

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
OTTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL, 20 JANUARY AT 7.30 PM
IN THE BIANCHI ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

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Present: Cllrs Jones (C); Acton; Stirrup; Kelly, Barton-Briddon; Stansbury; Brabham; Rodford

In attendance: District Cllr Mike Southgate (also reporting as Director for SOCCT); Ron Emery; Mr T Walder, Director, Greenacres Drive Management Company (GDMC); 10 parishioners; Clerk

Cllr Rodford was welcomed to the Council.

The Chairman announced a change in the order of the Agenda relating to Item 11.b) i) and Item 11.d)

1. **Declaration of Interest:** None.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** County Cllr Phil Bailey; District Cllr Jan Warwick; Mrs K Mantell; PCSO Michelle Wilkinson,
3. **Minutes of the Meeting:**
To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 18 November 2014
Minutes previously distributed to all Councillors. Two amendments: Item 8. Air Matters: amend David Blakemore to David Ingram. Item 10. Amend Laycett to Laycell. Proposed by Cllr Stirrup, seconded Cllr Acton and approved by Council and signed.
4. **Police Report**
A report detailing incidents from 18/11/14 to 20/01/15 had been received: 1 report of burglary from a dwelling; 1 report of burglary other than a dwelling; 1 report of theft from Budgens; 1 report of theft from a motor vehicle; several calls to 101 of suspicious behaviour, although these were thought to be suspicious many turned out not to be not so.
5. **Open Session for Parishioners**
Update from the Chairman on Item 11. b) i) Greenacres Amenity Land and access to it
The Chairman advised a letter dated 19 January had been received from Mr T Walder which threatened that the continuing action of the Parish Council in pursuing its investigation into the Open Space land and footpath 'shall leave Otterbourne Parish Council and its councillors open to formal complaint proceedings and to litigation'. The letter had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The letter referred to a 1999 Deed which had been obtained from WCC together with a copy of the Land Registry transfer of Title. The 1999 Deed effectively varied the 1997 Agreement Section 106 and determined that the land as set aside in the 1997 Agreement would be divided. WCC had advised that the southern land approximating a 'rectangle' and encompassing the balancing pond was not under its control. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council was not interested in this area of land. The northern area approximating a 'triangle' and as recently transferred in Title from Devine Homes was under WCC control. The 1999 Deed and transfer document confirmed its use as public amenity land as defined by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The Parish Council sought to investigate this area for the benefit of the village. At the Jalopy event in summer 2014 it had tried to raise awareness and gain initial feedback. The area was not envisaged as a park or formal grassed area or with any equipment, but as a natural reserve with some cut paths for walking. WCC had received £42,405 from Devine Homes for its upkeep and it was hoped to determine what it intended as use of the land. A meeting had been suggested to which Parish Council representatives had been invited. The meeting was closed for Parishioners to speak. Mr Walder advised that both parcels of land should be considered together as flood plain and the area had been entrusted to the

GDMC to retain as such within its Articles of Association. The Chairman advised that the 1999 Deed did not support this: it confirmed only that the GDMC was responsible for maintaining the ditch to the open space, but not for maintenance or control of either parcel of land. A question was raised regarding whether the Environment Agency (EA) had been consulted on how the land would be affected if used as open space. Cllr Acton advised the EA had verbally advised that retaining the land as a natural area with some cut paths for walking would not interfere with or harm the wider area being used as a flood plain. A question was raised as to why the footpath link to the recreation ground was being pursued. The letter from Mr Walder stated that this had been refused in the past as part of the planning permission for the development of the 12 houses. The Clerk advised that the Planning Decision Notice did not mention the footpath either to confirm or to refuse the intended link. The footpath had been envisaged as far back as the 1982 Colden Common and Otterbourne Local Plan and in documentation since. It was unknown why it had not been taken forward. The Chairman advised that the potential footpath link was on land owned by Southern Water (SW) and initial enquiries had not gained positive response to permissive use. A Parishioner concluded it was understandable that the Parish Council might wish to investigate the area as part of a land bank, but it needed to be sensitive to the local residents affected. The Chairman summed up that it was not the intention of the Parish Council to cause alarm or upset and apologised if this had been unintentionally caused. However, it was apparent the ‘triangle’ was defined and had been intended as public open space and it was within the remit of the Parish Council to investigate this for the benefit and use of the village. Council matters progressed slowly. The method of communication by the Parish Council was via the Meetings and Minutes. The Parish Council would not send individual residents updates, but the Minutes were available from the Clerk by request if not displayed on the parish website. The Parish News was also made available on the notice boards. Mr Walder thanked the Parish Council. The meeting was opened again for the next Item.

