

Welcome to our May 2023 Newsletter

On behalf of WHPC, I send warmest congratulations to Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla on their Coronation. As you will see in this newsletter, West Hill embraced the Coronation spirit with gusto, as you would expect in our lovely community. Thanks to everyone who organised or attended events.

On May 4th, East Devon electors went to the Polls to elect Parish, Town and District Councillors. Many Parishes struggled to find enough candidates, so some elections – like West Hill’s – were uncontested, meaning that the candidates who stood were returned unopposed. West Hill has only managed to fill three of its seven seats. We will try to co-opt four more Councillors but please bear with us while we try to function somewhat short-handed.

Do consider joining us! It’s very straightforward. Please see page 2 for details

Our previous Chairman Cllr Della Cannings QPM has stood down as Chairman and I extend my thanks to her for her service to our community and excellent Chairmanship. Fortunately, she has remained a Councillor, so along with myself and Cllr Neil Bromley we look to the future together as the new WHPC. I am very pleased that our popular Clerk Anne Oliver has agreed to stay with us for a while longer while we manage this period of change.

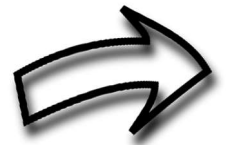
I would like to thank my former Councillor colleagues who decided not to stand again – Stephen Owen, Margaret Piper and Amanda Townsend - for their service and stalwart support of WHPC.

As for me, a novice Chairman, I hope you will forgive a few inevitable mis-steps along the way. I promise to try my best to be worthy of our community and WHPC.

Cllr Alison Carr, WHPC Chairman

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Meet the new Council Members

WHPC Councillors are happy to discuss local issues. Their contact details are available on the WHPC website and noticeboard at McColl’s.



Cllr Alison Carr (Chairman) has lived on Higher Broad Oak Road for 9 years. Alison has a background in business and marketing but is retired now. Hobbies include birdwatching and skiing (not at the same time!)



Cllr Neil Bromley (Vice-Chairman) Neil and with his young family moved to Bendarroch Road four years ago. and was previously part of Broadclyst Parish Council. He works as an Heraldic artist and recently completed a commission for the Royal Society to be signed by King Charles III. He is currently part of a group helping to reopen a railway for commuters within the SW area.



Cllr Della Cannings QPM, is happy to listen to residents’ views on community issues.



Four Councillor vacancies.

Could it be you?

West Hill Parish Council needs you! Yes you!



Everyone has their own reason for choosing to live in West Hill. It is a special community with so much to offer. However, there is always room for improvement and **you** can play an essential role in making change happen and in shaping the future of West Hill by becoming a Parish Councillor. **Yes you!**

West Hill Parish Council has four vacancies following the 4th May elections. There is a huge pool of talent amongst West Hill residents that could be harnessed for the benefit of the community. We appeal to residents aged 18+ from all backgrounds and abilities to join the Council. You don't need previous experience. Everyone brings different skills. The important thing is a desire to work together for the benefit of our residents, local groups and businesses.

On the Whats On In West Hill Facebook site there are numerous examples of where residents have come up with ideas as to how things can be done differently and better. **Now is the chance for you to join the Parish Council and make it happen!**

A Parish Council can only be as effective as the people willing to stand as councillors. We need you to join our team.

It's true that being a councillor can be challenging but it's also highly rewarding. No other role gives you a chance to make such a huge difference to the quality of life of people in your local area and to influence the way issues are dealt with locally. It's great experience for younger people (and is a great addition to their CV). Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

Please come and help us be a voice for the community. The Parish Council has the ability to negotiate with and influence those other organisations that do make decisions that affect us all, such as East Devon District Council and Devon County Council. These organisations know that a Parish Council gives the best reflection of how a community feels about something.

West Hill Parish Council needs YOU! Please put yourself forward to make things happen.



For more information

Please contact our Parish Clerk, Anne Oliver for further details: clerk@westhillparishcouncil.gov.uk

"Co-option" onto the Council is very straightforward.

The Council meetings are held at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

Who can be a Parish Councillor? You must

- be a UK or commonwealth citizen,
- be a least 18 years old.
- be on the electoral register of the parish, or;
- during the previous 12 months have worked in the parish
- or, for the whole of the previous 12 months lived in the parish or within three miles of the parish boundary.



Coronation Fun in West Hill

Congratulations to everyone who helped West Hill celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on 6th May 2023

Local author Jo Earlam joined Parish Cllrs and children for the **official opening of the Storytelling Throne and bench** installed by the Parish Council to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. BBC Spotlight joined in the celebrations.



Children at the **West Hill Pre-school Coronation picnic** had great fun making and wearing their crowns (and expecting The King to arrive at any moment!)



West Hill's Coronation Street Party hosted by West Hill's Royal British Legion (RBL) Club was enjoyed by all. Lots of fun and games, barbecue, Pimms and music from popular band Spin2.



West Hill's Womens Group delivered **Coronation Cream Teas** to 60 housebound residents in the village unable to join the street party celebrations.



West Hill's Arboretum Group were joined by 26 residents for a **guided walk** around West Hill's tree-lined lanes and public footpaths.



Major Planning Applications in/near West Hill

Major outline planning applications have been submitted for sites in West Hill:

- **22/2533/MOUT** Land to the north of Oak Road: for the erection of 23no. dwellings with all matters reserved save for formation of vehicular and pedestrian access.
- **23/0727/MOUT** Land to the North of Eastfield: for the erection of up to 30 dwellings with all matters reserved apart from means of access

Full details are available on the East Devon District Council (EDDC) website: www.eastdeon.gov.uk

- Strongvox has recently carried out a public consultation on a proposed development of 36 homes on land at Windmill Lane. It's anticipated that they will soon submit a planning application to EDDC.
- An amended major application, **21/1688/MFUL**, is currently under consideration for a roadside service area at Daisymount junction.

Parish Cllrs will seek to keep residents informed. Please check our noticeboard at McColls, website, Facebook What's On in West Hill, etc. Or come along to a Council meeting – they're open to the public.

If you wish your comments and concerns to be considered by the decision makers it's important to contact East Devon District Council as they are the decision makers. Your views can be submitted

- via their website www.eastdevon.gov.uk
- or by email to planningcentral@eastdevon.gov.uk
- or in writing to Planning, Blackdown House, Border Road, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton EX14 1EJ

It's the West Hill Summer Fayre
Everyone's invited – 17th June

West Hill Primary School PTFA presents..

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SATURDAY 17TH JUNE 2023

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ★ BBQ

TRADITIONAL GAMES

ICE CREAM ★ BOUNCY CASTLE

LIVE MUSIC ★ ZORBING

RAFFLE ★ LICENSED BAR

17 JUNE | 12-4pm ★ **FREE ENTRY**
★ **BBQ**
★ **BAR OPEN**
SCHOOL FIELD ★ **ALL WELCOME**
WEST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parking at the War Memorial

Please avoid parking in the slip-road next to the War Memorial.

Parked vehicles can cause an obstruction and create a dangerous road safety situation.

The Parish Council has installed a bench there for people to sit and pay their respects to those honoured by the memorial and parked vehicles prevent them from doing this.

Thank you for your co-operation.

