



# BROADMAYNE

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<b>Meetings:</b>	The Parish Council normally meets on the first Monday in the month in the Methodist Church Hall, Main Street at 7.30 pm. Agendas are posted on the website, <a href="http://www.broadmayne.org">www.broadmayne.org</a> and notice boards. The public are always welcome to attend the Council meetings and discuss concerns. County Councillor Nick Ireland and District Councillors Nigel Bundy and Alan Thacker also usually attend the meetings.	

*Seasons Greetings and very best wishes for 2018*

## Road Safety

The Council takes your concerns about road safety very seriously. The subject was given very high priority in the Parish Plan. We have recently invested in a SID (Speed Indicator Device). As you can imagine there are all sorts of rules and regulations about the deployment of a SID but two locations, one at each end of the village on the A352, have been approved. The SID will be placed there alternately on poles. We hope that this and other measures will slow down traffic through the village. At the time of the resurfacing DCC's Collision Reduction Team took the opportunity to review our road markings. It is their belief that taking away the centre line slows drivers down as they become less confident of road widths. You will also have seen many more SLOW signs painted on the road and outside the Black Dog a wide gap has been defined which should have two benefits, the apparent road narrowing should help cut down speed and the space should give pedestrians a safer walking route. We are grateful to Cllr. Eaglestone who has been liaising closely with DCC officers throughout the planning and is taking charge of the SID.

## Zebra Crossing

There have been suggestions recently that we should ask for the crossing in the village to be converted to a controlled crossing, i.e. one where pedestrians press a button and wait for the lights to change. I have to point out that DCC have strict criteria about "what crossing where" and currently believe that the zebra is the right one for our situation. However, we could put pressure on them for a review if that is what the village wants. You have to weigh up the perceived potential safety improvements with potentially slower road crossings, particularly at quiet times. If drivers had a green light it would become more dangerous for pedestrians to cross without pressing the button, or to cross without waiting for the lights to change. In fact, a green light might encourage drivers to speed up anyway. We are launching a consultation to test the village's desire for us to take this further.

***Please consider the arguments for and against and register your opinion, one way or the other, on this form. Remember that it is important that we hear from everyone, whatever their views. Please return by 22<sup>nd</sup> January.***

Do you want Broadmayne Parish Council to request DCC to review the Zebra crossing on Main Street with a view to upgrading it to a Pedestrian Controlled Crossing?

Name:  
Address:

**YES / NO**

## **Councillor Vacancies**

**Please don't skip this paragraph as it is very important.** A Parish Council is your local tier of elected government. With increasing austerity and with the planned changes to the tiers above us in Dorset it is inevitable that more and more responsibility will be passed down to us. Councillors give their time voluntarily and, like you, have busy lives to lead as well. Currently Broadmayne's Council is running on only five Councillors when there should be seven. The inevitable results - we are over worked and, although we try our best, may well not be able to tackle all the issues involved as well as we should do.

***Please, please consider whether you can give a little of your time to supporting the village and taking it forward, by becoming a councillor – it's an interesting, involving, valuable and not too onerous a role. Talk to us about it, get in touch.***

The council has the power to co-opt members, so there is no need to wait for an election.

## **Village Hall - Extension and Revitalisation Project**

This has been my particular baby so forgive me if I say that it seems to have been a great success. Spetisbury Construction completed the work virtually on time and to everyone's satisfaction. If you haven't yet visited the extended and revitalised hall do take an opportunity to look around. You enter through a bright welcoming entrance hall and we now have a splendid kitchen twice the size of the original, very well equipped and with a large serving hatch sensibly positioned in the hall; ideal for any function. The modern toilets are a major improvement and we have also taken the opportunity to brighten up the hall itself. We are currently in discussion with landscapers about completing the treatment of the surroundings and the bank at the front to complete the transformation. ***Do take a look and consider the hall for your next function.***

# **STOP PRESS**

**Cessation of No.5 Bus – see enclosed letter**

## **Broadmayne's Emergency Plan**

Emergencies can happen at any time and it is vitally important that we have a framework in place to mitigate the potential impacts of threats to our village residents and environment. The Broadmayne Community Emergency Plan will be relaunched in the new year following a review and update to incorporate latest best practice. We want to re-engage with existing volunteers and encourage new members to join our support network. Participation is a valuable way of contributing to the village and does not entail a major time commitment. Please look out for more bulletins or if you would like further information contact Cllr. Peter Lamb (details overleaf).

## **Rural Crime**

Whilst Broadmayne remains a very safe place to live, the Police point out that there is a general rise in rural crime and the feature that affects us most is the theft of bicycles and equipment from garden sheds. As kit becomes more expensive it becomes more inviting to thieves. Please make sure that your equipment is stored in a secure, well locked shed. You might even consider a PIR triggered light or a CCTV camera if your shed is remote from the house.

## **Communications**

**Council meetings** – You are always welcome to come along to Parish Council Meetings (usually 1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month) and to raise or comment on issues.

**Councillors** - In between meetings feel free to contact any one of the councillors or the clerk.

**www.broadmayne.org** – We hope to announce soon a brand new website with much more useful information about the village, but in the meantime the current site is the place to go for event notices, council papers (including agendas and minutes), etc. ***Watch out for the relaunch.***

**Facebook** – We have rather belatedly discovered "*Broadmayne and West Knighton Villages*", a Facebook group administered by Tim Coward. It seems counterproductive to start another forum so, as well as the normal methods of communicating with the council, we plan to monitor this group, to note concerns and, where appropriate, to comment.

## **More copies of the consultation form from the Cornerhouse Stores**

### **Zebra Crossing Consultation – Closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**

Please fill in the reverse side, detach this slip and deliver it either to the box kindly hosted in the Cornerhouse Stores or to any of the Parish Councillors listed at the head of the bulletin.