

## **ARTICLE FOR OCTOBER**

### **ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL**

It is a busy time for the Council, with the public consultation on the future of the public toilets and the forthcoming development of the Council's Business Plan, both of which will influence our budget preparations prior to the setting of the 2018/19 council tax precept.

#### **Public Toilets**

The notes of the consultation Launch Event held on the 25 September are now posted on the community website at [www.sthelensiw.org.uk](http://www.sthelensiw.org.uk) . Almost 60 responses have so far been received, so please join in and take a few minutes to provide your views, our contact details are below. All views are most welcome by 6 November, so that analysis can be prepared in time for the Council's meeting on 13 November.

#### **Village Greens parking**

Public concerns are being expressed for parking on the grass. The Greens are Common Land, where parking without the lawful authority of the owner (Isle of Wight Council) is illegal. Damage is occurring and cannot practicably be repaired whilst the parking continues. Steps are being considered that may physically prevent unauthorised vehicle access and enforce the law.

#### **Councillor vacancy**

A vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council following the resignation of Tim Woodcock. Interested parties should contact the Clerk, Peter Baxter or come along to the next meeting on 13 November to see us at work. Peter will be able to provide information on the role, the process and also a copy of the application form but lots more information is on the community website (Parish Council tab).

#### **Councillors' surgeries**

if you would like to raise an issue with one or more of your parish councillors, or with one of your IW Council Ward Councillors who will also be present, then do consider visiting us on the second Monday of every month (except August) in the Community Centre from **6.40pm** for our new Councillors' Surgeries. Our formal business will still start at 7.00pm when you will also be invited to address the Council on matters already listed on the agenda.

#### **And finally ...**

The Parish Council is here to help and to represent your views. Do come along and support our work on your behalf and if you would like your Council to consider an issue do contact either the Clerk or one of your councillors to get that on the agenda. See the community website for more information.

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