

West Harptree Parish Council News

Spring 2018

Temporary Road Closure – Bristol Road

We have received notification from B&NES that a section of Bristol Road adjacent to Leacroft House will be closed from **Tuesday 19th June**, for a maximum of 1 week, for connection of the gas mains to the Dilly Meadows Development. This will mean that access to the Doctors' Surgery may be restricted in one direction and patients arriving by vehicle may need to re-route via Fairash.

Co-option of a Councillor

Following the resignation of Cllr Hillier, and as no request was received by B&NES within the relevant period for an election, the Parish Council reviewed two potential candidates for co-option. Both candidates were invited to give a short presentation during the March meeting, and the successful candidate was formally co-opted at the April meeting. Jon Mitchell brings with him a fresh outlook and a wealth of experience and knowledge in a number of areas that will be beneficial to both the village and the Parish Council, and we look forward to working with him.

High Speed Broadband

BT have finally upgraded the West Harptree cabinet and have advised that the majority of the village can now subscribe to BT Infinity. Whilst all locations may not be able to benefit from the fastest speeds due to distance from the Exchange, BT anticipate that most would be able to get much improved speeds. TrueSpeed Communications are nearing completion of the installation of their fibre-to-the-house infrastructure, and hope to commence "dry" installations to homes in the next few weeks. If anyone is interested in this and has not yet signed up, they can register at www.truespeed.com

The Parish Council has some CIL money available from the development of Leacroft, and may be able to assist West Harptree parish residents with installation costs – please contact the Clerk for further details if required.

Memorial Hall

A number of Hall Committee members gave notice of their intention to stand down last year after many years of service, and the Parish Council would like to thank them all for their hard work and dedication. A new committee of volunteers has now been formed and are actively looking at ways to increase the use of this valuable village asset. The on-going maintenance of this important building is a continuous challenge, and anyone wishing to utilise it is encouraged to do so. The Hall committee also run a 100 Club, which is an excellent opportunity to assist, with the added possibility of winning some money in the monthly draw – if you can help then please contact the Hall Committee or leave your details on this website.