

TITCHFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM - NEWSLETTER, November 2017

The Neighbourhood Plan is making good progress. We think that it is about 75% complete as far as content is concerned and about 25% as far as layout. The way things work from here on is:

- At the end of November FBC will have an unofficial look at the Plan
- After changes, we have a member of our Forum who will act as critical reader for the work so far.
- Once we feel the Plan is complete the Government provide us with an authorised critical reader.
- Again, after changes we formally submit the Plan to FBC who will have allocated an inspector to examine the Plan.
- Providing the examiner is satisfied, FBC must organise a referendum where 50% of the residents who vote must approve the plan for it to be accepted.

Our timetable is late spring or early summer for the referendum.

Open Meeting - we are planning another Open Meeting on Sunday, January 7th when the Housing team will make a presentation on the latest thinking on housing in the village. Our next newsletter will give you details.

Housing - Importantly, FBC has not identified any sites for development within the NP area in their Local Plan. However, this does not mean that developers will go away - they will continue to look for suitable sites on which to build. Nor does it mean that there will be no new homes built in Titchfield in the coming years. Some dwellings could be built on sites as yet unidentified (windfall sites). The Forum's own survey of residents showed that the preference is for affordable (to rent or to buy) 2/3 bedroom dwellings. The Forum sub-group looking into housing has identified some sites where dwellings might go. The important point is that the Neighbourhood Plan, which has statutory status, will contain policies that will ensure that any houses built in the NP area over the next twenty years will be in accordance with the residents' wishes - not the wishes of developers.

Fareham Borough Council Local Plan - The Titchfield exhibition for residents to look at the Local Plan is on 13th November between 2pm and 6pm and the CAT (Community Action Team) meeting is between 7pm and 8.30pm both in St Peter's Church, Titchfield.

The Village in Bloom Committee has met already to discuss the 4-page report on this year's entry. We have noted that we must add to our 2017/2018 entry more on conservation and recycling. We are aiming to sustain the work done this year.

We have been delighted with the lead that Derek, our village butcher and Honesty, one of our hairdressers, have given on planting displays to retain colour all year round. The committee will be planting bulbs in containers around the village and anyone who has spare bulbs please join us and fill a pot - anytime from about 11am this Sunday, 29th October.

We will be encouraging everyone this year to plant begonias, geraniums and perennials like lavender in their containers to help maintain colour and to not need excessive watering.

We hope to encourage young people to become even more involved than last year and have started with a pumpkin carving competition. Any pumpkins arriving on the village green between 12 noon and 4pm on Saturday, 28th October, will stand a chance of a prize. We will also try this year to get out three or four newsletters to keep you all updated.

Our village awards ceremony, for those who won awards for their efforts, was a lovely occasion and the highlight of the year for us. We hope to pack the Parish Rooms again at the end of 2018 season with even more awards to give out. Let's go for Gold for Titchfield! Gloria Hunt

Ann Wheal
Chair
Titchfield Neighbourhood Forum

Other News from around the village:

The Bonfire Boys are planning a **Christmas Market** on Sunday afternoon, 17th December. Many businesses and village societies have agreed to support this event - more details shortly in poster in One-Stop.

Christmas trees - collection will be 9.30am - 5pm on Saturday 2nd December. Forms to order trees available from Hadlows, Daisy B's, the Village Greengrocer and in the November issue of the Titchfield Parish Magazine.

The Country Market will be selling their Christmas items from next Friday in the Parish Rooms from 9.30 am. Normal produce and items will still be available.