

LOOK LOCAL

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Newsletter from Councillor

MICHAEL LILLEY

RYDE EAST



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A BIG THANK YOU

ELECTED TO IW AND RYDE TOWN COUNCILS

On 4th May I was honoured to be elected your representative on both Isle of Wight Council and Ryde Town Council. I wish to thank everyone for all your support and I promise to do my best for Ryde East and its residents. I also wish to acknowledge the other candidates who stood in the elections, and in particular thank Roger Whitby-Smith for his service to Ryde East and the Isle of Wight as the previous representative of the ward on IW Council – “Thank you, Roger”.

The first month has been hectic and I am relieved that the local elections are over and I can focus on getting down to the work in hand. I have been attending my first IW Council meetings and induction sessions, and there is lots to report inside this and future newsletters.

LOOK LOCAL NEWSLETTER TO CONTINUE

I am planning to continue the newsletter and I am presently looking at producing it quarterly in March, June, September and December.

I would like to develop it to contain more local information and community events.

So please contact me (details back page) if you wish to promote an event or raise awareness of a local issue.

RYDE EAST ELECTION RESULTS 4TH MAY

IW Council:

589 Michael Lilley, Green Party (elected)

282 Mary Collis, Conservative Party

202 Roger Whitby-Smith, Independent

37 Lawrence Fontana, Liberal Democrat

Ryde Town Council:

757 Michael Lilley, Green Party (elected)

428 Henry Adams, Retired Shopkeeper (elected)

335 Mary Collis

A COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR RYDE?

My next Ryde East Meeting will be Thursday 3rd August, 7 pm at St. John's Church Hall, and I will be inviting a range of speakers to discuss the issue of a Ryde Association.

- If you are interested in seeing more community activity in the area please come along.

WESTRIDGE FARM – PLANNING APPLICATION FOR 80 HOUSES APPROVED BUT OPPOSITION CONTINUES



Westridge Farm

On the 30th May 2017, I attended the IW Council planning committee meeting regarding the planning application to build 80 homes on agricultural land at Westridge Farm, Hope Road. I put forward a presentation against the application but sadly the IW Council Planning Committee approved planning permission with conditions. The vote was 5 for and 4 against, so it was very close.

I am now exploring the conditions with local residents and the Save Westridge Farm campaign group is continuing opposing the development. For further information contact:
Email - savewestridgefarm@gmx.com

Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/savewestridgefarm>

I was particularly upset for the tenant farmers (the Holliday Family) and also proud of how they have developed their business and intend to do their utmost to continue farming despite the difficulties. I regularly buy eggs and milk from the farm and I encourage other residents to do the same and enable this local business to develop and grow.

PENNYFEATHERS UPDATE

Planning Officers have informed me that “the Section 106 Agreement has been circulated to all parties for signing. Once returned to the Council IW Council would be able to complete and allow the decision to grant planning application to be issued”. It looks like Pennyfeathers will happen but it is difficult to say when, which is extremely frustrating for residents.

I have spoken to the Empty Properties Officer about the 2 derelict houses at the end of Marlborough Road which were purchased as part of the development to make sure they are safe and not untidy and overgrown. I will keep you posted.

NICOLSON ROAD SITE (NR. GREAT PRESTON ROAD) – JOB CREATION

This land is designated for creation of employment as part of the Island Core Strategic Plan for regeneration.

It is early days but I have met with the Assistant Director of Regeneration and discussed this site. I emphasised that local people should be consulted and involved in the design of any development.

I am keen to make sure that local people benefit from the jobs created and that the site is designed in a way that has synergy with the local natural beauty of the landscape.

I will keep you posted.

VICTORIA CRESCENT DEPOT PLANNING APPLICATION UPDATE

I have written regularly to local residents regarding the application to establish a storage business on the land that is surrounded by houses on High Park Road, Victoria Crescent (entrance to depot) and Little Preston Close.

Over 25 local residents objected and I held a meeting with local residents on 1st June at St. John’s Church Hall. Residents asked me to use my right to call-in the application for consideration by the planning committee which I have now done. I am awaiting the date of the meeting and will keep residents informed.

