



All planning applications affecting Mitcheldean are available online at www.fdean.gov.uk
Plans available at www.fdean.gov.uk or at the Town Hall by appointment.

A Community Engagement Officer has contacted the Council to ask if any residents have any unwanted memorabilia from the 40's, 50's & 60's that could be used to help stimulate memories in those with dementia. Please take any items to the Dilke Hospital or the Town Hall.

If you can think of a project or scheme that would benefit the community in some way please speak to your local councillor about it or come to the monthly meeting and address the council yourself.

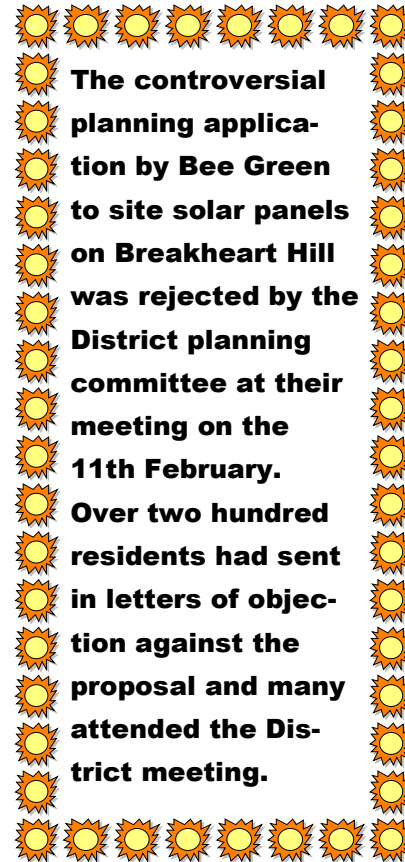
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The controversial planning application by Bee Green to site solar panels on Breakheart Hill was rejected by the District planning committee at their meeting on the 11th February. Over two hundred residents had sent in letters of objection against the proposal and many attended the District meeting.

The Co Op post office services counter was officially opened by Mark Harper MP on Friday 7th February

Local residents can once again post their parcels in the village without the need to take a coach to a neighbouring village.

Royal Mail has been approached about positioning a stand alone post box adjacent to the Co Op store. Although the Royal Mail are in agreement that a box is needed and the location of the box, it still may take 8-10 months before the work is complete.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	10 March	Monthly Meeting Full Council
Tuesday	08 April	ANNUAL Parish Meeting
Monday	14 April	Monthly Meeting Full Council
Monday	12 May	Monthly Meeting Full Council

MPG, The Town Hall, High Street, Mitcheldean

Mr Dale Parker was co opted onto the parish council at January's meeting. Mr Parker has lived in Mitcheldean, with his wife and two children for 23 years. He was formally on the Board of Governors for Mitcheldean Endowed Primary School and was a Scout leader. He has also been President of the Royal Forest of Dean Rotary Club. The Members voted unanimously in favour of Dale's application to become a Parish Councillor and look forward to him taking up his duties shortly.

The Parish Council has approached Vantage Point Business Park about the possibility of re-opening the gates along Bradley Court Road. A traffic survey may need to be carried out to assess the feasibility. It is hoped this may relieve the traffic congestion in the village. Please let us know your views.

A site at the end of Silver Street has been identified as being suitable to build four to five affordable homes on. The FODDC with Severn Vale housing are currently in negotiations and will submit their plans to council in due course.

It is proposed to hold a village fete/festival this year on the recreational playing fields on Saturday 19th July. It is hoped to include; Morris dancing, the WI to provide refreshments, both Churches, a costume competition for primary school children and a Barn Dance in the Community Centre with music from the Plump Hill Band.

For more information and to get involved please contact Andrew Maliphant.

Highways Area Manager Brian Watkins has visited the village to assess the drainage problem on the Stenders Road and to meet with two local residents who have concerns over the condition of the pavements.

Mitcheldean Parish Council has set its budget for 2014/15. It will be asking FODDC for £77878. This is a 3% increase on last year which is on average, an additional £2.91 per household a year.

The additional funds are needed to finance the services the Parish Council are obliged to carry out, along with FODDC and Gloucestershire County Council.

The Parish Council are hoping to lead a project to get a new larger Memorial Cross sited in the churchyard. Talks have been held with Father David Gill and the British Legion and quotes for a new stone are being sought.

The grass cutting Tender notice has been posted for 2014 & 2015. Tender documents available from the clerk.

Police Constable Special Officer Dave Birch has been replaced by PCSO Neil Evans.

The Council has taken delivery of a number of bags of Rock Salt that will be available for distribution when the bad icy weather hits. It is hoped that a local farmer will help with distribution as the Parish Council has no vehicle of its own. If you are able to help please contact the parish clerk.

Funding from Gloucestershire County Council for the Play Ranger Sessions that have been carried out on a Thursday afternoon during school holidays has come to an end. The final session for this year will be held on the 20th February.