

PENTON MEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

As well as the normal expectations, 2019 will bring in May Local Government elections both at the Parish Council and Borough Council level. Those for the Borough Council level could be particularly significant for the Pentons as the revised warding arrangements for Test Valley Borough Council will be in force. This means that one councillor (instead of the current two) will be elected for the newly created combined Charlton and Penton Mewsey and Penton Grafton ward. It will be interesting to see what candidates have to say in their election addresses about the challenges that they face in representing the new ward.

Unfortunately, we are still experiencing difficulties in rectifying the faults which caused the removal of the Smiley Face from the Weyhill Bottom Road but are taking steps to obtain a replacement as quickly as possible. We want to ensure that the new device is fault free and is backed by an adequate warranty. The need to fund a new item of equipment has meant that we have had to put on hold at present the Village Emblem Project. We shall though be reviewing the situation when we set the Parish precept for 2019.

Wishing all residents, a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Stephen Millen

Andover Business Park ANPR.

There is good news to report in that the County Council has advised that the final stage of acceptance testing for the replacement system was due to place in December. The equipment monitors the 'barred routes (which include the A342 to Lurgershall) to ensure that HCVs servicing the park do not use them.

This hopefully marks the end of the period of nearly 4 years when the system has not been working during which time we have pressed consistently for its reinstatement.



PENTON MEWSEY SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID)

As mentioned in The Chairman's Letter, we are looking into various options for a replacement SID and our investigations lead us to choose a unit that is powered by batteries only and a simple display showing the speed of the oncoming vehicle. The solar powered devices complete with data download are complicated and therefore more prone to faults, which we want to avoid in the future.

Replacement cost will be in the region of £2,800 a good part of which hopefully will be funded by a TVBC Councillor Grant. We hope to address this issue without too much further delay and understand how disappointing this is to all the residents in the parish.

Building Works at Penton Corner

For those residents at Penton Corner who have noticed building work adjacent to the Nelsons site and immediately next to the public path, Test Valley have advised in response to our report to them that the work does not have the benefit of planning permission and is therefore being carried out at the owner's risk. A planning application has been submitted so that the position may be properly considered.

Nelsons have also submitted separate applications 1) for a part enclosed picking station, relocation of skip storage, the re-arrangement of site car parking, small scale extension to an existing waste transfer building, positioning of bin storage and a weighbridge and 2) the Variation of condition 8 of planning permission 11/02569/CMA (to increase the height of the fencing)

All three applications were considered at our December meeting and we have sought clarification on a number of issues and submitted objections pending such further information. Full details will appear in the minutes on our website.

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