

On 5 February, the WPC gave a presentation to residents explaining the plans which it has drawn up together with EDF, SCC and ESDC in the B1125 Working Group (WG) for traffic calming measures in the village to mitigate the anticipated SZC construction traffic. EDF have projected that volumes will increase by up to 45% increase at peak times and this traffic will include LGVs up to 3.5 tonnes. Following the residents' meeting, WPC drafted a series of questions for residents to continue the consultation. The questionnaires (and the associated plans) are available in the Village Hall Foyer and will can be completed until the end of March. Completed questionnaires can be posted in a box which is in the Village Hall foyer. The questionnaire can also be downloaded from the Westleton Parish Council and Westleton Village Hall websites. Your answers to the questions will guide the WPC's position at the next B1125 WG so please do take time to complete a questionnaire.

The Parish Council has started holding monthly surgeries in the Village Hall to provide an opportunity for residents to ask questions or raise matters with Councillors outside of Parish Council meetings. The first was on 22 January and was attended by several residents. The dates of the next two surgeries are 26 February and 18 March – both 10.30-11.30 am. The surgeries are attended by 2 councillors.

As mentioned in the February Fisherman, the Parish Council will be circulating a Housing Needs survey at the end of March. The survey results will be used by Orwell Housing Association for a planning application for Affordable Housing in the village. We hope all residents will complete the survey. Importantly, it is also open to all to all people with a strong connection to the village - this could be through family, work or current or previous residency in the village – and in particular people living outside of Westleton and who would choose to return if the right types of housing were available. Please keep a lookout for the survey which will be delivered to your houses at the end of March/beginning of April and tell relevant others outside of the village of the survey.

In January, a diseased lime tree fell onto a car parked by the village pond. The District Council has since removed the tree debris and has removed the branches of another similarly diseased tree - although (strangely) not the trunk. However, the smashed car has not been moved. The WPC is aware that it is an eyesore and is working with the owner and our District Councillor to have it removed. We have also called on the District Council to fell the standing trunk as it is potentially dangerous.

With the ending of the Barrel Fair, the WPC has taken a decision to hold a village fete at some point during the summer months. WPC will set-up a Group to plan/organise the fete. Please contact the Parish Clerk on westletonclerk@gmail.com if you would like to participate in the organising group.

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