



Wickham Parish Council News

February 2011

Christmas lights

Thank you very much to Buzz and his team of willing helpers from the Kings Head for organising the Christmas light switch on this year.

They arranged a visit from Father Christmas, rides for the children and a fantastic "Santa's Grotto" with presents for all the children.

Thank you also to Robert Gardner at Mayles Farm for providing the tree and to the intrepid band of volunteers who helped install it early on a freezing cold morning.

Thanks also to Chris Hoare who put up the lights and to Louise Oram and Lorraine in Driftaway for their contributions towards the costs.

Parish Plan

The Parish Council is reviewing the draft Parish Plan in the light of the Government's 'Localism' agenda and new information that has come forward.

During November all households received a leaflet entitled *Planning Responsibly for the next 10 Years* asking for views the need for housing and employment opportunities in the Parish and on two sites proposed for development.

No planning applications have been submitted for either site. The proposals are at a very early stage and as they are greenfield sites are currently contrary to local planning policies.

A public meeting to discuss the proposals was held on 14th December at Wickham Community Centre and was attended by 100 people.

Full details of the consultation results and a report on the meeting are available to view on the Council's website.

In brief, the majority of respondents support development of up to 50 houses to the north of the village, there is some support for employment land and a requirement for increased parking for The Square.

A large majority of respondents object to the proposed SDA and wish for Knowle to be kept separate from the SDA.

Parish Council elections 2011



In May 2011 Parish Council elections will be held. Would you be interested in standing?

Please see the article on page [xx] entitled *Could you be a councillor?*

Parish Council Meetings

Held at Wickham Centre, all welcome to attend.

Full Council

7.15pm Monday 14th February

Committees

7pm Monday 28th February

Please see notice boards and website for agendas, dates and times of other meetings.

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