is considered a low-crime area Monk Sherborne residents are asked to be vigilant because there are isolated incidents of rural crime and one needs to eradicate it by giving all assistance to Neighbourhood Watch.

Chairman and Vice-Chair

Cllr Peter Boyle and Cllr Stan Gibson were re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chair respectively.

Litter

“Take Your Litter Home” says one national slogan. There are so many similar campaigns urging people not to drop litter that it still surprises this councillor that we need to report on the matter. A local resident has stepped forward to assist in the collection of litter throughout the Parish. Please may I urge all readers not drop litter anywhere. It is unsightly and reflects badly on the rural area in which we all live.

Playground

As a valued asset to the local community we are pleased to say that all outstanding repair work has been carried out or is to be completed shortly. It is good to see it being used and we would like to encourage continued use by as many people as possible.

Roads

I think we all know in what dreadful state some of our roads are in (road edges and pot-holes) and we are persisting in our endeavours to ensure the local highway authorities are aware of the problems and take appropriate action as soon as possible.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council has made full representation on the future rural strategy and local authority consultation documents with a view to preserving the local village infrastructure whilst accepting a need for planned and sustained growth within the wider area.

#### Public Participation

We would like to encourage members of the public to attend our meetings, to have their say on points of interest, report on community issues and to see local government in action on matters that affect us all.

Lynne Harling