

SOUTHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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Thursday 4 May – Local Election Voting: What You Will Need - In order to vote at a polling station you will need to take accepted photo ID. There are many forms of ID accepted which include a driving licence or passport. You can still use your ID even if it has expired or apply for a Voter Authority Certificate. For full details of accepted photo ID please visit <https://www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need>

Please note: Councillor Surgeries will resume on the 3rd June 2023.

What's New

- **Planning Applications Update** – following the Horsham District Council (HDC) Planning Committee (North) meeting where Southwater Parish Council made representation due to the potential impact to its residents please find an update below.
The Woodfords, Shipley Road – Planning App DC/21/2180 (erection of 73 new dwellings) has been deferred by HDC to obtain legal advice to include monitoring of water neutrality and how this is managed.
The Sony DADC UK Ltd Southwater Business Park – Planning App DC/22/0302 (demolition of existing warehouse buildings and redevelopment) has been approved by HDC subject to hours of working in line with Environmental Health Officer's recommendations and revisiting pedestrian and cycle access.
Roundstone Park, Worthing Road – Planning App DC/22/0096 (demolition of existing buildings and erection of retirement living apartments and cottages) has been deferred by HDC regarding issues of insufficient parking and to progress a suitable crossing on Worthing Road.
For full details on the above please visit <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning>
- **Skate & BMX Park, Bennis Field, Stakers Lane** – SPC has been liaising with contractors with the aim of installation of the skate park in May 2023. Further details will be published on the progress of this project on our website.
- **The Queen's Green Canopy Tree Planting Ceremony** – On 29 March 2023 councillors and residents gathered at the triangular open space between The Avenue, King Edwards Road and Christ's Hospital to witness and assist with the planting of a further tree in memoriam to honour Queen Elizabeth II as a lasting tribute for her extraordinary service to her country and her people.
- **Worthing/Fairbank Road Traffic Lights (Lintot Square)** – The dilapidated road surface, potholes and decaying condition at the traffic lights have been reported to Highways. SPC are awaiting further updates.

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Did you know?

- **Southwater Country Park Survey** - results showed that 82% of respondents rated their experience as either good, very good or excellent. The majority of respondents were happy with the balance of leisure facilities and nature at the Park. The Dinosaur Island play area scored particularly highly and has recently undergone an upgrade to various pieces of play equipment. Highlighted as an area for improvement was the toilet facilities which will undergo refurbishment later this year.
- **Protecting and Enhancing Biodiversity** – with the Country Park already one of the best sites within the area, hosting 22 species of dragonfly, seven species of orchid, with an amazing display of over 5,000 common spotted orchids, Horsham District Council will continue to look at ways of protecting this for residents and wildlife to enjoy for the future.
- **Fraud and Scams** – shockingly, these currently make up 42% of all major crime types in the UK. Recently criminals have targeted WhatsApp users along with courier fraud, which is currently the most common fraud in West Sussex. Three principles to protect yourself are: STOP - take a moment to think before parting with money or information; CHALLENGE - could it be fake? It is ok to reject, refuse or ignore requests, only criminals will try to rush or panic you; PROTECT - contact your bank immediately if you think you have fallen for a scam. To stay safe online check out <https://www.getsafeonline.org>
- **No Mow May** - is a growing movement aimed at reducing lawn mowing during this month providing a safe haven for pollinators and other wildlife. While some people may worry about the impact that this may have on their lawns, the truth is that it can have a positive impact on local ecosystems. SPC will be taking part this May.

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