To respond to Mr Walder’s letter 19 January	Cllr Jones	asap
To attend meeting with WCC	Clerk/Cllrs	
To apply to Company House for the GDMC Articles of Association	Clerk	

Update from the Chairman on Item 11. d) Oakwood Copse footpath from Waterworks Road to the Recreation Ground

The Chairman advised that the meadow land had recently been sold and the landowner had decided to fence his property, a portion of which contained the track from the recreation ground at the exit to Waterworks Road. Surveyors had plotted out the land and the landowner had been co-operative in constructing a new track at the side of the previous one. However, it had been more difficult than anticipated for a new track to be formed. TPO’s existed on all of the trees and this restricted a good line and width, plus there was a gradient requiring steps. There were two other tracks through the Copse and it was hoped that probably the middle one could be made suitable as the main route for wheelchairs, prams and bicycles.

The meeting was closed for Parishioners to speak. A request was made about claiming a Right of Way based on prescriptive use. This had been one option considered by the Parish Council, but a Right of Way could not be claimed if the path had permissive use and the claims process had a substantial backlog of several years. Mike Southgate, as Director for SOCCT added that the fenced land had been agreed with SOCCT and the owners of Oakhurst Lodge. SOCCT would be happy to work with the Parish Council in developing one of the existing routes. He had investigated Waterworks Road and determined this to be

an unadopted highway, although ownership was as yet unknown. The landowner had taken vehicles along the track to enable clearance of the field, but if access was required for any use which required planning permission this would have to be applied for in the usual way. The landowner had advised that it was the intention to use the field for grazing. The meeting was opened again for the next Item.

To work with SOCCT to develop a route through the Copse usable by wheelchairs, prams and bicycles	Cllr Stirrup	
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Reported use of land by a hovercraft behind Greenacres Drive

Cllr Acton advised that a noise complaint had been received from use of a hovercraft in the field off Kiln Lane recently sold by Southern Water. Cllr Acton asked whether any Greenacres Drive Parishioners attending the meeting had experienced this. A Parishioner advised that the hovercraft and a 4x4 vehicle were both used in the field and the hovercraft was very noisy when in use.

6. County Councillor's Report

See attached report. Council was generally supportive of the Elderfield project and saw it as a positive use of the greenhouse amenities, involvement of service users and community interaction from potential sales.

7. District Councillor's Report

See attached report. Cllr Southgate expanded on two items:

Cllr Warwick had arranged a meeting with WCC to assess the Eucalyptus tree on the common, the footpath up the west side of Otterbourne Hill and the area used for model car racing. Car parking along Waterworks Road and Sparrowgrove – Cllr Southgate had written to Southern Water, the NHS Deanery and the Managing Agent for Southern House regarding the increased car parking. All parties were being co-operative in helping to resolve the problem and a meeting was being arranged to examine expanding car parking on site. The parking problem was notably worse on some days when it was thought training courses were held. Parking along Sparrowgrove on the public highway was not illegal and often helped to slow vehicles. Waterworks Road was unadopted and as a private road of unknown ownership was difficult to police. However, if cars caused obstruction residents should contact the PCSO who had been informed of the situation. Cllr Southgate had also asked Southern Water to advise ClancyDocwra vehicles to reduce their speed and to consider erecting a sign reminding all drivers at the exit gate.

To attend meeting with Cllr Southgate and other parties	Cllr Jones	
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8. Report of Representatives to Various Bodies

Allotments Association

The deer had returned and the gate at Chapel Lane would be wired to prevent access.

9. Action Points and Matters arising on the Minutes and not discussed elsewhere

All points had been actioned or would be reported on within the Agenda except as follows: SLR sign on Sparrowgrove – Cllr Jones had identified potential positions on lamp posts and had contacted the Highways officer to inspect.

Community Assets Register – Cllr Kelly had checked the Agreements for the Village Hall, the area of land west of the Village Hall and Sponder's Mede. A report would be made at next meeting.

