



Newsletter Winter 2024

Housing Crisis Declaration Update

The Parish Council is concerned that its Housing Crisis Declaration is not being addressed in the way in which the declaration was intended and therefore the Parish Council is currently in the process of clarifying the previous statement and press release, further details will be announced in the near future so keep any eye on our website and Facebook Page.

Grants for Community Groups and Organisations

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all community groups and organisations that the Parish Council has recently changed its Grant Aid Policy and process. There are now two streams of funding available the Parish Councillor Grant Fund and the Central Fund, so if your group is looking for support, please contact your local councillor or visit the Parish Council's website for more information.

Vacancy in the office of Parish Councillor

The Parish Council has a vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor, if you are interested in being a voice for your local community please contact the office or visit the Parish Council's website for further information and an application form.

Maintenance & Amenities Operative

The Parish Council is pleased to introduce to you all Jamie who has recently stepped into the position of Maintenance & Amenities Operative. Jamie has hit the ground running and has already continued to build on improving parish council areas and facilities and the environment within the parish.

Neighbourhood Plan

Unfortunately, the Parish Council has decided not to continue with the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan. In order for the plan to move forward there is still a significant amount of work to be undertaken and associated costs mean this is not financially viable for the gain. The Planning Authority has advised that the Parish Council would need additional technical input as well as revisiting the previous community engagement work, due to the amount of time since the original data was collected and the dynamic of the Parish which has changed considerably since the plan was started. A Neighbourhood Plan forms part of the development plan for the Parish. In addition to writing the document, the Parish Council will need to submit evidence to justify the inclusion of the policies as well as preparing several background documents to demonstrate that the plan meets the required basic conditions. All of which will be examined by an independent examiner, a referendum can only take place if the examiner recommends that the plan should proceed to this stage. Councils are facing a significant increase in housing numbers and the pressure for development the parish has faced in recent years is likely to increase. The only way to minimise it would be to allocate housing sites within the plan, this would not only be a significant amount of work, but it would also require further technical expertise, which would incur further costs.

The Parish Council recognises the amount of work and commitment that has gone into the plan to date, and this will not be wasted, it has been agreed to use the information gathered to create a costed business plan with clear action points for the Parish Council.

Christmas Closure

The Council Offices will be closed from 1pm on Friday 20th December 2024 and will reopen at 9am on Monday 6th January 2025

Details and contact details of Councillors and emergency numbers can be found on all Parish Council notice boards and the Council website at www.fremingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Merry Christmas!



THINK SINK!

A guide to prevent your drains being blocked

Every year, tens of thousands of litres of waste fat, cooking oil and grease are poured down sinks by people who don't realise the problems this could cause.

When hot fat, oil and grease cools it forms a solid mass which can build up inside pipes.

Blocked pipes can cause flooding and pollute our beautiful beaches and countryside. It can easily be avoided.

southwestwater.co.uk/thinksink

Food for thought

Did you know that a medium sized turkey produces $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of fat?

Cooked breakfast, Roast dinner, Deep-fried chips, Spaghetti bolognese, Curry

The leftovers from these and any dish made with or containing fat, oil and grease can block pipes under your sink. Even small amounts of fat, oil, grease and food waste contribute to blocked drains.

1.6m tonnes of food and drink waste was disposed of via household sinks and drains in the UK in one year*

8,500 blockages cost on bills £4.5m

Fat in sewers attracts vermin!

21% of blockages are caused by waste fat, cooking oil and grease being poured down the sink

How to... Think Sink!

Please follow these easy steps to keep fat, oil and grease out of your pipes by using a Gunk Pot or equivalent container:

- Scrape**
Scrape food scraps and fat oil grease into a bin or food waste recycling.
- Collect**
Use a Gunk Pot or similar container to collect cooled fats, oils and grease from roasting trays and frying pans.
- Wipe**
Give plates and pans a quick wipe with kitchen roll or newspaper to remove any liquid fat or grease before putting in the sink or dishwasher.
- Empty/recycle**
Empty it full down into a kitchen bin, then wipe it out with kitchen roll ready to reuse. Alternatively, dispose of an equivalent container directly into the bin.

TOP TIP 1 Put a sink strainer over the plughole to prevent any leftover bits going down the sink.

TOP TIP 2 Kitchen roll is your best friend!

MOST ONLY FLUSH THE 3Ps

PEE, PAPER & POO

DO YOU?

LOVE your LOO

southwestwater.co.uk/loveyourloo

YOUR LOO NEEDS YOU

Most people claim only to flush the 3Ps - pee, paper and poo - down the loo. They recognise that this is what the sewer system is designed for, linking loos in the home with the pipe network and local treatment works.

But some people admit to contributing to 8,500 blocked sewers in the South West a year, by inappropriately flushing baby wipes, hygiene wipes, cleaning wipes, cleansing pads and sanitary products.

Blocked sewers can cause flooding and pollute our beautiful beaches and countryside. This can be easily avoided by binning everything other than the 3Ps: pee, paper and poo.

WE ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO LOVE THEIR LOO BY ONLY FLUSHING PEE, PAPER AND POO.

BUT SO MANY OF THESE PRODUCTS SAY THEY ARE FLUSHABLE AND BIODEGRADABLE!

WE KNOW - CONFUSING ISN'T IT? AS WELL AS SPENDING MILLIONS A YEAR TO CLEAN AND UPGRADE THE SEWER NETWORK, WE ASK HOW CAN WE BEST USE OUR MONEY TO ENCOURAGE MANUFACTURERS AND RETAILERS TO LABEL THEIR PRODUCTS RESPONSIBLY.

FLUSHABLE
Flushable on the packaging refers to being able to pass through the toilet bowl. Even though they disappear from your toilet bowl because they don't break down fast enough they build up in pipes and cause blockages. They should be disposed of via the bin and not the loo.

BIODEGRADABLE
Things like wipes and sanitary products don't break down as quickly as toilet paper. Even though they say biodegradable they take much longer to break down, which is why they contribute to blockages and should be disposed of in the bin and not the loo.

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