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Welcome

Welcome to the Littlebourne Parish Council's quarterly newsletter. Please also remember to visit our website:

www.littlebourneparishcouncil.gov.uk



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Village Diary

Up and coming events in Littlebourne to look out for:

Thursday 20th November

Bingo in the LWMH lounge 2pm

Wednesday 3rd December

LPC Meeting 7pm in LWMH meeting room

Thursday 18th December

Bingo in the LWMH lounge 2pm

Wednesday 7th January

LPC Meeting 7pm in LWMH meeting room

Village email distribution list

This list is now up and running, if you would like to join and receive useful information such as road closures, village activities and City and County Cllr reports please sign up by emailing the Clerk on villagenews@littlebourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Can you help with recording tanker visits?

Over the coming winter LPC are looking to document the number of tankers removing sewage from our village. If you are able to carry out any monitoring of numbers or have photos that you take this winter please forward these to tankering@littlebourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Contact Us

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Chairmans Report October 2025

Well, it didn't take long for the expected appeal to be lodged against the refusal of planning permission for 300 houses to be built on the south side of The Hill. After the good work of the parish council and it's Action Group, whose presentations to Canterbury City Council were successful in achieving the result, there is now the prospect of contesting an appeal which would be heard by a government inspector in a semi-legal framework. The development site is still in Canterbury's Local Plan draft, even though the city's own planning committee has rejected it. Your Action Group and Parish Council continue to work to raise issues of concern over our infrastructure, wastewater pollution and transport issues but contesting an appeal will be expensive for legal and other expert representation. Littlebourne Parish Council will look to raise money by public crowd funding to continue its obligation to follow the near unanimous vote of our village against the Gladman development.

The latest draft of Canterbury's Local Plan also signals a large shift in previous intentions to build on all sides of Canterbury now to the south and east side. In other words, including even more development along the A257 between Littlebourne and Canterbury to add to the Gladman 300 house plan. This is coupled with a continued encouragement for people to use public transport to access the City's facilities with a new park and ride just outside our parish at Fishpool Bottom. The city is, in this third public consultation, looking for comments on the latest entries to its plan.

If you live in Nargate Street, would you be able to help the parish council document the numbers of sewage removal tankers in Littlebourne this coming winter? Getting this specific Littlebourne data by Freedom of Information requests from Southern Water has been problematic. To help emphasize the point about extra development stressing our already failing sewage system, it would really help to have numbers, times and photo evidence and LPC will be setting up a separate email address to make reporting straightforward (see front page of newsletter for details).

You will, no doubt, have seen the national plan to reorganise local government by coalescing the county and district authorities. For us in Kent, this looks likely to mean constructing perhaps three or four 'unitary' authorities plus a mayoral strategy group. At first glance it may seem just a remote chair shuffle but there are village consequences to be considered. The 14th century Littlebourne Barn near the Church which is owned mostly by Canterbury City Council (a council that would disappear) will need to have its ownership changed – probably to a more remote Unitary council. This will raise an inevitable question over its future in a cash-strapped local council environment. At such a key time, this beautiful and ancient structure needs the management committee strengthened by new village representation. If you want to help preserve our history, please consider whether you can join the Littlebourne Barn Committee.

Littlebourne Parish Council has long campaigned for 20mph speed limits in the village, and we are delighted to see that Kent Highways have now implemented our Highway Improvement Plan for all roads except the A257 itself (which we hope may come in the future). Clear data from other 20mph zone introductions have shown an average reduction in speeds of around 3 mph. This may not seem much but even this can make a huge difference to survival outcome of road accidents involving pedestrians. Of course, it will not itself eradicate the dangerous speeding of some so please also adopt the spirit of this change and think road safety in the village as you drive. It's not just someone else's problem.

Cllr Peter Farrow, Chairman

Councillor vacancy

Following John Sullivan moving out of the area LPC can now co-opt an additional member to fill the vacancy. If you would be interested in joining the council please contact either the Chairman or clerk for further details. Contact details on back page.

14th Century Littlebourne Barn



Our committee manage promotion and use of the Barn and Pantry on behalf of owners, Canterbury City Council, and we are looking for new members to help us.

We would love to welcome you in joining our committee in taking us forward with new ideas, energy and enthusiasm.

Please contact us via email enquiries@littlebournebarn.co.uk or visit our website for more contact details www.littlebournebarn.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

And from our Clerk Gail.....

Littlebourne' s 20mph zones

By now I am sure you will have spotted the new 20mph signage that has gone up around the village, this is a scheme that has been on the parish council's HIP (Highway Improvement Plan) for a while. The parish council did consult the residents' views on this scheme, and it was supported by 76% of respondents. There were some concerns as the cost of the scheme seemed to continue to rise however we were fortunate to have a bid for the full scheme construction costs funded by the Kent County Council Active Travel Team, which allowed the scheme to go ahead much sooner and with far less cost to the village. Total cost to LPC was just over £4000.

There are now a number of settlements in Kent, and Nationally, that now have similar 20mph zones. It is a statistical fact that the Safety of road users and pedestrians is significantly increased by such schemes: When hit by vehicles travelling at 20mph instead of 30mph, pedestrians and cyclists are 5 times more likely to survive a hit by a motorised vehicle.

The intention of this scheme is that it will help to create a safer village by informing and educating road users of the need to watch their speed. The signage at the entry to each 20mph zone will act as a constant reminder to drivers to reduce their speed.

LPC will continue to pursue a 20mph limit for The High Street and The Hill through our Highway Improvement Plan.

LPC Community Fund

This fund facilitates the distribution of the rent received from the Parish Council funded extension to the 4 Villages Shop, by providing finance for events and projects in the Parish of Littlebourne through the village organisations and/or others and where funding from any other source is not available or is incomplete. Groups/Projects that have received funding in previous years:

2022-23

Queens Platinum Jubilee event
Littlebourne Cricket Club grant towards exterior refurbishment project
Annual Christmas tree project

2023-24

Kings Coronation event
Rose Acre Kings Coronation Street party
Littlebourne Football Club grant for new kit
Annual Christmas tree project

2024-25

Four Village Eco Group initial meeting costs
Annual Christmas tree project

If you have a project in the parish that needs additional funding, please consider applying to Cllr.Giles@Littlebourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Changes to postal voting – Don't lose your postal vote

Following changes introduced by the Elections Act 2022, postal voters are now required to reapply for their postal vote every three years.

All postal voters who made their current application before 31 October 2023 are required to reapply for their postal vote by 31 January 2026. If your postal vote is due to expire, Canterbury City Council will contact you by email or letter to ask you to reapply.

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<https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote>

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