Elderfield Cricket Pitch reinstatement – Cllr Acton advised that Marc Meers had moved from the village. Elderfield had said any new project would need to start from the beginning. The Parish Council had been the mediator in the past, but no longer had funds to help. Ron Emery agreed to make enquiries as to whether there was any interest from Otterbourne Cricket Club's side.

10. **Report of the Planning and Highways Committee**

a) Applications and Decisions – as attached.

b) Draft WCC Local Plan Part 2 – the planning issues raised by Otterbourne had been incorporated into the Plan, but the Policies Map 12 which identified open spaces areas in the village was incorrect. Cllr Acton and the Clerk had updated the map and submitted seven areas for inclusion/amendment.

c) Highways – to receive and report on matters

Boyatt Lane white lines would be in HCC's 2015/16 budget. The potholes on Park Lane had been reported. The Poles Lane ditches had been maintained.

d) Southern Water – to receive report on Kiln Lane Wastewater Pumping Station

A report from Southern Water had been emailed to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Southern Water was working with Colden Common, Otterbourne and the Environment Agency to help prevent sewer flooding in the Kiln Lane area around Brambridge. Large amounts of groundwater and surface water run-off had been getting into the sewers overloading the pumping station capacity. Southern Water was working on preventing ingress of the water by conducting camera surveys and sealing the pipework.

e) War Memorial – new Item

New railings – these would be fitted by Cllr Jones in due course.

Floodlights – HCC had advised that the new LED lights were on order.

Cllr Jones had written a thank you letter with gift from the Chairman's allowance to Celia Lowthian for her work on the WW1 project.

11. **Report on Recreation and Amenities**

a) Oakwood Park Recreation Ground

i) General – to receive any matters arising.

Quotations for clearing and stump grinding the area to left of the access were being obtained. Two letters of complaint had been received in relation to the Football Club. Club officials had advised it was policy to try and minimise bad language on the pitch, including the use of posters in the changing rooms. The matter would be brought to the attention of players at the next meeting. The Club advised it was not the team playing on Remembrance Sunday, but that standard practice would be to take the 2 minutes silence at commencement of the match.

ii) Youth Facilities – to update on the MUGA installation and ratify £140 for removal of trees. Cllr Jones had made regular site inspections. The MUGA installation was progressing well. The temporary roadway had been relatively successful and the grass would be reinstated afterwards. The Clerk had made two Progress Reports to Veolia and issued a Press Release. An Opening Event was agreed for the Spring.

Ratification of £140 plus VAT for removal of two dead trees as agreed. Proposed by Cllr Kelly, seconded Cllr Acton and agreed by Council.

iii) Play Park – to update on maintenance and agree annual safety inspection provider.

New hanging rings had been received under the warranty and installed. A new Elk saddle had been fitted. A request had been made to the youth facility contractors to help with over-banding the cracks in the play park's path. Two annual safety inspectors were put forward for 2015: Nick Adams and Bill Dunlop. It was agreed a change could be beneficial for a fresh appraisal and Bill Dunlop contracted via WCC was agreed for 2015/16.

To liaise with YF contractors regarding over-banding	Cllr Jones	
To make 3rd Progress Report to Veolia and request final funding	Clerk	31 Mar
To plan Opening Event at next Working Party meeting	All Cllrs	17 Feb
To advise WCC of instruction for annual safety inspection	Clerk	asap

b) Open Spaces Area

i) to update on Greenacres amenity land and access to it.
Main report at Item 5. .

To respond to Mr Walder's letter	Cllr Jones	asap
To attend meeting with WCC	Cllrs Jones, Acton, Stirrup	
To obtain GDMC Articles of Association	Clerk	asap

ii) Proposal for expenditure of up to £1,200 for various tree works and cutting back. Quotations were being sought for works around the Parish including Cranbourne Drive Public Car Park, Cranbourne Drive Open Space, Oakwood Park Recreation Ground. Proposed by Cllr Brabham, Seconded Cllr Kelly and agreed by Council.

To meet contractors and obtain quotations	Cllr Jones	17 Mar
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c) Common – Proposal for expenditure of up to £150 for replacement posts.

Replacement posts had been identified as required along Boyatt Lane and Main Road. Proposed by Cllr Stirrup, seconded Cllr Jones and agreed by Council. It was agreed the use of posts on the west side of the Common by Lilac Cottage was not worthwhile as they were knocked over too frequently. The contractor would be consulted for other options.

