

In Memory of the late Cllr. Peter Hughes

We publish this newsletter at a time of great sadness for the Parish Council. We passed through the May 2019 elections without too much trauma and I was elected as Chair of the Parish Council. As a body we were looking forward to a period of stability and the return of Peter Hughes to active membership of the Council. However, we were all shocked and saddened by the news of his death at the end of June.

Peter had served on the Parish Council for many years and was elected to Chair of the Parish Council in 2015. Since taking over the reins he had worked tirelessly to promote the interests of all our residents whether in North or South Shinfield, School Green, Spencers Wood, Ryeish Green, Three Mile Cross or Grazeley.

Peter was instrumental in leading the work to complete the Neighbourhood Plan which was formally adopted in February 2017. He was also intimately involved in the new Shinfield Community Centre and the development of the business case and negotiations with the British Legion, University of Reading and Wokingham Borough Council.

Peter was an avid supporter of developing more sports facilities and green spaces and we hope to carry his work forward on these matters to a successful conclusion. We all send Peters family, especially Carole his wife, our condolences and they remain in our thoughts. Peter Hughes will be sadly missed.

Andrew Grimes, Chairman, Shinfield Parish Council



May Elections

Turning to the elections in May we returned eleven members sadly now reduced to ten. We are holding 5 vacancies on the parish council which means we are at the minimum level of elected members we require. We would like residents to come forward to help us fill these vacancies.

Members were pleased to note the change of tone emerging from the newly elected Wokingham Borough Council that supported our frequently stated position that development has to be proportionate and well managed and we look forward to further discussions on the new Wokingham Local Plan and the location and scale of housing development up to 2036. Parish councillors are all committed to working with borough Councillors to get the best outcomes for the residents of the parish.

War Memorial

Lest we forget - there is no better way of preserving the names of those who died in battle than by exactly that. The Shinfield Parish Council have paid for the names to be re engraved for future generations and remembrance services. A lasting thank you from the community that they fought to maintain.



Major Developments Forum

17th July 2019

Our presentation at the Development Forum at Three Mile Cross on the 17th of July showed that Shinfield Parish is a great place to live and work, although sometimes challenging with the current round of house building. The presentation is available on our website. The presentation included a recognition that a Shinfield Parish Council has access to significant funds through its reserves and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipts. The council has worked with stakeholders to develop a range of schemes including a £30,000 grant to improve Grazeley Village Hall and a £1m parish investment alongside £2m of Wokingham funding in the new Shinfield Community Centre.

What's going on within the Parish

New Footways, Speed Limits & Air Quality Campaigns

The Parish Council is actively pursuing activities to improve the quality of life in the area with a councillor developing a range of walks for people with a wide range of mobility capabilities based on our historic and new footpaths. We continue to deploy the SIDS (Speed Indicator Device's) and are looking at how the data can be used to support our campaign to reduce speed limits to 30 mph. We have purchased and installed 2 Air Quality Monitors. - As pictured right. The monitors are located at Shinfield Infants and Lambs Lane schools where they will generate data on current air quality.



We have also commissioned a feasibility study into whether a pedestrian access can be created between Grazeley Rd in Three Mile Cross and the Mere oak Park and Ride.

Initial findings are that it is feasible and we have asked our consultants to start to work the scheme up.

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This is an exciting time in Shinfield. We expect a decision on the planning application for the Shinfield Community Centre in August and many other schemes and plans will start to move forward. If you wish to help as a councillor or as a member of a working group contact our clerk, Mike Balbini.

The First Planting of 'Shinfield Seedling' Apple Trees

In June, Shinfield Parish Council organised the planting of two apple trees within two schools within the parish. A team spearheaded by Shinfield Parish Council's Cllr. Ian Montgomery planted the apple trees as a gift. However these are no ordinary trees: as they bear fruit, they will be the 'Shinfield Seedling'.

This dessert apple was first discovered by the University of Reading in the 1940's, Cllr. Montgomery said: "Dr Adrian Wood from the University's Horticultural Department named it, after identifying what was possibly a hedgerow find or "sport". Dr Wood was also a member of the choir at St Mary's Church in Shinfield at that time.

"We thought it would be a good idea to plant these trees within all the schools in the Parish, and around the Parish over the forthcoming years, especially including those schools still on developers' plans and at Dardon Field Community Orchard.

"We contacted the National Fruit Collection, which is held at Brogdale in Kent and asked them to take cuttings and graft them onto rootstock about four years ago. The trees that we've planted were grown on by Ron and David Pilgrim at The Laurels Nursery until now."

We hope to plant a further two in Lambs Lane and Oakbank Schools after the summer holidays.

Due to this success we are currently asking Brogdale to take more cuttings at the appropriate time and we will grow them on for the future.



Above Cllr Montgomery, Cllr Brown, Mike Balbini, our Clerk, pictured with students at Shinfield St Mary's Junior School

Below, the 'Shinfield Seedling'



Spencers Wood New Pavilion Working Party

We have had our first meeting of the working party, made up of 4 Parish Councillors and 2 members of the community, who were co-opted onto the group, their involvement is much appreciated. Ian Clarke was elected as Chairman and Peyman Jarohmi as Secretary. Over the coming months, the working party will enlist experts from standard construction companies to modular design and find the optimal fit. Also the group will be looking at the area where the Pavilion is now, and the Basketball court, and coming back with a comprehensive plan to up-grade that area.

