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HAVING YOUR SAY

As always, the Parish Council are keen to receive input from parishioners and would remind you that while a discretionary public forum is held at the beginning of every meeting lawful items for discussion and decision have to be listed on the Parish Council's or Committees' Agendas. Therefore if there is something that you feel the Parish Council should consider, please put your concern or query in writing to the Parish Clerk. Planning meetings (held twice monthly) are open to the public, and public opinion on planning applications is always welcomed either at the meetings or in writing. Copies of meeting Agendas are posted the previous week on the Parish Council's Henstridge & Yenston notice boards.

MEET THE COUNCIL!

The Parish Council in Henstridge is made up of 13 Councillors.

Norman Symcox—Chair, HACC Representative
Mickey Vincent—Full Council Vice Chair, Planning and Finance Chair,
and Yenston Representative
Adam Temperton—Planning Vice Chair, Footpaths and Play area rep
Paul Brighten—HALT Representative
Pete Crocker—Highways representative
James Day
Jim Fitch
Geoff Jarvis
David Nicholls
Caroline Rowland—Youth Representative
Malcolm Stobart—SALC and VHMC Representative
Jean Oswick—VHMC Representative
Paul White

Administration for the Council is dealt with by the Clerk and Proper officer to the Council, Rachel Walker, assisted by Fiona Parrott.

In the first instance all queries should be made to the Clerks.

The District Councillors are Tim Inglefield and William Wallace, who is also the County Councillor.

The meeting dates for the second quarter of 2010 will be:

FULL COUNCIL:

Monday 12th July

Monday 9th August

Monday 6th September

PLANNING

As above, plus Monday 26th July

Monday 23rd August

Monday 20th September.

Full Council Meetings take place at 7.30 in the Village Hall Lounge. The start times of planning meetings have some flexibility to reflect the number of applications, however they usually begin between 6.45 and 7.15 and times can be confirmed on the notice board, website or by calling the clerk.

HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING SPECIAL!

Every English Parish must have a Parish meeting annually. Confusingly, this is **not** a Parish Council meeting, although it is the duty of the Parish Council to organise and provide funding for the meeting. In fact, it is a meeting for the village, in order to allow people to come together and celebrate activities that are going on and to discuss matters which affect the parish. It is a positive evening for the village where we can all find out lots of different things that we may not have realised have been happening!

The Annual Parish Meeting for Henstridge was held on Monday 24th May and despite the evening being a glorious one that encouraged people to be outside, we were delighted to have in the region of 35 people in attendance at the meeting.

Reports were heard from a number of groups in the village, including:

- The Parish Council, whose Chairman reported the completion of the allotment extension and the likely installation of grit bins over the summer;
- The Parochial

Church Council, who had provided a written summary report

- The Village Hall

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Management Committee who explained that the possibility of the new village hall had been hit by the economic situation and expressed the need therefore to maintain the existing fabric of the building;

- Henstridge Cricket Club who referred the meeting to their report in Wots on;
- The Brownies, who provided information on their centenary of guiding celebration plans;
- The Cameo Club, who summarised the many and varied activities that they have participated in this year;
- The WI who provided information on the speakers that they have welcomed, their local set up and their activities in the year;
- St Nicholas Singers who advised of their forthcoming summer concert on July 11th;
- St Nicholas Primary school whose new Head advised of developing links with Abbas and Templecombe and Horsington and of the increasing numbers into the school;
- Explorers playgroup who summarised their set up and some of the exciting activities that

have been provided for the children;

- HALT, who updated us on the installation of Speed Indicator Devices and encouraged villagers to lobby the police and Highways for further action;
- The Blackmore Vale Lions Club, who encouraged new members to join them in the varied programme of events;
- Henstridge Sports Club who advised that their main aim at the moment is raising funds towards the Football Club's 2011 celebrations;
- Loose Ends whose membership continues to grow and were this year open on Christmas Day, New Years Day and Good Friday!
- Taekwondo who advised that the club continues to go from strength to strength with three home grown black belts who will hopefully go on to take over the club in the future;
- The Arts and Crafts Show which had proved once again to be a great success.

As you can see from the above list, Henstridge is a very busy village!

It was particularly pleasing to see so many young people in attendance, who were there in support of the potential skateboard park and it was very positive to hear some of the suggestions being put forward by this group, who are working hard to come up with ideas to fundraise for such a facility. It was reported that the development of the skate board park project is to be led by a community group, as this would appear to have more opportunities for accessing funding. However, the Parish Council have offered their full support to this group and have committed to providing land at the recreation ground for the facility. The project is currently being spearheaded by Nicola Powell-Smith who would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to be involved or offer their services in any way. If you have an interest and would like to be put into contact with Nicola then please contact the Parish Office and we will pass on your details. Leading on from the idea of a skate park was the possibility of looking at the development of the village on a rather larger scale, particularly at a time when residential provision has increased.

The idea of a Parish Plan is to look at the infrastructure of the village as a whole, considering the social and economic life and so on and drawing together the aspirations of the village for its future development which can be very beneficial in supporting funding applications for large scale projects such as a skateboard park or new village hall. New Parish Councillor, Caroline Rowland had expressed an interest in leading such a project but it was felt to be beneficial if the group who work to develop this was drawn from a broader spectrum than simply the Parish Council. Anyone who was interested in participating was asked to speak to Caroline following the meeting and it is understood that a follow up meeting of the group has already taken place. However, if there are any more willing volunteers out there who would be interested in being involved with such a worthwhile project which can be used to shape the future of the village for some time to come, and provide guidance for the decisions of the future Parish Councils, then please contact Caroline directly or contact the Parish Office and we will pass on your details.

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