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Special edition

Welcome to a Special edition of the Parish Newsletter

This is a special edition of the Newsletter as the Parish Council needs to bring to your attention the start of two major construction projects in the village; the introduction of superfast broadband and the building of 44 houses near the school. For subscribers to the Alert system, the document mentioned will be sent to them electronically, for others, paper versions will be made available in the library, the Post Office and the New Beaconsfield Hall.

It is an unavoidable reality that both these major works will cause considerable disruption over an extended period. The Parish Council has worked closely with the contractors and the District Council to produce a code of working methods designed to minimise these difficulties and remedy them as they arise. However, it is worth mentioning that parents and residents need to exercise particular care in the area of the school. Normal parking will often not be possible; temporary restrictions may be in force and so on. Patience will be required; impatience may cost young lives.

44 Houses near the school

Construction of the 44 houses (27 for sale and 17 affordable) is due to start on 21 January. The full programme is expected to take 86 weeks ending in September 2020. The working methods are set out in Deanfield's document entitled '*Construction Methods Statement*'. The initial work will consist of drainage works and the construction of a spine road. Once completed the first (show) house will be constructed near the current entrance, followed by the remainder for the build and finishing with the dedicated school parking. Working hours will be 7.30 to 18.00 Monday to Friday and 8.00 to 14.30 Saturday. Deliveries will be between 9.30 and 14.30 to avoid school drop off and pick up times. Special arrangements will be in place to fence off hazardous areas and Deanfield will have a site manager on site to deal with any problems as they arise; contact details of whom will be put on the website and the main noticeboard, when received. Arrangements have been made for dust minimisation, mud and dirt removal and environmentally responsible disposal of waste. While this is necessarily a brief summary, the full document is well worth studying. It is also assumed that the school will brief parents appropriately and local employers their employees.

SUPERFAST SHIPTON - Full Fibre Broadband is coming to our village.

In the next month or so, work will commence to make superfast broadband, with speeds of up to 900mbs, available to every residential and commercial property in Shipton-under-Wychwood.

The Facts:

- This initiative is sponsored by Broadband Development UK (BDUK) which is a Government funded scheme to deliver superfast broadband to rural areas.
- Gigaclear is the winning provider to WODC (www.gigaclear.com/homebroadband) and they will provide a competitive service to BT infinity which delivers speeds of 30-40mbs via copper cable from their cabinets. Gigaclear will deliver speeds of up to 900mbs delivered by fibre into each individual house/office (**Gigaclear** runs a fibre-to-the-home network, where the fibre cables run directly into your property).
- The 'on request' commercial service will be provided via a cabinet and subterranean infrastructure which will ultimately supply individual 'pots' to be located outside every building in the village. This is not as dramatic as it sounds as the pots should be virtually invisible. If you decide to sign up for the service, then it is these pots that will be used to connect your property to the fibre broadband infrastructure.

The Plan:

- Current start time is mid-February and it will take about 4 months to complete the build then the service will be commercially available to all domestic and commercial properties in the village. The rate card for all the packages can be seen on the Gigaclear Website (<https://www.gigaclear.com/homebroadband>). Installation to a property of up to 100 metres from a 'pot' is free.
- The Parish Council is liaising with both the service provider and the highways authority on the roll-out. Whilst disruption caused by an infrastructure project of this magnitude is inevitable it is our aim to minimise this as much as is feasibly possible.

If you would like further details on the build or the service, in the first instance we suggest going to the Gigaclear website or you can send your questions or observations to Councillor Tim Yates at timyates@shiptonunderwychwood.org

Naming the new development next to the school

Watch out for a village consultation on naming the new development and its streets, coming in the next couple of months. This will be advertised on the website, noticeboards, through the school and Shipton Alerts.

And finally, the **Annual Village Meeting** will take place on 19 April 2018 at 7.30pm. Please come along and join us. Apart from a short report by the Parish Council, it is a chance to hear about other aspects of village life that you may not know about. Equally, it is your chance to raise your concerns with your PC, and County and District Councillors.