

Chillaton Newsletter

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This edition of the Newsletter contains:

1. Information about a planning application for the change of use of the ground floor of the former village shop.
2. An invitation to join Chillaton W.I.

1. Planning application 00093/2013 Preston House, Chillaton [former Village Shop]

Many local residents will already be aware that a further application has been made to West Devon Borough Council, for the change of use of the ground floor of the former village shop to residential use. A previous application was refused, as was a subsequent appeal to the Secretary of State. Full details of the application and supporting information provided by the applicants, can be found on the West Devon Borough Council Website. Go to <http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/> and enter 00093/2013 in the search box in the 'Quick Planning Search' section.

Please note that when the application was originally put on the site, it did not have all the additional information submitted by the applicants. If you looked earlier and missed it, it's under Supplementary Information, dated 11th February.

Please be aware that if you made representations to the Borough Council regarding the previous application, they will not be taken into account when determining the current application. The closing date for representations to the Borough Council about this application is the 28th February.

You may know that when the shop closed about two years ago, the findings of a village questionnaire were that there was a general consensus that a community shop would be supported and some people were interested in volunteering to run it. The Chillaton Community Hub Steering Group was then formed to work on the idea of creating a community run shop/village hub.

As a result of their work, the village already has a Post Office service two days a week and a daily newspaper delivery [for collection from Chillaton Garage]. To date, no firm proposals for a community shop/village hub have been produced and the Group will be meeting shortly to consider the current position regarding this possibility, in the light of the new application for change of use.

Chillaton Parish Councillors, who form a Planning Sub-Committee of the Parish Council, will consider how to respond to the application, in the light of:

1. Efforts to date to market the former shop as retail premises.
2. The effect on the village centre, of the ground floor of Preston House being vacant for nearly two years.
3. Any further information provided by the Chillaton Community Hub Steering Group.
4. Any representations made by local residents either directly to parish councillors, or that have been placed on the West Devon Borough Council website.

The Parish Council has no powers to determine the planning application, but its views will be taken into account by the Borough Council, along with any other representations it receives. It is anticipated that Chillaton parish councillors will meet to consider their response to the application, towards the end of this week. Therefore if you wish to make any representations to them, as well as any you may have made to the Borough Council, they should be sent either via the 'Contact Us' button on the village website [www.chillaton.net] or in writing to any individual parish councillor, by Friday 22nd February.

Howard Asbridge, Ray Brewer, Amanda Westcott.

2. Chillaton W.I.

Did you know that Chillaton has a W.I.? Have you ever thought of coming to a meeting? Why not give it a try? Chillaton W.I. meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, in Marystow Church Hall at 2.00pm.

Meetings last for a couple of hours and there is a different speaker or demonstration each month, ending with a cup of tea and a 'bikki'. You are welcome to come along for three meetings, for a trial run with no obligation, just meet new friends and have a chat.

For any further information please contact Pat Brewer on 01822 860272.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 20th February – 'Chair Yoga' by Mrs S. Armstrong, followed by refreshments.

For more information and details of the 2013 programme, please click on the 'Chillaton W.I.' button on the village website.

Howard Asbridge

If you know someone who needs some help to access the website or to join the mailing list and you aren't able to assist them, please let us know who they are and we will try to help.

Also, if you know anyone who you think would like to receive a copy of this newsletter by hand, then let us know by using the contact page and we will endeavour to get a copy to them.