



Westbere Parish Council NEWSLETTER October 2021

Welcome to the latest edition of your Westbere Parish Council newsletter. Any comments, suggestions or contributions for consideration in future editions would be most welcome!

The new Westbere Parish Council held its first meeting on 20 September 2021 and the three temporary Canterbury City Councillors stood down and reverted to just their CCC roles. Our thanks to them, Cllr Georgina Glover, Cllr Louise Harvey-Quirke and Cllr Rachel Carnac for their hard work and assistance during the two periods of non-quorancy following parish councillor resignations since 28 April 2021. More information is recorded on the parish council website at www.westbereparishcouncil.gov.uk in the News Posts and Minutes.

An introduction to the new parish councillors:

Cllr Paul Glover - Cllr Paul Glover was elected as Chairman (until May 2022) at the September 2021 meeting. Cllr Glover says:

"May I introduce myself as your new Chairman of Westbere Parish Council.

I am the 4th generation of the Glover family to live and work in parish of Westbere, so I clearly have a long-standing relationship with the village. I went to playgroup in the village hall, and to school at the convent. I went to school parties in the village hall, and we knew all the best places to collect Conkers (horse chestnuts). I have fished the lakes and explored and built camps in much of the village undergrowth. I went to Sunday school in the Westbere House barn, and to church in Westbere Church, and I used to help on the bric-a-brac stand at the village fete, whilst Mum worked on the cake stand. During the Silver Jubilee we had a massive street party in front of the village pub, with jelly and ice cream, and wheelbarrow, and egg and spoon races..... and I walked the village nearly every day with my Grandad and his dog, as he told me the stories of those years gone by, growing crops on the village green, and keeping pigs in Kemp Hall Farm....and what days and memories they were. Time moves on and Westbere is a very different place to the one I grew up in. Over the years I have seen the village probably double in size, as houses and

developments have been tucked in here and there. I have grown up amongst many of the existing parishioners' and I have sadly seen many a parishioner finishing their life here too, as part of our community. I would like to see that the village of Westbere remains a country village, but that it flourishes as a village community in this new age we find ourselves in, and is a village for us all to be proud to live in. It's now my opportunity to return to the village what it has given me: a safe, fun, and enjoyable place to grow up in."

Cllr Ken Dekker

Ken Dekker is an elected Parish councillor on Hersden Parish Council and its vice-chairman. He is also its acting Clerk and holds the ILCA (Introduction to Local Council Administration) qualification. Hersden Parish Council is a recently formed new council so Ken will bring experience of forming a new council to his Westbere role. Ken says, "I can offer my knowledge and time to the post, I have a good working knowledge of the relevant Government acts regarding Councils. I am a retired Electrical Engineer and have worked all over the world and have worked to procedures and due processes."

Cllr Kathy Wilson

I have volunteered to be co-opted back onto the Parish Council as I wish Westbere to remain a separate entity and not part of either Sturry or Hersden. I will continue to be the NHW Co-ordinator and can I urge residents who do not receive my emails, to contact me so that you are added to my emailing list. I follow GDPR rules. I am also chairperson of the Village Hall Committee and therefore keep the Parish Council Committee updated with safety and uses of the Village Hall. My new role is to represent the PC at the WVPS meetings where both parties work together when and where necessary.

Cllr Sylvia Harlow

As a Westbere Parish Councillor for many years I enjoyed being part of the team, assisting with the occasional problems of life in our village and looking forward to improving the situation whenever possible. I now wish to continue in that role once more.

The Clerk, Amanda Sparkes, resigned from Westbere Parish Council on 01 October 2021. She has offered to extend her notice period to

three months so her last day will be 31 December 2021. The parish council will be undertaking a recruitment process to find a replacement Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

Councillors' responsibilities

At the first meeting of the new council the following councillor responsibilities were agreed for 2021-2022 until May 2022 as follows:

- Newsletter production – Clerk and
- Newsletter distribution – All Councillors and Clerk and a volunteer resident;
- Street lights – Cllr P. Glover;
- Transport – All councillors;
- Planning – Cllr Harlow and Cllr Dekker;
- Fire Hydrants – Cllr P. Glover;
- KMBR reports – Cllr Harlow;
- Environment – Cllr Harlow;
- Neighbourhood Watch, and parish council representative on the Village hall committee – Cllr Wilson;
- Monitoring of the village salt bins – Cllr P. Glover;
- Village events – All councillors;
- Parish council representative for Westbere Village Preservation Society (WVPS) and attend WVPS meetings – Cllr Wilson.

