October 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parishioner

**Knight’s Hill Development**

You will recall that earlier in the year, with the support of North Wootton, South Wootton, Castle Rising and other outlying Parish Councils as well as the majority of local residents, the Borough Council refused the application for 600 new properties to be built at Knight’s Hill.

Last month, the developers submitted an appeal against the refusal of the planning application and request that there should be an Inquiry.

We have been informed that the Inquiry into the appeal is likely to occur early in the New Year. Subject to confirmation, the Inquiry is now due to commence on 14th January 2020 and is expected to last four days.

Although the appeal will be against the Borough Council, the three Parish Councils and with your help will provide all support in our opposition to the development. In the meantime, the Parish Council will keep a close watch on the situation.

Should you wish to make further comments, withdraw or modify your earlier comments it is open for you to do so. The Planning Inspectorate has introduced an online service which you can use to comment on this appeal. You can find the service through the Appeals area of the Planning Portal—see https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk The Appeal reference must be entered when using the portal.

If you wish to send any additional comments on this appeal by post, please send them where possible in triplicate direct to The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/J, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN quoting the reference number APP/V2635/W/19/3237042, marked for the attention of Helen Skinner. Any comments must be received by **1st November 2019** otherwise there is a risk that your representation will not be considered.

**Land West of Nursery Lane**

Further to the report in last June’s Newsletter, the Parish Council has had no new information regarding the potential sale of the land with the outline planning permission for 125 new properties. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation closely.

**Anglia in Bloom**

Last month, the Awards Ceremony was held in St Ives where South Wootton was awarded **Silver Gilt** and was also presented with the trophy for the Best Small Town (note: we are judged as a small town because of the size of our population). The Churchyard Garden at St Mary’s Church received a **Silver Gilt** award and both the Infants and Junior Schools were nominated in their respective categories but, unfortunately, were not overall winners. Well done everyone!

Congratulations are due to the ‘South Wootton in Bloom’ volunteers for looking after the village so well. They are a small group and would welcome new members who are interested in gardening to come and help. This need not be on a regular basis, as occasional help with jobs would be useful. If you are able to help, please contact either Margaret Albinson (01553 670241) or Theresa Banks (01553 672303) for more information.

**South Wootton Junior School**

For the past ten years, the School Allotment has been run successfully by a small group of volunteers, who are getting older. They are seeking more help in order for the allotment to continue next year and into the future. Ideally, with at least a dozen people willing to come in to give an hour now and again on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons a rota could be set up so that people come occasionally to help the pupils. You don’t need to know anything about gardening or growing vegetables – they will guide you. Unfortunately, if no one comes forward the allotment will finish, which would be a shame and a great disappointment for the children who get so much enjoyment from working in the allotment. If you are interested, please give your name and telephone number to the school office. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

**Allotments**

Would you like to grow your own fresh fruit and vegetables and get fit at the same time? Working on an allotment can burn about 150 calories. South Wootton Parish Council has a small number of vacant allotment plots at the Grimston Road site. Currently, the tenancy cost per plot is £30 per year. Now is the time to take up a plot ready for Spring planting next year. If you are interested in growing your own produce, getting fit and meeting new friends, please ring the Parish Office any weekday morning and sign up.

Your sincerely

David Price

Chairman of the Parish Council