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Lindfield Parish Council Office is open on Tuesdays 1pm to 4pm, Thursdays and Fridays 10am to 1pm – when members of the public are welcome to come along to look at planning applications for Lindfield, buy concessionary railcard vouchers, or simply seek advice on issues of concern. However, if you do need to speak with someone outside our normal opening hours, then please contact the Clerk who will be happy to make alternative arrangements with you.

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## Neighbourhood plan

By Cllr Alan Gomme, Chair Lindfield & Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (June 2014)

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group met on the 8th May in the King Edward Hall when, in addition to Neil Homer, one of our consultants from Action in Rural Sussex, we had two guest speakers from Mid Sussex District Council, Claire Tester and Councillor Norman Webster. They had been invited to update the members of the Steering Group and the members of the public present on the progress with the delayed new District Plan, recent developments both nationally and locally with Neighbourhood Planning and any other planning matters that could influence the progress of our own plan to examination and referendum.

As well as outlining the discussions with other authorities that MSDC was again endeavouring to hold as part of the need to co-operate during the preparation of the new District Plan, Claire and Norman were pleased to be able to tell us that Cuckfield's Neighbourhood Plan had just passed its examination and could now proceed to referendum. After the failure of Slaugham's plan to pass examination this was good news for all local groups like ours that are trying to progress plans.

There was then a presentation by Neil Homer about the remaining small changes to the plan that he and the Steering Group propose as a result of last autumn's public consultation. The main changes being to the "Windfall" Housing policy, an increase from 6 to 10 in the number of units permitted in order to enable some affordable housing provision to be possible and to meet local demand for small starter/retirement homes, removal of the 50 total limit during the 20 year life span of the plan as we had been advised that this did not conform to the new planning framework and strengthening of the condition that such developments should be within the existing built up boundaries of Lindfield and Scaynes Hill.

Another part of the plan that we have enhanced as a result of the feedback we received from residents is the policy on Transport & Traffic. Among the new items we have included are a Lindfield traffic survey once the

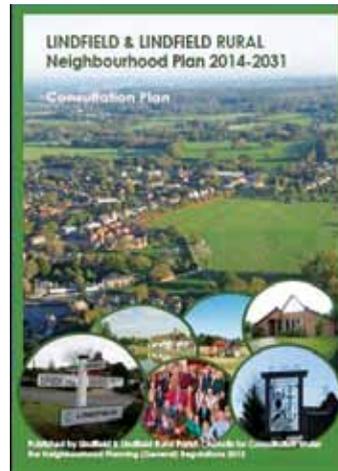
Haywards Heath ring road is completed and a review with the assistance of West Sussex Highways into continued congestion and pedestrian safety at the junction of the Lewes Road and the High Street.

The Steering Group was aware that one of the reasons Slaugham's plan had failed examination was that they had failed to consult the public correctly after amending their housing policy after their public consultation period. However we

have been advised that the change we are making and the reasons for it are such that we do not ourselves have to undertake a further 6 week consultation on that issue. There will however be another chance to make comments on the plan when MSDC receive our formal submission, it will then go out for 6 week period of consultation under their control.

In order to progress the plan, the Steering Group now has to complete a number of documents in addition to the amended plan itself, relating to the Basic Conditions compliance and the Consultation Statement. It was agreed that these would be completed before the end of July and submitted to both MSDC and the charity Planning Aid, in order to avail us of their checking services so as to ensure that all our processes and documentation are in order. This should enable the plan to formally be submitted by August with a public consultation period spanning parts of August and September which should make examination either towards the end of this year or early next year possible.

If we can achieve this timetable, much of which is outside of our control, then the referendum could be held before the General Election in May 2015.



## WSCC-owned street lights: out with the old and in with the new!

Later this year SSE Contracting, under contract to WSCC, will be carrying out a major upgrade of WSCC owned street lights in Lindfield - you may have noticed that this is already happening in other towns and villages in West Sussex. Lights that are over 15 years old and all concrete columns regardless of age are to be replaced. The new scheme has been designed to meet the relevant standards with latest technologies that will also reduce energy consumption. The standard replacement is a straight painted steel column, as pictured, with a modern style lantern which will direct light downwards. Residential roads will be part-night lit and traffic routes will be all-night dimmed.

It should be mentioned that not all the lights in the village come under the WSCC contract: the Parish Council is responsible for 45 street lights and MSDC own the lights in their car parks and these lights will not be part of this scheme. However the Parish Council's contractors have recently upgraded our street lighting equipment to comply with current regulations.

Special consideration is to be given to areas with "heritage" lighting equipment. The replacement for the traditional cast iron column with a swan neck bracket and old style lantern is similar to the light outside Selby's Chemist in the High Street, which is made up of the standard plain steel column with the addition of an "embellishment kit" to the column plus a swan neck bracket and lantern.

