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**A new Parish Councillor** was selected at the June Parish Council Meeting - Jeremy Randall will join the Parish Council in July. He lives at Diptford Downs and runs his own business, RAW, which specialises in cleaning up contamination. Not only does he have business skills, but also an MSc in Soil and Water Engineering – expertise that could be very useful in relation to some sites within the Parish!

**The Housing Needs Survey** deadline was the 26<sup>th</sup> June - although, if you have not already sent in your form, please do so as soon as possible (I'm sure late submissions will still be accepted). Your Parish Councillors worked very hard to distribute the survey forms and certainly deserve our thanks.

**Planning Applications & Enforcement** No objections were raised to the proposed extension and velux windows at Larcombe Corner. The retrospective application at Larcombe Quarry has been withdrawn and the Parish Council has asked South Hams District Council to enforce the 1999 S106 Agreement, which would restore the land to a greenfield site.

**The Police Surgeries** outside the Old Rising Sun are receiving quite a lot of interest. They are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday (excluding Bank Holidays) from 8.30-9.30am. You may also contact the Police on 08452 777444 (non emergency), 999 (emergency or urgent calls) and Crime stoppers on 0800 555111 (free and anonymous). You may also contact them through their website, [www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

**Fifty new dwellings at Avonwick** was one of the proposals at the Prince's Trust Enquiry by Design Workshop in Harbertonford. The workshop forms one of the stages of the South Hams Local Development Framework Site Allocation Development Plan Document, and will be subject consultation. More details on the Site Allocation DPD are available on the South Hams District Council website.

**The Planning Aid Workshop**, held in Ivybridge, gave useful information on the planning system. Did you know, for example, that the whole planning application file is available as a public document, or that a S215 Wasteland Notice can be served where land or buildings blight the neighbourhood? Your Cllrs Foster and Chapell attended the workshop and a free advice service is available to communities and individuals – call 0117 9297292 or visit the website, [www.planningaid.rtpi.org.uk](http://www.planningaid.rtpi.org.uk).

No more news – the meeting was relatively short and it was a delight to travel home at dusk.

**The next Parish Council meeting** will be held Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. You are welcome to attend.