

## NEWSLETTER

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### Parish Council matters

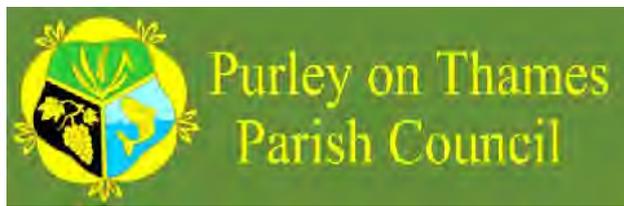
Happy New Year from the Parish Council!

The river has come up since Christmas but, fortunately, it's also gone down again! If there was a flood situation, it is quite possible the postman would be unable to deliver to anyone living in one of the roads liable to flooding. For this reason, we have an arrangement with the local Post Office Delivery Manager that, when there are flood conditions, all post addressed to properties in the flood area may be delivered to one agreed address. The Flood Wardens will pick it up and deliver to the individual houses. If you would like to join this scheme, you need to give your authorisation to the Post Office by completing a form which is available from the Parish Office. If you have already completed a form, you do not need to do so again.

We'd probably all agree there's a parking problem in Purley, and one that's not easy to solve quickly. As the Parish Council has no powers to introduce yellow lines, and West Berkshire Council has a thorough process before making a decision to put in such a measure, I would ask everyone to give thought to where they park on the public highway. There are places in Purley where there are no yellow lines even though street parking can cause difficulties, even danger, for other road users. The route of the number 16 bus through the lower village is often fraught with difficulties caused by inconsiderate parking. If you park on Colyton Way, Brading Way, Chestnut Grove or Wintringham Way, please do consider the poor bus driver and park so as to leave space for the bus to get through. Parking on the yellow line at the end of Colyton Way makes the turn into Wintringham Way dangerous or impossible, and parking on the bend as the road turns from New Hill to St Mary's Avenue is also inviting an accident. We do not want to lose our bus route into the village, nor do we want a tragedy on our roads so please do think about other road users when parking.

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the First World War, and the Parish Council proposes commemorating this important centenary by holding several community events during autumn half term (22 to 26 October) and from Friday 2 to Sunday 4 November. The initial proposal is to have a community exhibition where locals bring items or copies of items (photos, medals, postcards, and so on) to the Barn to be included in a display about current residents' links with the First World War. There would be a small café in the Barn so that visitors could take their time to look around; proceeds from the café would go to Help for Heroes. It is hoped there'd also be a mix of other social, educational and local interest events. We'll be arranging a meeting to discuss ideas very soon so if you'd like to be involved, please contact the Parish Office to register your interest – we'd love to hear from you.

*Sue Briscoe*  
*Chair of Purley on Thames Parish Council*



## Updates on work reported in December

A larger salt bin is to be provided on Beech Road, and a new bin installed on Chiltern View. Both have been ordered from West Berkshire Council and it is hoped they'll be installed by the end of February. In the meantime, a bin on Beech Road which had little salt left in it has been topped up from other, fuller bins around the parish.

Please continue to let us know if you notice a salt bin is running low or damaged. It seems to take around ten to 14 working days from requesting a top-up to a bin being filled, so the earlier you let our Amenities Officer know a bin is running low, the better.



We are pleased to report that the wooden kissing gate at Pikeshaw Woods has been replaced, and also that the new Perspex has been fitted in the notice board on Mapledurham Drive and the Parish Map is now back in place.

## West Berkshire Council

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has now completed its electoral review of West Berkshire. A copy of the report setting out its final recommendations is available on the website, [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk), and an interactive map of the final recommendations is available at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>

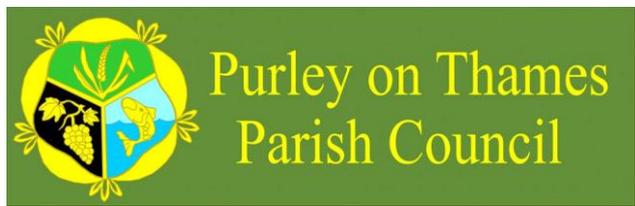
The changes proposed for West Berkshire Council (WBC) must now be implemented by order subject to Parliamentary scrutiny. A draft Order – the legal document which brings the recommendations into force – will be laid in Parliament and will provide for the new electoral arrangements to be implemented at the local elections in May 2019.



Safer Roads Berkshire ([www.saferroads.org](http://www.saferroads.org)) has received the Prince Michael International Road Safety Award ([www.roadsafetyawards.com](http://www.roadsafetyawards.com)) for its DriveStart programme.