WALKING THE WARD WITH ISLAND ROADS

On Tuesday, 6th June I spent 3 hours walking around Ryde East Ward with Island Road Managers and IW Council Highway Engineers. We particular spoke about traffic speed on High Park, Great Preston, Marlborough, St. John's Hill and Appley Roads. Island Roads are investigating putting electronic speed signs on High Park Road and agreed that there was a serious problem which needs a long-term solution.

We discussed the need for crossings on Appley/Grasmere Roads, Marlborough/Appley Roads. and St John's Hill/Alexandra/Great Preston Roads. Island Roads are going to give me a schedule of road maintenance and replacement in the Ward. Marlborough and Great Preston Roads are scheduled for major reconstruction in 2017/18 and I will keep you informed of dates.

We also discussed abandoned cars, need for more dog fouling bins in area, car parking on certain roads such as High Park Road. Island Roads are sending me a full report of all that was discussed.

CREATING JOBS A PRIORITY

I am hosting a meeting I have organised on regeneration and environmentally friendly job creation at Riverside Centre, Newport on Friday 21st July 12-3 pm. Bob Seely MP has agreed to attend.

OAKFIELD SCHOOL - HIGH PARK ROAD SCHOOL CROSSING

Henry Adams and I successfully lobbied Ryde Town Council to continue to fund the High Park Road School Crossing for another year (2017/18) but this is only for another year and we need to work with the school on long-term solutions of crossings to Oakfield School.



NEW RYDE YOUTH SERVICE 147 HIGH STREET, RYDE

Ryde Network is a new Youth Service funded by Ryde Town Council and I am on the steering/management committee.

The service will be based at 147 High Street, Ryde and will include outreach services and I am discussing how to make sure local young people can benefit.

It is for 11-19 year olds, and up to 25 yrs for young people with special needs. The Internet Cafe is to be officially launched in September/October.

IW COUNCIL COMMITTEES – MAKING RYDE EAST VOICE HEARD

I established a group called the 1957 Group with the Labour representative for Newport East Cllr Geoff Brodie, which has enable me to get appointed on two scrutiny and select committees: Health and Adult Social Care, and Regeneration, Housing, Planning and Environment.

I am also a reserve for Scrutiny and Planning Committees. I attended my first Scrutiny Committee on 13th June.

This enables me to question what the Conservative Administration on the Island is doing and make sure local people's concerns and voice is heard. I have already raised questions/issues on Floating Bridge, Sandown Academy, local Adult Social Care, and need for local job creation.

I have also been selected to be one of four island councillors to represent Isle of Wight at the National Local Government Conference in July in Birmingham. I maybe the only IW Council Green Councillor but I am making sure Ryde East is heard.

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MUDDIE CAMPAIGN

The Muddie Campaign continues, please continue to report any dog fouling.

To report - Ryde Environmental Officer via IW Call Centre

Tel. 821000

To clean up - Island Roads via helpdesk Tel. 822440



Muddie on Patrol

**St. John's Church
Church Hall**
High Park Road, Ryde
Contact 617174

"TIMEOUT" CAFÉ



FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF
EVERY MONTH

1PM TO 3.30PM

Feeling lonely or bored, just need to get out? Or do you help look after your husband, wife, parent, friend or neighbour? Then why not come along, with or without them, to enjoy our soup, fun and friendship.



SUPPORT WESTRIDGE FARM HOPE ROAD FRESH MILK AND FREE RANGE EGGS



RECOMMENCING 3RD AUGUST, FIRST THURSDAY EACH MONTH AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH HALL:

MY DROP-IN SURGERY 6-7 pm

I will continue to hold a drop-in surgery every month starting 3rd August. Please feel free to share local issues which are important to you. If I cannot help directly I will always try to refer you to someone who can.

RYDE EAST GROUP MEETING 7-9 pm

The next meeting will be held 3rd August and we will be looking at the need for a Ryde Community Association. Please come along if you feel the need for more community activity locally.

CONTACT MICHAEL - Ways to get in touch:

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SURGERIES: First Thursday each month starting 3rd August, St. John's Church Hall, 6-7pm

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