

# Woolverstone News

December 18<sup>th</sup> 2015

Dear All

## Ganges update

Barbergh District Council has issued a notice confirming the planning application for the former HMS Ganges site at Shotley Gate has been given full planning permission. The Section 106 agreements have been signed which completes the permission process.

We now have 6 weeks to apply for a Judicial Review into the lawfulness of the decision or the decision making process. In the summer, the Parish Council sought the views of people in Woolverstone. Of those who responded over 80 % thought we should challenge the decision.

There are two stages to this process. The first stage is for a judgement to be made as to whether there is a case to answer. Our application could fall at this hurdle and, at the present time, we would seek to go no further. However, if it is found there is a case to answer, then we would move onto the second stage and the evidence would be examined in court and a decision made by a judge. Our current advice is that we have a "good" chance of being successful.

There is, of course, a cost implication and we will need to raise funds.

If the Ganges development goes ahead we could see a 30% increase in traffic through the village. It is clearly going to have a substantial impact on our lives.

I will keep you posted. If you have any questions, please ask. Phone or email – see below.

Please let your neighbours know what is happening, especially if they have no internet access or have not signed up to the village email.

I can't help wondering if announcing the decision in such close proximity to Christmas and the holiday period hasn't been chosen just to make the job of applying for Judicial Review more difficult. Perhaps I'm just being a bit cynical!

## **Family Carol Service, St Michael's Church. Monday December 21<sup>st</sup> 7.00 pm**

You are warmly invited to the village Family Carol Service on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7.00pm. The service will be followed by a chance to meet up with your neighbours and enjoy some mulled wine and a mince pie in our beautiful church.

*If you know your neighbour is not on the internet, or does not get this newsletter, please print of a copy and drop it through their letter box. If you know someone who would like to be on the mailing list please ask them to send me an email to the address below and I will add them to the group email list. Many thanks.*

Best wishes

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