To meet contractor ref replacement post positions and discuss options for Lilac Cottage area	Cllr Stirrup	17 Mar
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d) Oakwood Copse – to update on the footpath from Waterworks Road to Recreation Ground. Main report at Item 5. Council agreed it was happy to work with SOCCT to develop one of the existing tracks into a route suitable for the elderly and wheeled use. It was agreed the new dual use public bin should be sited next to this path. It was hoped the new landowner might help with aggregate supply or funds from the Jubilee Path would need redirecting.

To work with SOCCT and the landowner on the route	Cllrs Stirrup/Jones	17 Mar
To instruct installation of a new public bin when advised	Clerk	17 Feb

e) Street Amenities

i) Parish Benches – Proposal for expenditure for 3 benches up to £869 each plus installation. Three benches from the 2014/15 budget and three benches from the 2015/16 budget had been provisioned. In addition a replacement bench at Bourne Close had been agreed by WCC following the new dwellings being built. Cllr Acton had investigated several different design options and these had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Considerations were agreed as follows: the benches should be of recycled material, with backs and arms to aid elderly users, from a reliable company to ensure continuity of supply, in keeping with various positions in the village, of quality to last for 30 years. The Stanford bench from Glasdon was agreed as best fulfilling criteria. Proposed by Cllr Acton, seconded Cllr Brabham and agreed by Council. A quotation had been received at £150 per bench for removal of old benches and installation of new, based on three benches being undertaken in one day. Proposed by Cllr Acton, seconded Cllr Brabham and agreed by Council.

To contact Glasdon and request visit with recycled wood sample	Cllr Acton	17 Mar
To instruct contractors with the works when advised	Clerk	17 Mar
To liaise with WCC regarding Bourne Close bench	Cllr Acton	17 Mar

ii) Dog Bins – Proposal for expenditure of £300 on dog fouling campaign.

A Keep Britain Tidy campaign had been launched with new posters and bin stickers. It was proposed to put the A3 posters on the notice boards and laminated ones in areas which were badly fouled. Proposed by Cllr Acton, seconded Cllr Jones and agreed by Council.

The dog bin on Waterworks Road had been removed, cleansed and stored at the allotments. A new dual use green public bin would be installed as soon as the line of the new path through the Copse had been agreed. Two further dog bins at Otterbourne Wood and the Common reservoir would be removed at end of January. Green public bins already existed in these positions for dual use as dog bins. Cllr Jones had met with a WCC officer to agree the position of a new green public bin at Cranbourne Drive by the safety railings.

To place order for dog posters and have a number laminated	Clerk	asap
To assess areas for use of the laminated posters	Cllr Acton/Cllrs	asap
To order new green public bins when advised	Clerk	
To contact WCC for removal, cleansing, storage of dog bins	Clerk	asap

iii) Bus Shelters – new item.

The Poles Lane and Oakwood Avenue bus shelters had been re-stained. Cllr Jones reported the White Horse bus shelter needed attention.

To contact Handyman/Taylor Property Services for assessment	Clerk	17 Mar
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12. Report of the Finance and Administration Committee

a) Parish Accounts and cheques for payment – and 3rd quarter analysis and reconciliation
Cheques paid as attached. The budget was broadly on line for both monthly expenditure vs provisioned and total expenditure vs total income. The first payment from Veolia £12,482 had been received and a final payment of £6,721 would be requested upon completion of the project. The WCC Open Spaces fund £18,379 had been received which included the £15,000 contribution from Compton and Shawford Parish Council. The receipts had enabled £11,500 held as cash flow in the Treasurer's account to be reinvested for a six month term.

b) Precept for 2015/16 – Proposal for approval of Precept at £33,121.90 based on Council Tax Support Grant of £951.10. Precept represents a 0% increase on 2014/15.

The CTS grant had been received higher than expected which reduced the anticipated 3% increase to 0%. Proposed by Cllr Kelly, seconded Cllr Acton and unanimously agreed.

To submit to WCC	Clerk	21 Jan
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13. Risk Assessment and Management

None received.