Safer Roads works in partnership with six local authorities – Bracknell, Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead, Wokingham, West Berkshire, and Reading – to reduce casualties occurring on roads in Berkshire. Each area has a dedicated road safety officer who works with the local community on different campaign initiatives. As part of this, WBC has been developing a young driver initiative, DriveStart, since 2012. DriveStart utilises behavioural science and social strategies to reduce risky decision-making among young road users. It includes practical support, hazard perception and simulated driving as well as tackling key topics such as drink and drug driving, and use of mobile phones while driving. DriveStart is already being replicated in Wokingham, and trials are due in the other Berkshire areas during 2018.

If you know a young driver who would like to take part, please use the contact form – <http://drivestart.co.uk/contact/> – for information about the next DriveStart event.



**Thames Valley Police**

Police Sergeant Andy Bone, our primary contact on the West Berkshire Neighbourhood Police Team, will be moving on to another department (Custody) within Thames Valley Police at the end of January. His replacement hasn't yet been confirmed, but TVP will keep us informed.



Over the past few months, there's been a spate of thefts of batteries from temporary traffic lights – two were stolen from the Oxford Road when the new crossing was being installed. This seems now to have extended to any external batteries, for example for electric fencing. If you do use external batteries at all, please do make sure they are properly secured.



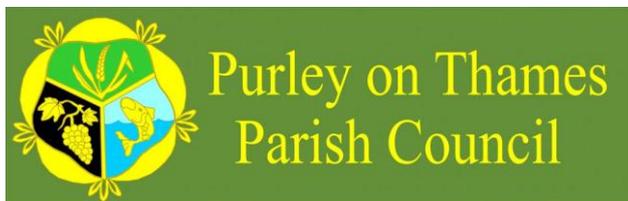
Non-emergency incidents should be reported to the police either by calling 101 or by e-mailing pangbournehpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk – although this e-mail address is regularly monitored, it might take a day or two for a response to be sent so it should be used for non-urgent issues only.

**Pot holes outside Purley Primary School**

When Purley Village and Purley Lane were last resurfaced, a stretch of road outside the school was not included in the work as it was deemed to be in reasonable condition. As a result, although most of the road surface is still in good condition, that one area is now in a poor state. Recently, the pot holes outside the school were photographed and reported to West Berkshire Council with a request that that part of the road be resurfaced. We have been advised, however, that it is not yet necessary to repair the area but it is now on the Council's list for ongoing monitoring.

**Allotments**

Sadly, a few long-term allotment holders have given up their plots in the past few months, so we have some half plots available. Further information and an application form are available on the web site – <http://www.purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk/allotments/>



## Village matters

### **Colyton Way/Wintringham Way**

Please be aware that the double yellow lines on the corner of Colyton and Wintringham Ways are still enforceable, despite being somewhat worn and faded. West Berkshire Council's Civil Enforcement Team does regularly patrol the area and will ticket any vehicle left on the yellow lines.

### **Closure of Green Lane, Pangbourne, on Wednesday 3 February**

Green Lane in Pangbourne will be closed between Courtlands Hill and A340 Tidmarsh Road on Wednesday 3 February between 9.30am and 3.00pm. The closure is for gully cleaning by West Berkshire Council's contractors, and it is anticipated the work will take three hours within the times shown. A diversion will be signed via Bere Court Road and Pangbourne Hill.

Enquiries should be addressed to Peter House of West Berkshire Council's Highways Maintenance team on 01635 42400.

### **What's on ...**

If you'd like to know about some of the events being held locally, do look at the "What's On" page on the Parish Council web site – [www.purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk/whats-on/](http://www.purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk/whats-on/). It's also worth taking a look at the Parish Council notice boards when you're passing, as there's regular interest in displaying signs and posters in them.

### **Contact**

Further information on matters raised here and other local issues is available on the Parish Council web site – [www.purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk](http://www.purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk).

If you would like to contact us, please give us a call on 0118 984 4507, or e-mail [asstclerk@purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk](mailto:asstclerk@purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk). You are also welcome to come and see us during the following office public hours:

Monday	2.30pm to 6.30pm
Thursday	9.30am to 2.30pm

If you know of anyone who might also like to receive this Parish Council Newsletter, please ask them to contact [asstclerk@purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk](mailto:asstclerk@purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk) giving the e-mail address they'd like us to use.