

Invitation to Residents

To a Public Meeting

To discuss the Resurfacing of the A338

At 7pm on Wednesday 10th March 2010
In the Main Hall, Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Following a number of enquiries the Parish Council has arranged for a public meeting to be held at 7pm on Wednesday 10th March 2010 in the Main Hall of the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards. The Officer from Dorset County Council in charge of the project, Mr Diaz will be available to answer questions and concerns that you may have in this connection.

The meeting is not to raise any other issue.

We do hope that residents will take this opportunity to obtain accurate factual information in respect of the project and to ensure that your concerns, if any, are raised.

Work of the Parish Council

The Parish Council is made up of 13 Members and is split into 3 Wards, East, West and South. The Members are all volunteers and do not receive any attendance allowance. Members direct the Clerk in the management of the Recreation Ground and play area at Braeside Road; Jubilee Copse and the Village Green at Horton Road. The Parish Council also

maintains the bus shelters and noticeboards within the Parish. The Council is a statutory consultee on various issues including local plans. The Parish Planning Committee meets every three weeks to review and comment on all planning applications.

Currently the Council is looking into a number of projects these include:-

1. Buying into a Lengthsman Scheme – the aim of this is to tidy up the Parish, and a budgetary sum has been put into next year's budget for this.
2. Carrying out a feasibility study to look into purchasing a Speed Indicator Device for the Parish.
3. Supporting and liaising with the Parish Plan Steering Group in achieving the Action Plan objectives

The Council already buys in to the District Council's Dog Warden ensuring dedicated patrol hours for this Parish.

Meetings of the full Council are open to the public and are held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on the last Wednesday of every month (excluding December); a subcommittee meeting is held on the first Wednesday of every

month and Planning on every third Thursday. You can find out more on our website: www.stleonardspc.org.uk.

Grants from the Parish Council

Amongst its other duties the Council also awards grants. These have to be of direct benefit to the residents of the Parish. Besides providing and insuring the Youth Club premises, the Council supports a variety of other groups and organisations including the Citizens Advice Bureau, Poppy Appeal, Air Ambulance, Dial A Ride scheme for the mobility impaired and paying for two full days room hire at the Village Hall for three different Age Concern groups.

One of the Council's largest grants goes to maintain the village hall. Opened in November 1975 this Parish Asset was funded by various sources including large grants from the County, District and Parish Councils, residents numerous funding events and from the sale of the old Parish hall site further up Braeside Road. Now almost in its 35th year it has expanded and through the dedication and hard work of many volunteers remained a wonderful Parish asset. As it has aged costs to

maintain the building have grown. The Parish Council continues to support the hall financially. In the last 5 years just over £67,000 has been given by the Parish Council in a variety of grants to the hall. These grants though have to be met through the precept and reserves. The Council has a duty to ensure that it monitors such requests as with all expenditure to ensure that "Best Value" is achieved. The hall strives to be self funding as much as possible and you can do your bit to assist and keep Council tax down by supporting events and clubs using the premises. The hall is managed and maintained by a separate registered charity the Village Hall Management Committee. Enquiries concerning bookings or, management should go direct to the Hall Manager on 01425 478177.

BOURNEMOUTH AIRPORT NOISE CONSULTATION

The Airport published A Draft Noise Action Plan in Autumn 2009. The following is a short summary of the Parish Council's response. Full details are available on request. Complaints about low flights and noise should be sent direct to the Airport. The Draft Action Plan can be accessed on www.bournemouthairport.com.

The Parish Council raised the following points:-

"Whilst we are aware of the benefits of ease of travel, business and employment brought to the community by Bournemouth Airport and have no wish to impact on its success, we have to stress that the operations of the airport should not impact unduly on our residents caused by aircraft operating directly over the area without due consideration, which needs to include not only Commercial aircraft but also private light aircraft, helicopters, and test flights.

Main Issues are:

1. The recent planning application passed by Christchurch Council allowed a night flight quota of 3100 points per annum which equates to 8.5 aircraft movements per night, every night of the year or nearly one every 1.5 hours. The question has to be asked as why the quota of 3100 is so much higher than that for Bristol Airport of 2100?
2. Whilst it is appreciated that the full allowance is not presently being utilized, with predicted increase in growth/demand there will inevitably be an increased pressure for more night-time/early morning available windows for flights out and into the airport. The noise reduction plan concentrates on a relatively narrow corridor adjacent to the runway and the takeoff and landing corridors. It does not take account of the noise created by aircraft, which turn off of the corridor and pass over areas at 4,550 to 5,000 feet.
3. The document draws attention to aircraft not being permitted to make turns below 2,000 feet, a requirement not always adhered to. The part of the operation, which mainly affects the residents of our parish, is overflying aircraft and the height at which they pass over our area. It is noted that in their document there is a limit of 2,000ft imposed below which aircraft are forbidden to make a turn. What controls are in place to ensure restrictions are adhered to as failures to comply results in

unacceptable noise levels over urban areas?

4. It has been accepted by the Airport Management in section 5.5 of the document, that noise at night when background levels of noise are low, is the least desirable aspect of aircraft noise. This appears to be an understatement of the facts, as short burst of such noise in these circumstances has a detrimental effect on a person's sleep pattern, which goes beyond the noise interruption in itself

Summary.

The main issues are Nighttime flights in and out of Bournemouth Airport, routing and heights at turning points. To this end some regular form of close liaison with Bournemouth Airport is required to ensure issues are heard, considered and addressed, providing the Parish Council with the ability to answer questions."

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Your Parish Council sponsors this scheme by paying the surcharge fee, users giving a donation to cover mileage, to help those with reduced mobility within our community. Please use it.

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