Dear Parishioner

In this newsletter, I will be reporting on a number of local issues being dealt with by the Parish Council.

**Local Development Framework – Proposed New Houses**

We now expect that the Borough Council will publish in December its decision on the number of houses to be built in the proposed two growth areas for South Wootton.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

Following consultation and revision based on information received from all consultees, the Draft Plan has been submitted for a pre-submission check by an independent examiner. I am pleased to report that the document was well received and requires only a small number of corrections. These will be addressed by the Project Group and the Final Plan document prepared shortly for approval by the full Parish Council. It will then be supplied to the Borough Council for examination by an Independent Inspector. When the Inspector has approved the document, it will be distributed to all South Wootton households and the Borough Council will carry out a referendum to ask residents if they agree with The Plan. We need to have more than 51% of those voting to approve The Plan for it to be adopted by the Borough Council and incorporated into its own Local Plan. We will keep you informed of progress.

**Post Office**

Progress on the relocation of the Post Office has been slow. The owner of Talking Heads has completed the necessary checks and a final interview will be carried out in mid-October. The Post Office has indicated that the relocation is not likely to be completed until early next year. We will follow events closely and keep you informed.

**Wootton Park**

During the summer holidays, I am sorry to report that the seat of the Cantilever Swing was damaged beyond repair. A new seat has been installed at a cost in excess of £1,000. This kind of vandalism will not be tolerated and the matter has been reported to the Police for investigation. An insurance claim has been submitted and, hopefully, it will be possible to obtain a new seat.

We have received a request from dog walkers asking that people should not leave waste food on the Park as this can be deleterious to the health of their dogs.