Our Website is currently under review, if you can't find what you're looking for, please give us a call on

0118 988 8220



Pride in Our Parish

The project is called Pride in our Parish. Last year we carried out the first stage, by planting daffodils either end of the Black Boy Roundabout. Shinfield Parish Council is currently negotiating with Wokingham Borough Council Highways to take over the management of 6 roadside areas within our Parish. Planters like those (pictured above) will eventually be placed on School Green and throughout the parish, also bulbs will be planted in time for bloom in spring next year.

Thank you to all those that have litter picked so far this year, as a community we can combat this issue together.

If you have any suggestions on how we can improve the Parish, please do let us know

Helping "Man's Best Friend"

Your dog will always look after you. Repay the compliment by keeping him the correct side of the law. Did you know: Any dog in a public place must wear a collar and tag with the name and address of the owner engraved on it? This law applies even if your dog is micro chipped.

You have a legal duty to clean up every time your dog fouls in a public place and you could face an on the spot fine if you don't. Aside from the law it is a health hazard and unpleasant for other users of that public space.

It is a criminal offence to allow a dog to be 'dangerously out of control' in a public place.

'Dangerously out of control' can mean either the dog has injured a person or behaves in a way that a person fears that they may be injured.

So please look after your dog by keeping it under control



DO NOT become a victim of doorstep scammers!!

There are many types of doorstep scams, some are listed below, BUT first think, did you ask for whatever it is they are offering, if not then continue with caution. It is best to stop them approaching your door in the first place by putting up signs to say "we do not buy from this door", or "no cold callers". Examples are: see below

- **Fake officials:** from a company. Always check their ID, they will all show one and usually in a uniform.
- **Fake charity collections:** A collector asks for money or clothes. If you wish to donate go online and if you wish to donate clothes go to a charity shop or ask a friend to.
- **Fake consumer surveys:** By filling out their survey you will give them personal information. If you wish to do a survey contact the company directly.
- **Rogue traders:** who offer you a service you didn't know you needed i.e. a fixed roofing slate but for cash, an inflated price and work of unknown quality. Only use trusted trades people.

Remember it is your home do not feel you have to let people in. Politely ask them to leave or you will call the police.

What's On & Information

Visit www.shinfieldparish.gov.uk/whats-on/ for more info...

Be part of our community

Shinfield Voluntary Car Service
Registered Charity No: 1152423

For people who have difficulty in getting out and about

Bookings & enquiries **0118 9883400**
Weekday mornings



Computer Club

Need help with the internet or email?

Contact

Kerry on 0118 9882250 or
Ian on 0118 9882459 to
arrange a one-to-one lesson

The Welcome Lunch Club



Lunch Club

For adults of all ages

Join us in Shinfield Parish Hall,
School Green, for a two-course
lunch (£2.00), a laugh, and a chat.

First Wednesday of the month at
12:45 – 2:45pm

SHINE »

Zumba Gold

Classes take place at
Shinfield Parish Hall
Every Tuesday 11am – 12noon

SHINE Zumba Gold is latin inspired dance
moves specially adapted for the over 60's

For information on how to join please
visit our website:
www.wokingham.gov.uk/shine

or contact the SHINE office on:
shine@wokingham.gov.uk
Tel: (0118) 974 3728

www.wokingham.gov.uk/shine



Shinfield Tennis Club, Millworth Lane

Anyone for Tennis...

If you are looking for somewhere to play tennis, singles or doubles, adult or junior level regularly or just to try it out, why not drop us an email so we can discuss your aspirations and get you playing. Or why not come along to our Tuesday club nights from 6pm onwards, for a free introductory session, to get a feel for the place and the people? Check out our website at

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ShinfieldTennisClub> Email :
info@shinfieldtennisclub.co.uk or call the secretary on
07745449626



Whatever place you're into



"Forever Fit."

Drop in gym and badminton
sessions for 60+ yrs
Gym: 11-2pm, Mon and Thurs
Badminton: 2-4pm, Fri
Only £3.75 per session
Contact Ryeon Green Sports Hub on
01189 864486 for more information

GRANTS For Community Groups

Calling all Community Orientated Residents!

If you are involved in running or supporting a local club, organisation or group, the Parish Council will consider grant applications up to £3,000. The purpose of the grant scheme is to support organisations with a range of suitable projects, events and equipment. You must be able to demonstrate how people in the Parish will benefit. Please call or pop into the office for an application form.



Do you have a QUESTION for Wokingham Borough Council ?

If the answer is YES, send it in to us and we will ask it for you at the next Executive meeting, please e-mail

clerk@shinfieldparish.gov.uk

& we will feedback to you

GOOD NEWS!!

Hyde End Road/Shinfield Meadows

Pedestrian Access

Following many complaints from our residents AND some near fatalities, the pedestrian access has now been approved



Committee Dates

For all Shinfield Parish Councils
Committee dates please visit our
website;

www.shinfieldparish.gov.uk/events/