14. Notification of events and to raise new items for the next meeting

Cllr Acton advised that Age Concern acting in conjunction with HCC had initiated a Village Agent scheme. It was agreed that the Annual Assembly would be the best medium to present this as it required input from individual volunteers and groups in the village. The next Working Party date was 17 February 2015.

Dates for the Finance and Administration meeting were proposed as 2, 3, 9, 10 March.

To book village hall for F&A meeting and advise all Councillors	Clerk	asap
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- 15. Date of next Parish Council meeting:**
17 March 2015 in the Bianchi Room of the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.40 pm

Planning Matters at 20 January 2015

Further information may be gained from: www.winchester.gov.uk following the link to online planning applications where full plans and consultations may be viewed and response to WCC may be submitted using a Comment form. Comments may also be made to the Parish Council using the Otterbourne Parish Council website feedback form.

Applications

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| Case No. 14/02444/PNHOU | Applewood, 3A Poles Lane, Otterbourne
New single storey extension to rear of property.
Prior approval not required |
| Case No. 14/02938/TPO
4 February | 4 Sparrowgrove, Otterbourne
8 no Hazel to coppice, 1 no Ash to fell, 1 no unknown to fell
No comment |

Decisions

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| Case No. 14/02416/FUL
Case No. 14/02416/LIS | Otterbourne Manor, Kiln Lane, Otterbourne
Replacement of modern windows to East elevation of the property, including second floor window to the North elevation.
Application permitted |
| Case No. 14/02279/TPO | 6 Sparrowgrove, Otterbourne
1 no Ash fell.
Application permitted |

Report of the Finance and Administration Committee 20 January 2015**a) Parish Accounts stand as follows**

	£	£
	Current Statement	Last Statement
Lloyds Treasurers	38,132.62	56,061.20
Lloyds Investment a/c 12 mth to 29/04/15 @ 0.95%	25,000.00	25,000.00
Lloyds Investment a/c 6 mth to 23/06/15 @ 0.7%	11,500.00	<u>0.00</u>
Total Balance	74,632.62	81,061.20

Interim Cheques for payment from Lloyds account 16 December 2014

2895	Mrs J Ayre – salary November	£ 768.82
2896	Mrs J Ayre – office, travel expenses, Land Registry fee	£ 85.00
2897	HMRC – tax and NI for Oct-Dec	£ 93.06
2898	Broker Network Ltd – additional premium for new MUGA	£ 46.41
2899	Crawley Parish Council – Lengthsman green waste removal	£ 25.00
2900	Blake Davis Tree Care – Oak tree recreation ground	£ 570.00
2901	Ludus Leisure Ltd – Elk saddle replacement	£ 40.80
2902	Kompan Ltd – 1 st payment for equipment	£21,400.80
2903	Taylor and Son – bus shelters re-staining	£ 275.00
2904	Broker Network Ltd – temporary site insurance	<u>£ 25.00</u>
		£23,329.89

Cheques for payment from Lloyds account 20 January 2015

2905	Mrs J Ayre – salary November	£ 768.82
2906	Mrs J Ayre – office, travel expenses,	£ 54.90
2907	Otterbourne Village Hall Committee – parish hall hire Jan-Mar	£ 80.00
2908	OCS Cannon – November recreation ground maintenance	£ 108.89
2909	Keep Britain Tidy – dog posters and bin stickers	£ 300.00
2910	Taurus Garden Services – Open Spaces and play park re-seed	£ 2,810.00
2911	PCC – S137 annual contribution to parish magazine	£ 120.00
2912	PCC – annual contribution to churchyard maintenance	£ 480.00
2913	Conservation Group – contribution to Old Churchyard maintenance	£ 180.00
2914	Blake Davis – removal of dead trees at youth facilities site	£ 140.00
2915	Southern Water – allotments	£ 69.26
2916	Kompan UK - 2 nd payment for works to-date	<u>£ 7,834.77</u>
		£12,946.64

Report to Otterbourne Parish Council - Phil Bailey, County Councillor

1) Elderfield

I have been approached for a grant to assist in the Elderfield garden project. I am aware that the Parish and residents have discussed how successful this used to be in the past. I am also aware that it may be an opportunity to improve communication and community relations.

The person who has contacted me is:

Seb Mayfield

Food Up Front

07816 852 206

www.foodupfront.org

Twitter: @foodupfront

LinkedIn: uk.linkedin.com/in/sebmayfieldYou

He has been in discussions with the Langley House Trust (LHT) to take on the use of the land to develop a social enterprise comprising of a market garden, training centre and community resource. He tells me that LHT have granted permission for him to use the land.