Meeting dates

The new Westbere Parish Council has resolved to hold its meetings at 7pm in Westbere Village Hall on the third Monday of each month except no meeting in August and December – so the next meeting dates are 18 October, 15 November 2021, 17 January 2022

A picnic table for the Village Green

The capital grant application to CCC for a picnic table for the village green was successful with other funding donated by the WVPS. It has now been installed for us by WVPS volunteers and is in use. Our thanks to the WVPS for all their support for this project.

PLANNING DEVELOPMENTS

Westbere Parish Council keeps a watching brief on planning applications that affect the village or parish.

To view planning applications visit the home page of Canterbury City Council www.canterbury.gov.uk then select 'planning and building' then the option to 'search and comment on planning applications' Then click on the pink box in the middle of the screen "search planning applications". You then have the option to search by postcode, ward, parish or Application Number.

CCC's planning call centre should be able to assist with any difficulties – call 01227 862178 Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

An update on the Sturry and Broad Oak major housing developments and the Sturry link road:

A28 Link Road - KCC/CA/0091/2019 -

Construction of part of a new road (A28 Link Road) including viaduct between A28 Sturry Road and A291 Sturry Hill and associated on-line improvements. View documents at:

<https://www.kentplanningapplications.co.uk/Planning/Display/KCC/CA/0091/2019>

KCC has granted the Sturry Link Road application. Work is scheduled to begin on this £30 million 0.9 mile bypass in autumn 2023 and end in the summer of 2025.

Neighbouring application to be aware of – on the CCC weekly list of new applications dated 27 September 2021:

CA/21/02301 – Land to the North of Hersden (Applicant Persimmon Homes)

Request for EIAB scoping opinion on mixed-use development, comprising up to 800 dwellings, 1 hectare of business space, community building, healthcare provision, primary school, engineering and demolition, vehicular access, contributions to primary, secondary school education and to Sturry Relief Road and/or to the transportation improvements on the A28 corridor, Green and Blue Infrastructure, landscaping and wastewater treatment.

Two fields, Staines Hill, A28, update: Village Green status application to KCC for the Two Fields site

The Sturry and Westbere Two Fields Action Group submitted an application for the Two Fields to be designated a Village Green to KCC at County Hall on 08 November 2019. Over 70 residents of Westbere and Sturry submitted Evidence Questionnaires along with their memories of using the fields and photographs. Update: The public inquiry Inspector deliberated about whether a trigger event has occurred which would render the application for registration as a village green invalid. The Inspector has concluded that there was no trigger event.

[We will keep you updated.](#)

For the applications lodged with KCC to have more paths registered as Public Footpaths across the land (application made July 2019), there is no update at this time. [We will keep you updated.](#)

The 100 Club – results

Winners for April:-

Number Name Amount

64 L Prince £100

43 D & K Fagg £50

5 S Sharratt £40

71 A & J Grubb £25
 106 L & P Bennett £20
 20 L & S Laws £15
 48 L & N Denne £12
 88 J Carter £12
 102 N Louette £12
 120 N Rees-Davies £12
 53 A & M Whittington £12
 45 D & J Engwell £12

Winners for May:-

13 M & D Cudby £10
 48 L & N Denne £10
 60 I Laslett £10

Winners for June:-

10 J Dawson £10
 84 S Eastwood £10
 111 D Murray £10

Winners for July:-

18 L Tilley £10
 93 John Boyce £10
 115 A & D McDonald £10

Winners for August:-

20 K Baker £10
 46 D Walton-Fiddes £10
 88 J Carter £10

Winners for September:-

4 H Padfield £10
 87 E & G Williams £10
 98 C Garstang/R Huffer £10

Winners for October:-

2 S & M Wakefield £10
 36 C & T Spry £10
 77 G Shaw £10

KENT RECYCLES – DO YOU?



Are you confused about what plastics you can recycle? Pledge2Recycle Plastics are working with all Kent Councils to help reduce that confusion. The charity, which works to educate and advise citizens, has set up a

dedicated website for Kent www.pledge2recycle.co.uk/kent which includes competitions for communities and general recycling guidance. You can recycle ALL bottles whether from the bathroom and kitchen as well as plastic packaging in the form of a pot, tub or tray. All bottles should be empty when placed for recycling with the tops back

on. The tops go with the bottles to the reprocessor where they are cut up into flakes and the bottle and tops (which are different plastics) are separated before they are turned into pellets. The pellets made from the bottle themselves are then sent to either make new bottles. The pellets made from the tops are sent to go into garden furniture or items for construction such as piping or traffic cones. Pots, tubs and trays should have the absorbent layer and film lid removed as these need to go into general waste. You can recycle an empty bleach bottle with its top back on.

