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ST MARTHA PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Councillors

At our July meeting Clare Price was co-opted and welcomed as a Parish Councillor. Clare has extensive local knowledge and an enthusiasm for our environment.

There remain two vacancies. Anyone with an interest could attend our next routine meeting on Thursday 21st November at 7.30pm in Chilworth Infant School. Alternatively, contact our Clerk and request a copy of 'The Good Councillor's Guide', this will introduce you to the work of local councils and the part you would play as a Councillor in the tier of local government closest to the people. There is also our annual public meeting for The Friends of Gunpowder Mills and other local matters. This will be held in Chilworth Village Hall at 7.30pm on 14th November, attended by the Mayor and other speakers – look for further information on the leaflet in this issue!

Planning

Number 74 New Road was the oldest Victorian house and the only double-fronted dwelling in New Road. To give it a measure of protection, both of Chilworth's Parish Councils applied to have it locally listed. Guildford Borough Council replied that it was a typical Victorian house and not worthy of Local Listing. It's true that in relation to Guildford's town centre, it is an ordinary Victorian dwelling but, in Chilworth, it was very special. We were disappointed with the Borough's decision. The house has now been demolished, a loss for our community.

We continue to study and comment on local planning applications. These include those relating to trees. Many of these relate to trees on properties within the Chilworth Conservation Area; where it is necessary to apply for permission before carrying out any significant tree work.

Footpaths and Bridleways

Our footpaths and bridleways are cut back less frequently nowadays. Hence, we receive numerous complaints regarding obstructive growth. These are forwarded to the relevant authorities, requesting action to be taken. Parish Councillors help where and when they can – usually carrying a pair of secateurs when out in the Parish!

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