

## **ARTICLE FOR MAGAZINE June 2019**

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

We had an uncontested election on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May and at our Annual Parish Council meeting Christine Saint was elected Chairman of the Council, with Jenny Folkard as Vice Chairman. Your other councillors are Ann Gihon, Kaye Harper, Roy Littlefield, Maggi Mansi and David Warry. We would also like to welcome two new councillors, Mark Inglett and Maxine Wilson.

Are you passionate about Montacute and would like to contribute to the running of the village? Have you considered becoming a parish councillor? Well we still have two vacancies on the council which we would like to fill at our meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like more information about the role please feel free to ring our Parish Clerk, Sarah Moore, on 01935 822455 for an informal chat.

### **DISTRICT COUNCIL WARD**

You may be aware that under the Boundary Commission Review, Montacute now comes under the Northstone, Ivelchester and St Michael's (NIST) Ward which means that we now have three District Councillors instead of one. Our District Councillors are Tony Capozzoli, Charlie Hull and Paul Rowsell. You can find out more information on each of our councillors on the SSDC website.

### **ROAD CLOSURE**

The High Street in Stoke sub Hamdon at the junction with Bonnies Lane will be closed from the 17<sup>th</sup> June for 5 days to enable Wessex Water to carry out supply separation works. Please see the map on the Parish noticeboard for the diversionary route.

### **ALLOTMENTS**

There are still a few plots left on our allotment site. If you are interested in growing your own fruits and vegetables please contact the Parish Clerk on 822455 or email [clerk\\_montacutepc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clerk_montacutepc@hotmail.co.uk). Our allotments come in a variety of sizes so please don't feel you have to take on a large plot, if you are new to allotment gardening you can have a small ¼ plot.

### **DOGS**

Further to our article in last month's newsletter, the farmer, Mr Wakely, has asked the parish council to pass on his appreciation to dog owners and other residents for the consideration to the livestock in the National Trust Park and other land around the village.

### **20MPH SPEED LIMIT**

We are pleased to see that the 20mph speed roundels have now been painted at each end of village and we would like to thank Highways for getting this done.

A couple of residents have raised concerns as to whether the 20mph speed limit is working and our County Councillor has said that having a Speedwatch team is an effective deterrent so if anyone is willing to restart the Speedwatch team please let us know. Also, the Parish Council are looking into the cost of purchasing a Speed Indicator Device to monitor vehicle speed.

### **CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

It has been noted that there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour around the village. The culprits do not appear to live in the village. If you see any incidents, please could you report them to the police whether it is via our new PCSO or by telephone the numbers listed below.

**For any advice and further/up-to-date information on incidents please go to the website: [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk). If you are a witness to or the victim of a crime then it is imperative that you report it to the police immediately whether it is during the day or at night. When**

**reporting an incident please telephone either 101 for non-emergencies or 999 for emergencies only.**

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Parish Council meetings are held on the third Monday of every month with the exception of August and December. Parish Council meetings are open to the press and public so residents are welcome to come along and listen to what we have to say. There is also a short public session at the beginning of every meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held a week early on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

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