Please DO NOT PUT toothpaste tubes, pill packs, nappies, textiles, batteries and food into recycling. Textiles should go to specific banks either at community/retail/or Household Waste Centres. You can take soft plastics and wrappings to local supermarket front of store collection please check at www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling.

Sainsbury's superstores now take ALL flexible packaging in front of store collections – guidance and a list of participating stores can be found at www.about.sainsburys.co.uk/sustainability/plan-for-better/our-stories/2021/flexible-plastics.

ALL PLASTIC PLACED FOR RECYCLING NEEDS TO BE CLEAN, DRY AND LOOSE not bagged in a carrier or black bag.

Pledge2Recycle Plastics are happy to take your queries you will find them @pledge2recycle or e-mail Amanda.bakewell@recoup.org.

Your Parish Councillors

Paul Glover (Chairman)
 Sylvia Harlow
 Kathryn Wilson
 Ken Dekker

Three vacancies – if you are interested in filling one of these please contact the Clerk.

For enquiries or reports, please contact the Clerk in the first instance – Amanda Sparkes:

01304 365 972

clerk@westbereparishcouncil.gov.uk

Canterbury City Councillors – Westbere has two ward councillors:

Georgina Glover: 01227 711429
georgina.glover@canterbury.gov.uk
 and

Louise Harvey Quirk: 07704 948305
louise.harvey-quirke@councillor.canterbury.gov.uk

Our Kent County Councillor

Alan Marsh: 01227 265112
alan.marsh@kent.gov.uk

Visit WPC website for more local information at:
<https://westbereparishcouncil.gov.uk/>



Lifeline.canterbury.gov.uk

01227 862 540

A lifeline alarm, which can be fashionably worn on your wrist or as a pendant, is a service provided in East Kent by Canterbury City Council's CCTV control room, 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. Having a lifeline alarm would help you or a family member feel safe and independent in the home. To book a free demonstration or to make an enquiry please call 01227 862540 or visit <https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/lifeline/>

Sturry, Fordwich and district / Aire-Sur-La-Lys Twinning Association



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Email: info@sturry-fordwichtwinning.co.uk
Website: <http://sturry-fordwichtwinning.co.uk>
Phone: 07563 962 505

Report incidents to Kent Police

Parish Cllr Kathy Wilson reminds residents to please keep comments and observations coming in to her, but as she cannot report what any resident sees to the police, to log a report with Kent Police themselves too: Report online to Kent Police at <https://www.kent.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Cllr Wilson comments that it is important that we keep the village safe and we keep each other safe. So, no matter how trivial you think something might be, do let her know. It might be of a bigger picture and others might have further vital information.
Email: kathrynwilson365@gmail.com

If you are new to the village and would like to receive neighbourhood watch alerts from Kathy please email her with your email address and she will add you to her list. This will give you information on police reports, trading standards alerts and scams, and local road closures, etc.

The KCC Community Warden for Sturry and Hersden is Susan Beeny. Call: [07811 271257](tel:07811271257)
Email: susan.beeney@kent.gov.uk

Electricity operators' number 105: 105 is a national phone number to call to report or obtain information about a power cut. Dialling 105 is free of charge, and will connect you to the local electricity network operator – the company that manages the cables, power lines and substations that deliver electricity into homes and businesses in your area. Call 105 if you spot damage to electricity power lines and substations that could put anyone in danger. If there's serious immediate risk, call 999 too. Vulnerable customers can sign up to the Priority Services Register on 0800 169 9970, email psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk or apply at www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority
(For a gas emergency – dial 0800 111999)

For enquiries regarding the **Westbere Village Preservation Society** please contact the Westbere Village Preservation Society secretary, Alison Grubb, email: wvpreservationsociety@gmail.com.

Westbere Charities

The Charities are keen to ensure that anyone in need within the Ancient Parish of Westbere, roughly the present parish plus areas of Island Road and Fordwich Road, (ask the Westbere Charities Clerk for details) receives assistance in accordance with the terms of the Charities. The Charities are aimed particularly at residents over the age of 55 and students undertaking tertiary education. If you know of anyone who might benefit, please contact the Charities' Clerk for information and application forms: Malindi Tucker – 01227 710209. All communications will be treated in the strictest confidence.

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Our new Website is now Live with a fresh look and feel at westbereparishcouncil.gov.uk

Please sign up to our newsletter on the front page of the website to stay up to date with latest news posts.

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