



Loxwood Parish Council News October 2010

After considerable deliberation Loxwood Parish Council decided to stop producing its magazine on a regular basis. It was felt that as the villagers already received two monthly magazines and a quarterly Loxwood Society Newsletter, all of which carried much of the same information, it did not make economic or environmental sense for the LPC to carry on producing one as well. However, as many Loxwood residents welcome being kept up to date with Parish Council news it was decided to publish news 'when we have something to say' either by placing an article in the quarterly free edition of the Church magazine or by distributing a simple newsletter ourselves such as this. Any comments on our decision will be welcome

North Hall: One of the key decisions taken by the LPC at the July meeting was to take out a Public Works Loan in order to help finance the improvements to North Hall. Without this financial intervention the project could not go ahead and all the monies currently awarded to the project by other bodies would lapse. This would include the Section 106 monies granted to Loxwood as a result of the houses being built at Hall House Farm which would go back to Bewley Homes! The loan will be paid back over 20 years and will lead to a small increase on the annual parish precept for Council Tax over the next 3 years. The Precept is the money collected by Chichester District Council on behalf of the Parish Council through the Council Tax - you will see this listed separately on your Council Tax Statement. Currently, an average Band D household pays approximately 73p/week as their share of the precept. This will rise to approximately 79p in 2011, 85p in 2012 and 89p/week in 2013. Fundraising will need to carry on to cover the balance of the project costs.

Vacancies for Parish Councillors: Our Chairman, Alison Sanderson has regrettably resigned for personal reasons. She has worked diligently to add to the wellbeing of every resident in the village. Her professional and good humoured approach to all matters will be sadly missed. We trust you will join us in thanking Alison for everything she has done as PC Chair and wish her all the best for the future. With David Townsends's resignation back in April we are now 2 councillors short. Be reminded of the ability of Chichester District Council to close us down if we are unable to maintain our full membership. Please consider becoming a member of the PC – you are needed!! Details of what's involved are readily available by contact with our Clerk, Jenny Hartley, at loxwood@pcouncil.co.uk

Speed Reduction: The County Local Committee for North Chichester has recommended to the Cabinet Member for WS Highways to give permission for a 6 month trial of a 40 mph speed limit at Alfold Bars. The success of this trial is very much dependant on local people using Crackdown www.operationcrackdown.org to report instances of antisocial driving such as speeding, tailgating, dangerous overtaking etc. The Parish Council continues to press for the implementation of a Community Speed Watch initiative throughout the length and breadth of the village. Please contact the clerk if you would like to get involved.

Village Housekeeping: Winter is coming... so it's time to clear your ditches to limit surface flooding on our roads and it's time to cut back those wet and prickly branches from your hedges which intrude across our footpaths. If you have any suggestions as to where sand and grit could be stored in readiness for another snowy/icy winter please contact our Clerk, Jenny Hartley, on 07814 788407 or loxwood@pcouncil.co.uk

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