



HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

May 2017

Redrow funds village projects

Funds were secured from the builders of Gardeners View for use by Hardingstone Parish Council (HPC) for open spaces projects in the village. This is a "Section 106 agreement" (S106) with Northampton Borough Council (NBC), who have to approve the projects that the money will be used for. S106 money is paid by developers to mitigate the impact of their new development on the local area.



Spring is here at last and everything is growing, including the grass and weeds!



Have you been in the recreation ground recently? The footpath has been re-surfaced using S106 funding, we have installed two new picnic tables, and the goal areas have been re-turfed. At the time of writing we are awaiting final approval for some exciting new play equipment so families can have a fun-packed free day out.

New village benches.

NBC have approved the siting of four benches around the village (S106) but they have yet to start the work.

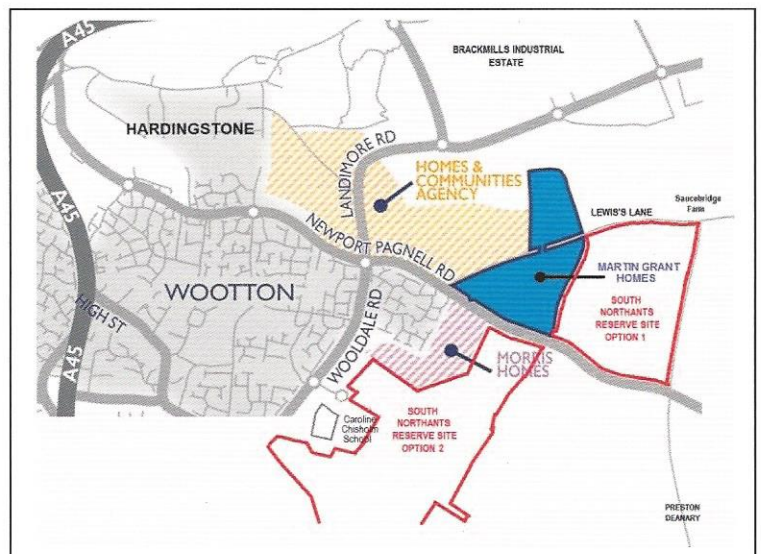
Housing Developments on Newport Pagnell Road

HPC has voted to join forces with other local Parish Councils in opposition to excessive development in the area. We shall continue to monitor progress on the Hardingstone "Sustainable Urban Extension" (SUE) of 1000 homes and influence planning applications. Martin Grant Homes intend to apply to build a further 535 homes accessed from Newport Pagnell Road, and in addition South Northants. Council is proposing that land for another 1200 dwellings is placed on the reserve list on one of two sites with similar access requirements. Our concerns are with a lack of provision for infrastructure: schools and medical facilities etc. plus traffic gridlock and air pollution on inadequate roads.

References:

<http://www.hampton-green.co.uk>

<http://modgov.southnorthants.gov.uk/documents/s17505/NRDA%20and%20Rural%20Areas%20Allocations.pdf>



Dog fouling and fly tipping

We all want to live in a clean and tidy environment, but a small minority of residents think that someone else should clear up their litter and dog's mess. A new bin has been ordered for the Bouverie Road garage area which can be used for both litter and doggy poo, so please use it.

Fly-tipping is, unfortunately, a continuing anti-social problem near the water tower, which is an unnecessary drain on taxpayers' money. If you see anyone dumping rubbish please report it to the NBC Neighbourhood Warden, Lorraine on 07920 247740 with a vehicle registration number if possible.

Alternatively you can report it to the Borough Council online, or phone 0300 330 7000 and select "street care option" .

Cherry Orchard transfer to HPC



Negotiations are nearly complete to transfer the ownership of the large field known as Cherry Orchard to HPC. This is an asset enjoyed by walkers, families and dog owners but it seems that some residents are unaware of it. A signpost will be put up in the High St. to direct people there. The footpath entrance is at the side of Cobbler's Cottage.

New website coming soon

We are in the process of creating a more attractive, efficient and user-friendly website to keep residents informed of Council and village activities. It will also have links to village organisations and local services. We will let you know the new web address when it goes live.



Parish Council vacancies

There are two vacancies at the moment for Parish Councillors so if you feel you would like to volunteer a little of your time to help improve the quality of life in Hardingstone you would be very welcome.

For further information about becoming a Parish Councillor or with any concerns about the village please contact our Parish Clerk:

Sally Willis. 07709 523746 clerk@hardingstone-pc.org.uk

Sally works in the Parish Room on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30 to 2.30 with a drop-in service from 10.30-11.30. Other times may be arranged by appointment.

Or why not come to one of our meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30?
Public time comes first on the agenda.