

Report from Wingfield Parish Council

Chairman: Lee Smith

Since we last reported the Council has met as scheduled in September and in extraordinary session in October.

In September we were graced by both our County and District councillors. County councillor, Guy Macgregor, informed us that a road safety report has been commissioned to investigate the accident blackspot on the B1118 at Chickering. District councillor, Lavinia Hadingham, announced that money was available for a defibrillator from her locality fund. This will be in addition to the £250 already donated by Lumipaper Ltd of Mendlesham. A generous contribution made possible by Mr Stewart Robinson of Mill Cottage.

Plans to install this defibrillator at the De La Pole Arms have been put on hold since the future of the pub is now in question. We must stress, however, that the De La Pole will remain open for business until it is sold. The alternative site is the phone box in Earsham Street. It will require re-establishing power to the box and the Council has requested National Power Networks do the work.

There had been complaints about bonfires. This is the legal situation. A bonfire is not illegal until it becomes a nuisance either because of frequency or noxious fumes, when it becomes the concern of the Environment Agency. Please consider your neighbours before setting light to your next fire.

The special meeting in October had to be called to address the problem your Council had with two residents. We cannot go into detail but believe we have done everything in our power to resolve the issue.

At this meeting, Mr Graham Alldis was given the opportunity to bring to our attention the problems being experienced by St Andrews Church. We encourage all residents to read Graham's article in this issue of Village Voice.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on November 29th and will be held at 7.30pm in Wingfield Barns. In the New Year the first meeting will be on January 24th.