Dear Parishioner

In the October Newsletter, I promised to keep you informed of progress on two important issues affecting the village, namely, the Local Development Framework and the Post Office. Please note the following.

**Local Development Framework – Proposed New Houses**

Meeting at the beginning of this month, the Borough Council’s Cabinet approved the pre-submission document ‘Site Allocations and Development Management Policies’, which contains the final number of houses to be allocated to the two growth areas in South Wootton. The numbers are confirmed at 300 west of Hall Lane and 600 in the Knight’s Hill area (which includes parts of Castle Rising, South Wootton and Gaywood). The document will be presented to the Full Borough Council for their approval at the end of November, after which, there will be a period of Public consultation going into the New Year. At that time, the Parish Council will be responding (with the help of Bidwells’ consultants) to query and clarify some statements in the document and to express our disappointment at not seeing any further reduction in the earlier reported numbers. **I would urge all residents to do the** **same by letter or email to the Borough Council**. The document and the Cabinet minutes can be viewed on the Borough Council’s website.

**Post Office Relocation**

I am pleased to report that Post Office Ltd is proposing to relocate the Nursery Lane premises to those at Talking Heads at Priory Court, St Augustines Way. They have announced a six week local public consultation from the 6th November until Thursday, 18th December. The Parish Council will write in support of the change and **I would ask residents to respond in a similar way.** I have also asked Castle Rising and North Wootton Parish Councils to add their support and to ask their residents to do the same. As previously, responses to the Post Office can be made via any of the following.

postofficeviews.co.uk

comments@postoffice.co.uk

Customer Helpline: 08457 22 33 44 or Telephone: 08457 22 33 55

FREEPOST Your Comments

Assuming there are no significant objections, the change-over will take place during February/March next year. The Nursery Lane premises will remain open until that time thanks to Peter and Glynnis. I should like to thank them for their long service in providing postal facilities in South Wootton. I hope they have a long and happy retirement when it finally arrives. Thanks too are due to the owner of Talking Heads (Ms Jo Wright) for taking on the responsibility for the future**. I hope residents will respond by making full use of the new premises as there is always a danger that it could be closed through lack of use.** Yours sincerely,

 David Price

 Chairman of the Parish Council