

HEADLEY PARISH COUNCIL SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER



Parish Council Vacancies

Prior to this year's AGM, David Steventon announced that he was standing down from the Parish Council. This means that there are now two vacancies for Councillors. The next couple of years will provide the chance to influence the shape of our village as we welcome the 60 or so families who have already moved into Dale View and Cunliffe Close and prepare for the impact of the further redevelopment at Headley Court. If you would like to find out more about being a Parish Councillor, please contact |the Chair, David Preedy, on 07904 127091.

Look inside for updates regarding the village such as Headley Court, Litter Picking, Water Works and Road Safety



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The future of Headley Court

The Parish Council continues to work hard to represent residents' view regarding the redevelopment of Headley Court. We remain very frustrated that the proposed developments breach the promises made to our community over two decades and that there has been no opportunity to approve an overall plan for the estate. Instead, the piecemeal series of applications has prevented a comprehensive study of issues such as the impact on traffic levels.

The Western area:

Following the Outline permission granted last year for 70 houses on the area South-West of Headley Road, the Reserved Matters application has just been published and is open for consultation. We urge as many residents as possible to make a submission to Mole Valley DC before the consultation ends on the 1st July 2021. The reference number for the application is MO/2021/0871/RM MAJOR.

While accepting that some redevelopment is necessary to give the site a new purpose, the Parish Council believes that the proposed scale of development is inappropriate in such an unsustainable location and would represent unacceptable loss of openness of the Green Belt. We also are concerned that the inevitable increase in traffic levels will risk the safety of other road users, especially pedestrians, horse-riders and cyclists. We will continue to argue for a redevelopment that fits better into the semi-rural character of our village

The Mansion House area:

Application MO/2020/2263 for the Mansion House is likely to come to the Development Management Committee in the next few months, following a re-consultation of revised plans. The Parish Council has registered objections on

various grounds, including the scale of the development and the inadequate parking provision. We will express our opposition forcefully when the plans come to the Committee.

Dale View:

The Parish Council opposes applications to build housing on the garage areas in Dale View. We take the view that any existing hard standing should be used to reduce the parking problems faced by residents and that the Green Belt location makes any new housing inappropriate. Meanwhile we are pleased that MVDC has responded to our request for a Tree Preservation Order across the whole Headley Court Estate.

Seacole Centre:

Following reports that Angle Property is considering trying to sell the Jubilee Buildings (currently housing the NHS Seacole Centre), the Parish Council has received a firm statement from MVDC that they regard these buildings as temporary and without any long-term permission. This is in line with the clear understandings we were given over many years that they would be removed once the MoD left Headley Court. We are very disappointed that the financial backers of Angle Property appear to believe that they can make money by breaking the promises given to our community.

IN OTHER NEWS...

Litter-picking

Many thanks to the growing band of volunteers who have been clearing litter from the village. The idea is that litter bags can be left at 3 locations in the village for collection by Mole Valley on Mondays. The three locations are by the noticeboard outside the Shop, by the grit bin at the Tot Hill/Tot Hill Lane junction and at the entrance to Dale View. It would be appreciated if people can leave their bags on Sundays, so that they are not left at

these locations for long periods. The group has a Facebook page "Headley and Leatherhead Litter Pickers".

With the relaxation of social distancing measures, the Parish Council has decided to organise a village-wide litter-picking morning on Saturday 26th June. We will have additional litter-picking equipment from Mole Valley and will meet up outside the shop at 10am. The plan is to take advantage of the chance to meet up for drinks afterwards.



SES Water roadworks

The Parish Council has met with a Director of SES Water to review their plans for the completion of the water-main replacement and the closure of Church Lane. We discussed their plans for compensation for the businesses affected and whether there was any scope for reducing the length of closure, which is expected to last until August. They explained that the work involves not just the laying of the new main, but also testing to ensure that the water quality is fine and then connection to each of the properties along the route. They also have a contingency in case they hit unforeseen problems.

The positive news is that they hope that later stages of the work may be possible under traffic-light control rather than needing a road closure and that they will report progress every two weeks. You can see the latest update at <https://seswater.co.uk/> and search for "Headley".

Road safety survey

The Parish Council is very aware of the concerns about speeding traffic in the village and the consequent safety risks for all road-users including pedestrians, horse-riders and cyclists. Councillors Preedy and Laverty have been surveying all the roads throughout the village to identify possible danger points. The aim is to prioritise which sites need attention. We have also received input from the Headley Horse-Riders Association on the horse-riders' perspective. The Parish Council has set aside some funds to spend on the highest priorities, but we know that our limited funds will not cover all the areas of concern.

Over the Summer we intend to present our findings at an Open Day to give all residents the chance to comment on our conclusions.

Church Lane Nursery site

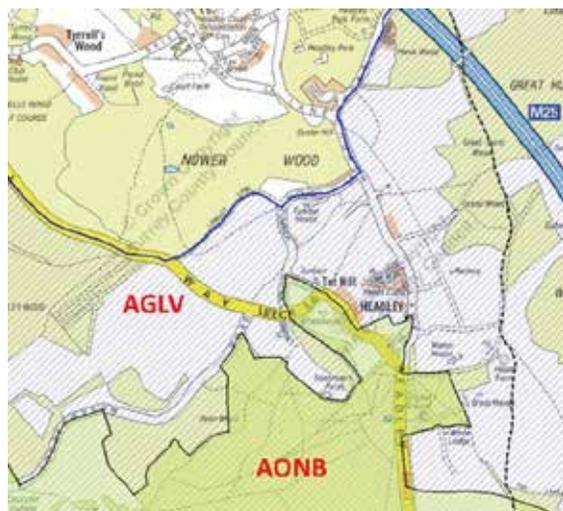
The latest planning application for housing on part of the Church Lane Nursery site was rejected last year. The Parish Council opposed the plans because it was too large and too few of the homes would be affordable. We have now heard that the landowners have appealed against the decision. At this stage there is no date set for the appeal to be heard. The Parish Council has for many years supported the idea of a limited development to provide affordable homes with priority for people with a connection to Headley.

Summer social gathering

The Parish Council is discussing with the Village Hall Committee organising a social gathering for residents in late Summer; the primary purpose is to give people a chance to meet up after over a year of limited

contact. It would also be a great chance for the new residents in Dale View and Cunliffe Close to get involved in village activities. Please let us know if you have ideas or would be willing to help a group organise the event.

AONB boundary review



At the Annual Village meeting on Zoom at the start of May we heard from Rob Fairbanks of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) of their plans to review the AONB boundary. The scheme is still awaiting approval, but the hope is to undertake the first boundary review since the Surrey Hills AONB was set up in 1958.

This will have a direct impact on Headley residents as the village straddles the boundaries of the AONB and the Area of Great Landscape Value (AGLV). Inclusion within the AONB or AGLV provides additional planning restrictions with the aim of protecting the landscape from inappropriate development.

Please keep looking at our website for updated information on the proposed review and details of how you can make your views heard.

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