Grant for Equipment for:

Compost (4 tonnes) - for remediation of soil in polytunnel - £400

Seed compost - £20

Hand tools - dibbers, forks, trowels - £30

Shovels and forks - £100

Seeds - £20

Lockable secure storage box - £150

Commercial organic horticulture training course (4 days) - £170

Total - £870

I have email LHT for their confirmation that the above is in line with their understanding. If Cllrs have any comments do please feed back to me.

2) Adverse Weather - Keeping you informed

In view of the recent floods and other weather problems the County Council has set up a public announcement service.

Go to hants.gov.uk<<http://hants.gov.uk/>> then press the large button on the front page.

Or go to: www3.hants.gov.uk/winter-maintenance

Or on twitter: @hantshighways

This will give you the snow and gritting schedule.

There will also be real time gritter and tracking available online from the GPS in the vehicles!

Cllr Phil Bailey

Winchester District Councillors Report
Otterbourne Parish Council 20th January 2015

Otterbourne Common - Councillor Warwick has been working with local residents on noise, tree and footpath management on the Common and the surrounding areas. A meeting is due to take place shortly to review progress.

Waterworks Road/Sparrowgrove Parking - Councillor Southgate has been on this case, liaising with local residents and has established contact with the NHS, Southern Water and Management Agents about on street parking concerns. These appear to relate to visitors and workers on the Southern Water/Southern House complex site in Sparrowgrove. Again a meeting is due to take place shortly to review progress.

Local Buses - As a result of the reductions in County Council bus subsidies the E1/2 has been re-contracted and is now run by 'Wheelers' with their orange buses, there may be minor timetable changes.

Christmas Economy - Winchester continues to be a very attractive destination for both local residents and visitors from much further away. The new arrangements for coach parking together with the removal of parking bays in the Broadway significantly improved traffic flows in that area. The Council funded extra Park and Ride services including for the first time the free use of the South Park and Ride on a Sunday with an express bus into Winchester. This proved very popular the car park was around 80% full and extra double deck buses had to be laid on.

Waste and Recycling -the "Great Waste" will be the corporate theme for 2015 in partnership with several local authorities (University, Discovery Centre, School of Art, & WinACC). This will involve a travelling exhibition of recycled curiosities, workshops, large sculptures, art exhibits, "swishing" and the theme for the 2015 Winchester Fashion show to raise public awareness of recycling. Part of this initiative will be to improve sign age to existing re-cycling centres such as the one at the South Park and Ride. Waste and Recycling was also discussed at the recent Parish briefing including the option for Parishes to support the role out of textile banks for a 20% income share -for further details visit www.thegreatwaste.org.uk

2014-2015 Bin collection calendars -50,000 of these were distributed by Biffa 'through letter' boxes at the end of October. There are a few reports of people not having received a calendar and this could be where they were mistaken as junk mail or not posted through by operatives. There were fewer missed bins over the Xmas period than before. Calendars can also be downloaded from the WCC website or posted by calling 0300 300 0013. Real trees will be collected with the garden waste collection from W/C 12th January.

Environment The recent Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Police Act 2014 gives local authorities new powers to deal with nuisance crime such as loud noise, dogs barking and anti-social behaviour. We may be able to use these powers to deal with the noise on Otterbourne Hill from the petrol-driven car racers for example.

Avalon House -is due to open as the main central Community Health (Southern Health) clinic in February -it will have clinics for dementia, podiatry, some mental health, rheumatology, physiotherapy has been decorated in dementia-friendly bright colours.

Grants - WCC is publicising its business and employment grants these are for up to £1,000 and applications are accepted throughout the year until funds are fully allocated. This is financial support aimed at business development, apprentices and long-term job-seekers in the Winchester District.

Open Spaces - we are aiming to make some changes to the tree policy in 2015-2016. Parish Councils will already have had an email about the allocation of tree wardens. Sue Bragg who runs this area has extensive environmental knowledge and is putting together a programme of tree planting for the District and making good use of the Ecosystem Mapping service. This will lead to a comprehensive Tree Strategy for the District in due course.

Cllrs Mike Southgate and Jan Warwick, 19th January 2015