



# PARISH COUNCIL SPECIAL

HAVE YOU COMPLETED AND RETURNED YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE TO FAREHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGARDING THE FORMATION OF A FUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL?

## Want to know more about the potential benefits of a Funtley Parish Council?

The Funtley Village Society are hosting a **tea/coffee and home-baked cake evening on Thursday 19th November, 7.30pm to 9pm at the Funtley Social Club**. We will be at hand to answer questions in an informal and relaxed environment, on why we think a Parish Council for Funtley would be beneficial. All residents are welcome. If you would like to attend and to ensure your place, please contact us via our contact details overleaf.

## Funtley CAT Meeting

Fareham Borough Council are hosting a CAT meeting at the Funtley Social Club, as part of the Funtley Community Governance Review on **Tuesday November 24th from 7pm to 8.30pm**. To attend you need to email [consultation@fareham.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@fareham.gov.uk) as soon as possible to ensure your place. Tickets are on a first come, first served basis. Alternatively contact Fareham Borough Council on 01329 236100 to book your tickets.



## Clarifying the facts on what a Funtley Parish Council can do

We would like to add a little clarity to Fareham Borough Council's (FBC) questionnaire and information, which you have recently received. You may have read in this document regarding the powers of a Parish Council Campaign, that *"these functions can only be carried out if they are delegated to the parish by the Borough Council."*

We must say that it could have been worded a bit better. However as Fareham Borough Council have never had to set up a Parish or Village council before, we put their choice of words down to naiveté rather than any deliberate machination.....

Parish Councils can act within restraints set out (mainly) by the Local Government Act 1972 and its successors, including the Localism Act 2011.

As there are a few legal duties, the precept charge will depend on what Funtley actually wants and needs, both immediately and in the future... **our (precept) money stays in and is spent in our parish. Parish councils also have a lot of powers, none constrained by its principal authority. The parish is not beholden to the principal authority, nor are functions delegated** (source: Steven Lugg, Chief Executive, Hampshire Association of Local Councils, 28.09.15).

As stated in our Autumn Newsletter, a Parish Council will have influence and input on planning, traffic calming measures,



## How to contact us

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## Funtley wins awards at the Hampshire & IOW Village of the Year Competition 2015

Earlier this month members and supporters of the Funtley Village Society (see photo) attended the annual Hampshire and Isle of Wight 2015 Village of the Year awards, sponsored by Fullers, in Bembridge, Isle of Wight. Although Funtley didn't win Village of the Year (the joint winners were Bembridge and Enham Alamein), it received a certificate for a 'Highly Commended' entry, a certificate and £100 for 'Developing Community' and a certificate for 'Inspirational Individual' in building a community. Details are posted on our website and Facebook page.

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## SAY YES TO A FUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

footpaths, street lighting, leisure and sports facilities .....

A Funtley Parish Council will only take on duties that we decide we want to take on. Fareham Borough Council cannot force us to take on tasks such as grass cutting, replacing bins and so on. Any duties we as a community decide to take on, will be **IN ADDITION** to existing services supplied and facilitated at present by Fareham Borough Council, as we're already paying for these services. If, of course Fareham Borough Council, would like a Funtley Parish Council to take on additional "presently supplied" or in their words "delegated services", then along with the delegated service, a pot of money **WOULD HAVE TO FOLLOW** from the council to do this, as this service has already been paid for in your council tax. We as council tax payers in Fareham Borough, should not be discriminated against or be at a financial disadvantage compared to our fellow tax payers within the whole of Fareham Borough.

The precept we have suggested is set according to a prospective Funtley Parish Council plan. All precept monies raised have to be spent providing services and amenities only in Funtley.

You do not need to give written reasons why you do or don't want a Funtley Parish Council. A simple yes (or no) tick in the boxes is sufficient. **So please tick the YES box** on the council's questionnaire and return it.

If you have misplaced your questionnaire or did not receive one, please contact us and we'll organise a replacement.

