

# The Western Downlands Parish Liaison Meeting

## Whitsbury Village Hall on 7th January 2019 at 7.30pm

### **Attendees**

Alderholt – D Tooke

Damerham – D Crane, G Ruth, P Doherty, S Simmons

Martin – S Sampson, B Hapke

Rockbourne – K Kirkcaldy

Sandleheath – P Stockton, C Kemp

Whitsbury – G Thompson, S Locock, C Harper, N Manston, E Hale, 6 residents

### **Welcome and Introductions**

G Thompson thanked everyone for attending

### **Parish Updates**

#### **Rockbourne**

Traffic issues particularly early mornings and mid to late afternoons. HGVs following Satnavs

School parking. Would not be an issue if all cars were parked sensibly

Potholes and damage to road edges on local roads

#### **Sandleheath**

Villagers want to remain as a separate community with their own identity

39k spent on building cycleway from industrial estate into Fordingbridge

Working on improvements to kerbing around Common and access for disabled onto Common

Working on traffic calming to reduce speeds through village

Involved with committee buying former church to use as village hall on 20 year lease

#### **Damerham**

Trying to resolve parking issues around school. May be involved in creating adjacent car park

Working on initiative to improve signage and road markings

18k spent on footpath improvements. Have produced booklet of best local footpaths

#### **Martin**

Investigating options for affordable housing

Looking at options for making better use of main public buildings, including Martin Club

Concerns about parking on village verges

#### **Alderholt**

20k spent on outdoor gym

No progress on sports pavilion as nobody prepared to take control

Fighting proposals for development of over 1000 new homes in the village

#### **Whitsbury**

Smallest village present with only 106 houses and £1,800 precept

Concerns about impact of large developments to north of Fordingbridge on village roads

Concerns about condition of roads, particularly potholes

Investigating options to improve mobile reception and broadband coverage

Awaiting opening of village pub after long closure

Have 9 affordable houses but had concerns about allocation to non-local tenants

### **Traffic, Speeding and Community Speedwatch**

Training on Monday 28th January at 7.30pm in Damerham Village Hall

Damerham and Sandleheath have used equipment most, but only in authorised locations

Where feedback to police shows high number speeding, police speed van has been used there

No feedback from police on numbers of drivers prosecuted

### **Lengthsman**

Good feedback on service. Works best if Lengthsman is given meaningful tasks

### **Planning Issues**

**Ashford.** Major concerns about development as will mean more traffic through local villages

Development should only be allowed with appropriate infrastructure

Developer states Ashford is good location for new housing as is closer to sewage works

**Alderholt.** D Tooke said Alderholt residents are fighting proposal for 2400 new homes in the village

Consultant has been employed to oppose plans by East Dorset District Council

Opposition meeting arranged for 7.30pm on 22nd January at Alderholt Chapel

### **Other Business**

Damerham Church roof has had lead stripped in the last week

Local councils agreed it is important to communicate with residents by website or newsletters

All local parishes agreed to share information between Clerks

### **Date and venue for Next Meeting**

Martin offered to host meeting in July

Meeting closed 8.40

Notes by E Hale – Whitsbury Parish Clerk