



For your diary:

Thursday 4th October - Autumn Open Meeting (8 p.m., St. Christopher's Church Hall)



Contacting Hinchley Wood Residents Association



Your residents association councillors for Hinchley Wood and Weston Green Ward (L to R) :

Tannia Shipley

Nigel Haig-Brown

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HWRA works with Thames Ditton and Weston Green Residents' Association to ensure that the interests of residents of the Hinchley Wood and Weston Green Ward are fully represented on Elmbridge Borough Council.

Our councillors are available to deal with any comments or concerns about council services or other local issues.

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ELMBRIDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS, MAY 2018

The results for the election held on 3rd May were as follows.

In Hinchley Wood and Weston Green ward, the Residents candidate Nigel Haig-Brown was elected with an overwhelming majority:

HAIG-BROWN Nigel - Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Residents' Associations
1762 votes (70.3%) Elected

HERBERT Geoff - Conservative
437 votes (17.4%) Not elected

AMBEKAR Liz - Liberal Democrat
236 votes (9.4%) Not elected

ANDREWS Jacqueline Mary - Labour Party
71 votes (2.8%) Not elected

Nigel received the highest number of votes of any candidate in the Borough, and we thank residents for their continuing strong support of their Residents candidate.

Turnout was 39.5% compared with the average for the Borough of 37.5%.

Across the Borough, the Conservatives gained 3 seats, Liberal Democrats gained 1 and Residents lost 4.

The result is 'no overall control', with the Conservatives on 24 Councillors, Residents on 15 and Liberal Democrats on 9. As the largest party, the Conservatives have formed an administration.

PLANNING MATTERS

An application to Elmbridge Borough Council has been made for planning permission to develop the site at No. 4 Greenways, No. 6 Manor Road South and No. 4 Grace Lodge, Manor Road South. The proposed development will consist of a 'detached part four/part three/part two-storey building providing 35 independent living units'. This would be a large development which raises concerns about size, bulk and massing and potential pressure on roads, services and drainage.

Please go to <http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/planning/find-application/> and search application reference number 2018/0746 to view plans and documents and register your comments .

The official deadline for comments was Friday 18th May, but late representations may still be considered if they arrive before the date of the relevant planning committee meeting (scheduled for 18th June).

We await further developments on the Local Plan, including the potential threat to the Green Belt land between Hinchley Wood and Long Ditton. Residents will be aware of a campaign to have part of this land (Stokes Field and One Tree Hill) designated as a 'Village Green', in an effort to protect it from development. An action group has been formed, details of which can be seen at <https://www.savehwldgreenbelt.co.uk/>. Please note, however, that the group is independent of HWRA, and that HWRA cannot take responsibility for the use of any funds which residents may care to donate to the campaign.

We were pleased to note that the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has endorsed Elmbridge Borough Council's decision to refuse outline planning permission for the development of land East of Weylands House Molesey Road and South of Field Common Lane, Walton-on-Thames, considering (among other factors) that the 'very special' circumstances required to justify development in the Green Belt did not exist. This important decision re-affirms the principle of protecting the Green Belt from development and strengthens our case for resisting any threat to our local Green Belt land.

POST OFFICE

Many residents will have been inconvenienced by the recent unexpected closure of the Post Office counter at Budgens, which we understand was due an emergency financial audit. We are pleased to see that the service has now been restored.

GDPR

Residents are no doubt weary of being flooded with messages about the new General Data Protection Regulation. Suffice it to say that HWRA aims to comply with its principles in the way we handle personal data, and that further details can be found on the HWRA website.

ROADS

A lively open meeting was held on 10th May with Surrey County Councillor Mike Bennison, at which the main topic was the state of the roads. Participants left Councillor Bennison in no doubt about their anger at Surrey's poor performance in dealing with the multiple dangerous potholes in our local area.

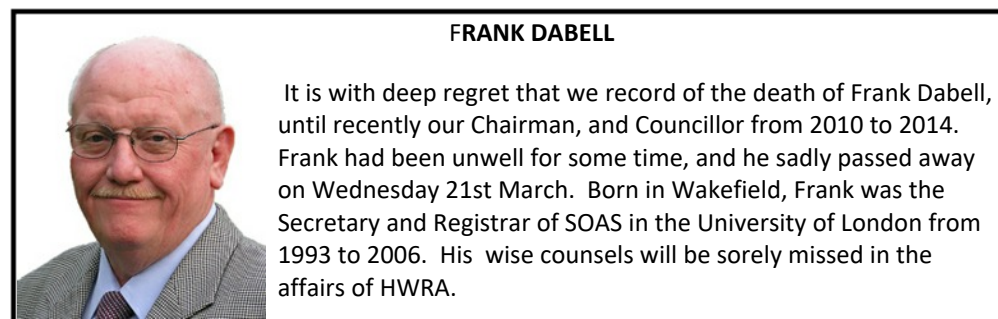
LANTERN SURGERY

Many of you will know that the Lantern Surgery has extended into a neighbouring unit in Hinchley Wood. There are now 5 consulting rooms and a wider range of medical services available, delivered by experienced nurse practitioners and resident GPs. The increase in capacity means that the practice is able to accept new patients (both NHS and private) from within its catchment area. Visit <https://www.lanternsurgery.co.uk> or call in to 3 Station Approach to register.

ELMBRIDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

As noted previously, despite the success of our Residents candidate in Hinchley Wood and Weston Green ward, the results for Residents candidates elsewhere in the Borough were disappointing. The Residents-led administration which had control of the council from 2016 to 2018 has therefore had to give way to a Conservative administration, albeit one with no overall majority.

We were however pleased that our councillor Nigel Haig-Brown has been appointed Chair of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and congratulate him on this appointment.



We also very sadly record the death of Mrs. Jill Ferguson, whom many residents will remember as a long-serving and highly-respected teacher at Hinchley Wood primary school.