

SINGLETON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

October 2008

New Traffic Action Group for Singleton

Singleton and West Dean Parish Councils are working together through their Traffic Action Groups to try to do something about limiting speed on the A286. As well as the Speed Indicator Device (SID) initiative, the drawings have been received for the WSCC A286 Chichester to Cocking Route Consultation. By the time you read this, the first consultation meeting between the two Parish Councils and the County Council will have taken place. The Singleton Traffic Action Group (STAG) is open to local residents, so if you are interested in taking part, please contact Bill Spence on 811453.

2009/2010 Budget

We started our 2009/2010 Budget process in October, to enable the Budget to be set at the November 2008 meeting. This is the time of year when we look at how much money is needed for the coming financial year and set our Precept. As part of this process, we look at the Parish Council's assets and ongoing financial commitments, check that our Risk Assessments are up-to-date, and consider any projects which might be undertaken. This year, we are having a professional survey of all trees for which the Parish Council is responsible, to ensure that they are safe and healthy.

Finger Posts at Knights Hill

Some of you will have noticed that the finger posts at the top and bottom of Knights Hill had become very dilapidated and been removed. Thanks to the support of WSCC and the South Downs Joint Committee, and voluntary restoration work by Sue Farman, Roger Champion and Bill Spence, they are now back in place and looking good. The Parish Council undertook this project, because the alternative would have been to see these traditional signs being replaced by less attractive modern ones.

Singleton CE Primary School

The Parish Council was delighted at the news of the school's outstanding performance in the recent Ofsted and Diocesan Church Schools Inspections. Hearty congratulations to Marion Barker and her staff, the Governors, and of course, all the children, for their very hard work and tremendous achievement!

Dog Fouling

We appeal to those of you with dogs to ensure that you clean up after your pets and use the dog bins provided and not public litter bins! We are again working with the Dog Wardens, after more incidents of children being covered in mess whilst playing on local grassed areas and verges. As well as being very unpleasant for the child and those who have to clean them and the affected area up, this is a significant health hazard. We also ask that dogs are kept out of the play area. We will be providing some rings where dogs can be secured whilst children are playing on the apparatus.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 26 November 2008 at 7pm at Singleton Village Hall**. Please spare a little of your time to come along - local electors are always given the opportunity to speak at the beginning of the meeting.