

Parish Council News – April 2024

“A Digger Ate My Playground”! (but good things will follow)



I remember feeling very aggrieved as a kid when my local play space had been dug up (for housing). But fear not! Not all change is negative. In this case, the removal of the old unused swing frame and BBQ as well as clearance of the brambles and remaining old fencing in the playing fields were to make space for new play equipment.

As well as donations from yourselves (thank you), the funding has come from the community infrastructure levy payments, made when any development is done in the parish, and S106 funds. These funds need to be spent on infrastructure, and a portion on equipment for the benefit of youth.

This summer, the Parish Council will be working with Wicksteed and look forward to installing 3 exciting new pieces of play equipment – a zip-wire, a nest swing and a “teen climber” replacement. Please bear with us when we have to close the playpark during the period of construction – and enjoy the new equipment when it is in place!

Payhembury Parish Council Playpark Working Group

Road closures – April & May 2024

There are a number of road closures scheduled for April & May, but the scheduled dates can sometimes change nearer the time. Diversions will be in place if needed and details can be found on the DCC Temporary Traffic Notices, copies of which can be found on the Parish Council website, together with other information where applicable - http://www.payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk/Roads_and_Highways_29495.aspx

- 21st May 2024 – road from Blue Anchor Cross to Tuckmill Cross: for BT pole renewal work.
- 30th May 2024 – Barrow Road: for BT pole renewal work.

Councillor Matt Rance

The Parish Council would like to thank Councillor Matt Rance for all his hard work and contributions during his time as a Parish Councillor. They were very sorry to receive his resignation in March and would like to take this opportunity to wish him all the best in the future.

Parish Councillor vacancy

The Parish Council therefore has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Parishioners have until Tuesday 2nd April 2024 to ask for an election to fill the role (see www.eastdevon.gov.uk/elections-and-registering-to-vote/election-information/elections/casual-vacancies/ for more information about this process). If no election is requested, then after that date the Parish Council will be able to consider applications for co-option.

If you are interested in being considered for co-option as a Parish Councillor then please complete the Parish Council co-option application form which can be found on the Parish Council website (www.payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk/Vacancies_32756.aspx) or can be requested from the Clerk (email: payhemburypc@payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk or tel: 01404 841773). Please return completed forms to the Clerk either via email or by post (c/o Rose Cottage, Payhembury, Honiton. EX14 3HR). The closing date for receipt of completed forms is 30th April 2024, to be considered at the following Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 8th May 2024.

If you are interested in finding out more about the role of a Parish Council and Parish Councillors, the following websites give a good overview:

- www.eastdevon.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/becoming-a-councillor/become-a-parish-or-town-councillor/what-is-a-parish-or-town-council/
- <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/about-local-councils>

Annual Parish Meeting and Payhembury Parish Council meeting Wednesday 8th May, 7pm & ~7.30pm (Parish Hall & Zoom)

The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) will be held on Wednesday 8th May starting at 7pm. This is an opportunity for members of the public to hear what the Parish Council has done over the last year and for electors to have their say on anything they consider important or valuable to people in the parish.

The APM will be followed by the May meeting of Payhembury Parish Council meeting which will start after the end of the APM, but no earlier than 7.30pm. The agenda for the meeting will be available as normal on the noticeboard and the Parish Council website (http://www.payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk/Agendas_and_Minutes_28525.aspx).

Both meetings will be run as one hybrid meeting with members of the public able to attend one or both meetings, either in-person in the Parish Hall or via Zoom (Meeting ID = 873 9034 1297; passcode = 116956; **webpage** = www.zoom.us/join) or via telephone (contact the Clerk for details).

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