



WESTCOTT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

14th February 2020

Dear Member,

This month there is a lot happening which needs you all to get on line and be involved in voicing your opinions on a range of different issues which will affect us all in the years ahead. Please take the time to make your voice heard.

Future Mole Valley – Draft Local Plan released for consultation

MVDC has commenced its consultation on the draft Local Plan which covers the next 15 years and which identifies potential locations and other development sites in the District. The public consultation will run until 23rd March 2020 – one week later than first announced.



The two proposed sites for Westcott, as well as others across the District, are included in the draft Local Plan which can be found on the WVA Website www.westcottvillage.com or at

www.futuremolevalley.org .

The District Council will be holding presentation meetings across the District and **the WVA encourages as many people as possible to attend one of these events** listed at <https://futuremolevalley.org/consultation/>

You may also want to take the time to listen to Guy Davies' presentation at the Cabinet meeting on 14th January which gives an overview of the draft Plan. Not the most riveting of presentations but interesting as context. Click here to listen to the presentation https://molevalley.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/447719/start_time/307000?force_language_code=en_GB

Jane Smith, the interim Planning Policy Manager (who has replaced Guy Davies) will be attending the Open Meeting due to be held on **5th March at 19.30 hours at Holy Trinity Church, Westcott**. She will give a brief introduction and answer questions, but primarily she will want to listen to residents' views

on the proposed draft plan. We are most grateful to her for giving us her time in what will be a very busy period.

Speeding and Noise Campaign

The WVA was led to believe that a joint meeting involving Highways, the Police, and Councillors would discuss the issue of Speeding and Noise which the WVA is campaigning hard for on your behalf. Sadly, this did not happen; a meeting was held but only involved council officers and the police who concluded that there was no reason to do anything as average vehicle speeds and the lack of serious accidents did not warrant changes. The inevitable conclusion is that unless something serious happens to make people sit up and take notice, we will continue to live with the problem for the next 25 years.



The WVA will continue to progress the matter by doing the following:

Speed: Rear windscreen stickers should be available next week for residents to display in their cars urging drivers to observe the 30mph through the village; these will be available at various locations in the village. Please write to me if you cannot obtain one.

Village Survey: We have launched a survey of opinions on Speed and Noise which is available in both **paper copy** (at Holy Trinity Church, Riverbank Surgery, The Bakery, and St John's) and also available **on-line** at www.westcottvillage.com under News. Please take the time to complete the survey; your opinions will be important in making strong representations to both the District and County Councils on the matter.

Noise: Mickleham Parish Council has launched a petition to press the Department for Transport and the Highways Authorities to take action on



excessive **motorbike noise** through our Surrey villages. The WVA is working with Mickleham Parish Council and supporting this initiative. If you have not already done so, **please sign the petition on line** at <https://petitions.surreycc.gov.uk/DAAENS2019/> and encourage as many others as possible to do so. Again, authorities only listen when enough people express the need for change.

Change of date for the AGM

The date of this year's AGM has had to be changed. It will now take place one week earlier than advertised and will now be on **Thursday 8th October 2020**. Please note the change in your diaries.

And finally...

Please take a moment to amend your **Membership subscription** standing order to the new Bank Account.

Account Name: Westcott Village Association

Sort Code: 82-11-07

Account Number: 20072790

You can also go on line to www.westcottvillage.com and click on the Pay/Renew button. You can pay with any debit card – you don't have to have a PayPal account to do this.

As always, you are invited to write to me on issues which concern you; the WVA is committed to working on your behalf to address issues which make Westcott a great place to live and work.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Way'.

Tim Way

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