

District Councillor Debby Hallett's Report to North Hinksey Parish Council

28 June 2012

- 1. Neighbourhood Planning Event, 16 July, 6-8pm.** The parish council should have received an invitation to this informational event, designed to help parish and town councils work their own plans for development. This is valuable guidance on how the Localism Act can work for local people.
- 2. Electoral Review.** The parish council should have received an update from the Vale of White Horse about the current review of Vale council size from 51 to approx 38 councillors. This means a change to ward sizes and boundaries, as well as creating single councillor wards. Information is being gathered now to lead to a provisional decision, which will be set out for consultation, probably sometime in the autumn.
- 3. IHSP dropped.** Once the government's new National Planning Policy Framework was launched this past spring, it became clear that the Vale's Interim Housing Supply Policy (IHSP) was not allowed under the new rules, and so it has been abandoned. The work on the Core Strategy, which will guide Vale planning over the next several years, was suspended while IHSP was devised and now recommences. With the year-long delay while the IHSP was drafted and reviewed, the Core Strategy is not expected until sometime in 2013.
- 4. Westway Co-op** – Co-op have applied to extend their license to allow sale of alcohol from 6.00 to 23.00 on Sundays. Currently they are licensed for 10.00 to 22.30. Licensing consultation continues through 10 July 2012. Contact Licensing Team on 10235 540570, or licensing.unit@whitehorsedc.gov.uk
- 5. Tilbury Lane.** A meeting of Planning Officers and local members took place earlier this month, where we learned that the planned development is going ahead after a 4-year delay while Thames water worked out the sewerage problems. The development of 150 homes, half in Cumnor Parish and half in North Hinksey Parish, is bisected by Tilbury Lane. Automobile access to the new estate will be via Fogwell Road. Tilbury Lane will have a locked gate, restricting access to farm and emergency vehicles. See all the planning docs and correspondence here: <http://bit.ly/MpatAb>
- 6. County Cllr Janet Godden and I hold a Get It Sorted Session** every other month in a different part of the parish. Our next session is 10 July 2012, 6-7pm, at the LM Pavilion.
- 7. Local info online:** For awhile now I've posted current **North Hinksey planning applications** on my councillor blog: www.DebbyHallett.MyCouncillor.org.uk. I recently added a public-facing Facebook page as well: www.facebook.com/DebbyHallettLD (you don't need to be a registered Facebook user to see this page). I add info as soon as I receive notice of the planning application from the Vale. I include the consultation period, targeted decision date, and a link to the Vale Planning site so readers can see what information about the application has already been received.