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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

The first thing to do is to remind you that the Meeting of Electors takes place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 19 March at 7 pm. This is the event where we give you a summary of what your Parish Council has been doing over the past year, and it is your chance to ask questions. If there is any particular topic you would like us to cover, or any particular question you would like answered, please let me know before the event.

One of the topics we will certainly cover is the Neighbourhood Development Plan. This will be your chance to make a positive difference to the future of your community. As you may know, the District Council is reviewing its Local Plan, which will shape our local environment for years ahead. To make sure that we exercise as much influence as we can over the way it will affect our Parish, we need to put together our own Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan gives us a chance to specify what we expect from future development in our area. One of our biggest challenges will be defining where we can find room for 50 new houses as required by the District Local Plan and how we cope with external pressures of development in neighbouring parishes.

We will tell you more about the Plan at the meeting. Creating a Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led project and not a task that the Parish Council can complete on its own. So, at the meeting we will explain how you can help,

This is the time of the year when we can expect heavy rain, and one of the unpleasant consequences can be flooding from the sewage system – we have already experienced one instance in Church Road over a couple of days just before Christmas. The responsibility lies with Southern Water, and they are the first people to call if you have a problem – the number is 0330 303 0368. But it would also be useful if you could let the Parish Council know, so that we can build a record of such incidents. This helps us to argue the case when we are considering development proposals which might put an additional load on the system.

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