

Proposal for new Permissive Footpath

The Parish Council, together with the Itchenor Society has just begun a project to construct a new Permissive Path connecting the village car park to the coastal footpath, thereby providing a shorter, safer route to the footpath network around the Harbour. In addition we aim to provide three car parking spaces for the disabled in the car park, at the starting point of the new path.

come untenable as the increase in activity within the shipyard, in particular the frequent movements of large boats and equipment, does not mix well with private vehicle traffic and gives rise to Health and Safety issues and public safety concerns. It is proposed to site the new spaces in the northwest corner of the car park (please see map).



A surfaced wheelchair-specification path is already available from Northshore Yachts shipyard to a viewing area overlooking Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The new parking spaces and path will provide a direct link for walkers and wheelchair users to this path.

There are currently no dedicated parking spaces for the disabled in the public car park at West Itchenor. There are however two such spaces close to the harbour side footpath, within Northshore Yachts Ltd shipyard and vehicular access to these has in the past been through the shipyard with the permission of Northshore Yachts Ltd. This arrangement has be-

The proposed route of the new permissive path from these spaces is through an existing gap in the belt of trees at the path's exit from the car park and this section will be fenced on both sides. The route hereafter initially runs parallel to a mature hedgerow and fence on its western side. As the path turns north use will be made of the existing fence on the western side of the path and a new length of fencing will be erected on its eastern side, along the boundary of Northshore Yachts Ltd. As a result the entire new path will be fenced on both sides.

The path is intended to be for use by walkers and wheelchair users and so it is proposed to

install two timber mobility gates, one at the junction of the new path and the existing coastal footpath and one at the path's entrance to the car park in an attempt to restrict access to the path by cyclists and other unauthorised users.

We believe that provision of these spaces and the path will benefit both local residents and visitors by improving access to the coastal footpath network and increasing the amenity.

The budget for the project is £12,000 of which £5,000 will be made up of match funding, that is volunteers working to clear the site and donations of materials, plant, machinery and contractors to carry out the major construction work. We have secured a grant of £3,000 from the Manhood Peninsular Coastal Grants Fund and donations from the Itchenor Society, the Harbour Conservancy and the Parish Council have provided the balance.

The project has been made possible by the generosity of J H & F W Green Limited in allowing us the use of the land and the support of Chichester Harbour Conservancy and Northshore Yachts Ltd. All three have offered financial and logistic support.



Lt Col John Q Davis

It is with great sadness that the Parish Council learned of the death of our Harbour Master John Davis. Residents will be aware of the significant contribution he made in preserving and promoting Chichester Harbour.



Neighbourhood WATCH

Our Neighbourhood Watch now works entirely by email. About half of Itchenor residents have registered their email addresses with us. We relay to them the information which we receive from the Police which consist mostly of general crime bulletins listing every reported incident in the Manhood peninsula. More importantly we inform our residents of events which are of specific interest to Itchenor. This second task relies to a large extent on information received from our own residents. If you have become a crime target you should in the first instance call the Police. *Thereafter, please report the incident to our neighbourhood Watch so that we can warn others.*

How to call the Police

If the crime is in progress and rapid police action could stop it, or you are in danger, do not hesitate to ring 999. In other cases ring 0845 6070999. It is important always to make a report—if you want to claim on insurance you'll need a crime number, and even if you don't intend to claim, your report may still provide the police with a vital clue which enables them to find the culprit. It also helps our village if the police are aware of all crime in Itchenor so that we get our fair share of patrol time etc.

How to contact Neighbourhood Watch

After you have called the Police, please telephone one of the neighbourhood Watch volunteers listed below as soon as possible and tell him or her what has happened so that where possible a warning can be emailed to other Itchenor residents on our lists.

Mark Bray	511005
Brian Marshall	512815
Miss Elaine Chan	514525
Harold Molyneux	513303
Mrs Anne Colbourne	513963
Mrs Liz Roose	512271
Peter Fisher	512981
Mrs Anita Trevelyan	511038
Mrs Grainne Hartley	512612
Chris Watson	512304
Mrs Barbara Holmes	512772

Inevitably email bulletins can only be sent to residents who have listed their email address with us. If you have not yet done so and would like to be on our lists, please call or email me on 512344 or bob@thefergusons.org.uk I will then arrange for one of our volunteers to contact you. Once you have been signed on, you will receive all the information and warnings we send out. Most home insurance companies offer a discount for belonging to an active Neighbourhood watch. The more people we can reach, the more effective our system will be.

Bob Ferguson
Neighbourhood Watch organiser
for Itchenor.

Peter Bratton



After serving on the Parish Council since 2006, Peter Bratton stepped down as a Councillor in July this year for health

reasons. Peter's contribution to the Parish Council has been significant. He took part in all the working parties on the pond and other areas in the village. He was also instrumental in setting up an updated Emergency Plan for the village which was put to good use earlier in the year. The Parish Council is sorry to lose Peter as a Councillor and wishes him well for the future.

New Councillor



At the Parish Council meeting in September Susan Taylor was co-opted onto the Council to replace Peter Bratton who retired in July.

Further details will be available in the next newsletter.

Carol Singing

The annual carol singing through the Village, followed by bangers & mash at the Sailing Club, is scheduled for Friday 17th December.

Further information from Anne Colbourne on 513963

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