

OTTERHAMPTON OFFCUTS

Snippets from the January & February 2015 Parish Council Meetings

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

As you may know we have been trying to establish a community newsletter, probably issued on a bi-monthly basis. We could now move forward as EDF (Hinkley Point B) has very kindly agreed to print the newsletter which will help greatly.

However, we are in need of volunteers to form an "editorial team" to receive contributions and to actually produce the newsletter. If you submitted your name previously, or would now like to volunteer, please could you get in touch with me confirming your interest?

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FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS

All households have received a leaflet advertising the forthcoming elections and seeking parishioners to stand as parish councillors.

The elections will be held on Polling Day, Thursday 7 May 2015.

Nomination papers can be obtained from the Parish Clerk or the Election Officer at Sedgemoor District Council on 01278 435334 after 3 March.

Please contact the Clerk or any parish councillor if you would like more information on the role, or alternatively come along to a parish council meeting (dates see over).

PARISH ENHANCEMENTS

- The grit storage bin has been filled and is in situ on the Steart side of Otterhampton Hill.
- All councillors hold keys to our garage at Brookside - for sand bags and grit storage - in case of an emergency (contact details see over).
- The litter bin has been installed in the children's play area. The bench will be arriving shortly.
- The two disabled bays have been installed along the Common. We will monitor the effectiveness of these.
- We are pursuing street lighting at the junction of Combwich and the Hinkley Point Rd (C182) as a safety issue. We do however expect this to be a slow process.
- Highways have agreed for flood markers (poles) to be installed along Wall Common at Steart.
- We have been actively pursuing the return of the buoy. Progress is being made. Watch this space!

HINKLEY C & COMBWICH WHARF UPDATE

As you may have seen in the Press recently, EDF is yet to determine its Financial Investment Decision and this together with the potential intervention by the Austrian Government has meant further delays to the Hinkley C development, including the work at Combwich wharf.

However scrub clearance works occurred during January and it is planned to install stock fencing at Combwich wharf during March. Forthcoming works are advertised on the monthly 'Hinkley Point C Look Ahead' schedule placed on the parish noticeboards. If you would like any information on Hinkley C or indeed, have any complaints, please ring the **EDF 24 hour hotline on 0800 0969 650.**

Dredging of Combwich wharf (arranged by Hinkley B) is planned to start in February; two consecutive days per month until December 2015. No work will be undertaken on Sundays.

HINKLEY A POWER STATION UPDATE

Ron Schroder, the recently appointed Hinkley A Station Director attended the January parish council meeting to meet councillors and to give an update on the decommissioning progress at Hinkley A.

- Cavendish Fluor is the new parent company; awarded a fourteen year contract to clean up the legacy waste generated by production.
- There are three major radiological projects ongoing
 1. The ponds – remove the sludge contaminants from the 2 ponds; target completion by the end of 2015
 2. Sludge (sediment) tanks – remove contaminants. 2 of the 25 have been cleared so far.
 3. Fuel Element Debris – clean-up of the outer components of the Intermediate Level Waste (ILW)
- The storage of the ILW will revert to the original plan of safe storage in concrete boxes on site until a national repository is built.
- There are currently 240 employees which will reduce prior to ramping up again in 2017 when the site starts to build the storage boxes.
- The plant is currently scheduled to go into “safe store” in 2025.
- Some buildings will remain on the site where a certain amount of landscaping will be carried out.

HINKLEY C COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION (CIM) FUND £500k.

The Otterhampton Parish Project Team (OPPT) has been formed and has held a couple of meetings to discuss a programme to consult and involve our community regarding views and wishes of where and how we might spend the £500k CIM fund.

It is not yet known when these funds will be released to us, but the OPPT feel it would like to proceed to at least the stage of grouping parishioner’s ideas together under various headings. It is planned to engage with the community during the Easter period, followed by an open day sometime in May.

During this process, it is hoped the existing Community Plan can be updated.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

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FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS - 7PM - OTTERHAMPTON VILLAGE HALL

Thursday 5 March 2015

Thursday 2 April 2015

Thursday 14 May 2015

Parishioners are welcome to attend the meetings which commence with a short open public session where you can raise issues of concern, including agenda items. Agendas are placed on the notice boards up to 3 days prior to the meeting(s)