

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

This will be fifth month I have mentioned Velo South cycle race on 23 September which will have a significant impact for people living and visiting Rogate village, Tullecombe, Habin and Nyewood. The organisers have undertaken a leaflet distribution by the Royal Mail across the area so, hopefully you are now all aware of the all-day road closures that will be in force on the Sunday. WSCC has now published the Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders that will enforce the road closures. You will not be allowed to use the road at all – no cars, bikes or pedestrians. Unfortunately, there is no right of objection to these TTROs. The Parish Council has already expressed its concerns about the impact of the race through our County and District Councillor Kate O’Kelly and has supported her attempt to get the event cancelled. Unfortunately, this was not successful and the Council resolved to write to the WSCC Leader Louise Goldsmith expressing its strong objection to the imposition of the all-day road closures without any prior consultation or even consideration of their impact on the community. As the event is now inevitable, we are keen to document the impacts on our community – both good and bad – so that we can determine whether the suggested benefits really do outweigh the costs. Please let us have your views – ideally with written or photographic evidence.

In a written report we heard from Kate O’Kelly that the roll-out of the Government’s Universal Credit started in our area in July. Of concern was the information that new applicants may need to attend an interview at the local Jobcentre Plus and the nearest one is in Havant. If you know of anyone who has difficulty getting to Havant, then please let me or the Clerk know as parish councillors have volunteered to organise lifts.

The Council decided to replace three bus shelters that are in disrepair – two on the A272 at Fyning and one in Fyning Lane – and details are being arranged with a contractor. The bus shelter in Rogate will be inspected to see whether repairs are necessary. The old shelter on London Road in Hillbrow, which has not been served by a bus route for many years, will be removed by specialists as it has an asbestos roof.

You may have noticed two black and white finger post signs that have been completely refurbished – one is at Harting Combe crossroads and the other at the top of Fyning Lane.



Following the success of these renovations we decided to repair the sign at the junction near Durford Wood.