

Hartshorne Village Residents Association Newsletter - December 2017



Welcome to our second newsletter of 2017 to bring you up to date with some of the news since our June letter.

Planning Matters

- Proposed Development in Woodville Road

In our June newsletter we reported that the application for 14 houses in Woodville Road had been refused by SDDC but had gone to Appeal. The appeal was heard on 23 May which our Chairman, Jim Gosden, attended and at which he read out a statement in which he argued strongly against the proposed development being built in the countryside and in favour of retaining the site as a strategic gap between the village and the ribbon development on Woodville Road. This was also the Council's argument.

Despite our best efforts, the Inspector's decision was to allow the development to take place.

- Holiday cabins in Manchester Lane

This application for four holiday cabins in Manchester Lane on the approaches to Horn Hill was mentioned in the last newsletter. It went before the Planning Committee on 27th June. The meeting was well attended by a good number of villagers. Kevin Banton, a resident of Manchester Lane represented the Residents Association and those residents most affected. He

made a well-researched and balanced argument against the proposed development, in particular its impact on the setting of Horn Hill.

Councillor Kim Coe was present and argued equally passionately against the proposal, which incidentally was supported by the Planning Officer. The result was that the Planning Committee refused the application. We have recently heard that the developer has re-applied. Both the residents and the Residents Association will oppose the action once again.

- Local Plan Part 2 – Local Green Spaces

As mentioned in our June newsletter, the Housing element of Part 2 of the Local Plan was sent to the Government's Inspector early in the year to avoid delay while the Local Green Spaces (LGS) element was finalized. This has now been to a third consultation (July/August) at which the Residents Association made a strong case for the Cricket Ground at the Rodney to be designated as a LGS. If a site is designated, it becomes protected from future development. Since the Cricket Club plays such an important part in village life, in particular teaching children the game of cricket and team spirit, we feel it is important that the ground is safeguarded for the future.

It is understood that a fourth and hopefully final consultation will take place in the spring of 2018.

Stop Press! As this newsletter was being finalised we heard from SDDC that Part 2 of the Local Plan had been adopted on 2nd November. This will make it more difficult for developers to obtain planning permission for sites not already identified in the Plan, which minimises the risk of medium or larger developments in the small villages of South Derbyshire including Hartshorne.

Conservation

- Horn Hill

In view of the above proposed development for holiday cabins, the Residents Association has formally applied to the District Council for a Conservation Appraisal to be carried out on Horn Hill and its environs. This is with the full support of the Manchester Lane residents who have done considerable research on the history of Horn Hill from which Hartshorne derives its name.

- Hartshorne Village

You may recall that the Residents Association was instrumental in 2015 in getting a Conservation Appraisal carried out on the village. This resulted in a report and public consultation in early 2016. At the end of

May the Conservation Officer left SDDC and since then the results of the report and consultation have been held in abeyance pending the appointment of a new officer.

A new Conservation Officer has now been appointed and took up her post on 1st September. The Association has been in contact with her and she hopes to be able to look at both Hartshorne and Horn Hill Conservation in the New Year and meet with us.

- **Community Speedwatch**

Councillor Kim Coe has been liaising with the Police and at the time of writing a date has been fixed for Saturday 24th February at 10am. Please ring Jim Gosden on 217656 for more details if you have volunteered for this.

- **Christmas – Community Carol Singing**

Kevin and Lesley at the Rodney are putting up a Christmas tree outside the Rodney again this year and there will be Carol Singing jointly with the Church on Friday 15th December at 7pm. No doubt after the singing people will be adjourning to the pub for refreshment! Mark it on your calendars!

- **Film Nights at the Dethick**

Two film nights have been held at the Dethick Hall, both well attended: the first on 22nd October when “Victoria and Abdul” was shown; the second was on 26th November at 6.30pm when “Goodbye Christopher Robin” was screened. Tickets cost only £6.

Two more film nights are planned for January and February when newly released films will be shown. For details email: dethickfilms@gmail.com or look out for posters around the village and in the information kiosk at the Rodney.

If the venture proves successful (as up to now it is), more films are planned for Winter 2018/19.

- **Local History**

Are you interested in local history, particularly that of Hartshorne? Would you be interested in being in a Hartshorne Local History Group? If so, please contact Rachel Evans on 07795491267 or email: rachael-evans@live.co.uk

- **Thank you**

The Committee thanks all volunteers who help us deliver newsletters and leaflets round the village – it really is appreciated. We also thank all who show their faith and confidence in what we do by renewing their membership. If you still think we are worth supporting but have forgotten

to renew, please use the form at the bottom of the newsletter. It's never too late.

- **And finally...**

We wish you all, members and non-members a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**HARTSHORNE VILLAGE RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**



Membership is taken on a household basis and only the name of the principal or nominated holder is required. Membership runs from 1st April to 31st March.

Name

Number of adults at this address.....

Address.....

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.....Postcode.....

Home telephone.....

Mobile.....

Email.....

I agree with the aims of the Association and wish to become a member. Please visit our website for more details.

www.hartshornevillageresidents.org

Or email to secretary@hartshornevillageresidents.org

Signed.....

Date.....

Please return the membership form together with £2 in an enclosed envelope to:

Hamish Smith (Treasurer), 11 Ticknall Road, Hartshorne. DE11 7AS