The Parish Council is working with WSCC and SSEC to try to achieve the best possible outcome for Lindfield. WSCC have listed 82 heritage columns to be replaced with heritage style equipment within the PFI budget. There is some flexibility for "give and take" within the scheme to replace heritage lights on that list with plain columns or part-heritage columns (i.e plain columns



plus swan necks with modern lanterns, or swan necks with old style lanterns) and to upgrade plain lights to full or part heritage if appropriate. Any extra heritage style equipment that exceeds the contract budget would have to be paid for by the Parish Council or residents associations. We have made some provision in our budget to contribute if the Parish Council puts forward proposals that are beyond the scope of the scheme. However the extra cost is not insignificant (a full heritage upgrade is estimated at £850 and a swan neck bracket on its own is £220) so priorities will have to be established. The first priority of course has to be the village centre and in particular the Conservation Area.

Nearer the time, SSEC will be contacting residents with street lights outside their houses and requests can be considered to move a column to another position.

Members of Lindfield Parish Council:

They can all be contacted, in the first instance, via the Parish

Office, or by reference to the Lindfield Village Directory and Year Book, which contains details of individual contact numbers.

**Cllr. William Blunden** (Chairman)  
**Cllr. Valerie Upton** (Vice Chairman)

**Cllr. Mike Allen**

**Cllr. Michael Amor**

**Cllr. Jane Chatfield**

**Cllr. Alan Gomme**

**Cllr. Stephen Henton**

**Cllr. Margaret Hersey**

**Cllr. Simon Hodgson**

**Cllr. Roger Pickett**

**Cllr. Ron Plass**

**Cllr. Christopher Snowling**

## Changes to the Concessionary Travelscheme

Further to our article in the April edition of our newsletter, still available on our website, here is a short summary of the new procedure for bus passes and Senior Rail Cards:

### Bus passes

To be eligible you must be permanently resident in West Sussex and meet the age qualification which is on a sliding scale, tied to changes in the State Pension Age for women.

Application forms for bus passes can be downloaded from <http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/buses> or paper copies can be obtained from the Parish Office. Send the completed form together with a recent passport photograph and copies of your proof of age and residency to the address on the back of the form. Your pass will be posted to your home address. You will be contacted when the card is due for renewal in 5 years. West Sussex Bus Pass Information Line: 0845 075 1018 (local rate)

### Paid-for Senior Railcards

Eligible residents (aged 60 or over and permanently resident in Mid Sussex) can obtain Senior Railcards at the concessionary price of £24. For new applications:

- Visit the Parish Office with proof of age (passport or driving licence) and proof of residency (Council Tax or utility bill showing your name and current address, or driving licence).
- You will be given a unique promotional code and the details for completing the transaction either online <http://www.senior-railcard.co.uk> or by telephone 08448 714036. You will be asked for your unique promotional code and you may also be asked for your passport or driving licence number.
- Payment by card direct to ATOC (Association of Train Operating Companies) will be required over the phone or online.
- Your railcard will then be sent by post to your home address.

If you have previously presented your eligibility documents at the Parish Office you can obtain your code to renew your card by phoning the Parish Office (484115) and then completing the process as above.

### Free Senior Railcards

If you are eligible for a bus pass but do not require one you may opt instead for a free Senior Rail Card. The form is available at the Parish Office, or it can be downloaded from: <http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/buses>.

To renew a free Senior Rail Card telephone the West Sussex Bus Pass Information Line: 0845 075 1018 (local rate) for a promotional code which will be sent in the post. Then either go to <http://www.senior-railcard.co.uk> or telephone 08448 714036 to complete the transaction.

## WSCC Adults' Services: changes to model of service delivery

We have been asked to draw attention to the changes to WSCC Adults' Services which came into effect on 2 June. These changes are to improve their customer experience; to help them be ready for both the Care Act 2014 and further integration with their partners; and to prepare the department for increasing demands on their service within a limited budget.

Adults' CarePoint, (located at: Second Floor, The Grange, County Hall, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1RG), is a new centralised first point of contact and is made up of two dedicated teams that will support all initial and general social care enquiries. Open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Telephone: 01243 642121. Email: [socialcare@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:socialcare@westsussex.gov.uk)

Team 1 is the first point of contact, staffed by specialist team of advisers who will help with information and forward enquiries on as appropriate. Team 2 – the new Adults' CarePoint – includes social care workers, occupational therapists and sensory teams who carry out assessments, identify those who may be eligible for funded social care and respond to urgent enquiries including safeguarding reports.

Their new website: [www.westsussexconnecttosupport.org](http://www.westsussexconnecttosupport.org) will help residents find information and advice about services and activities in their local area to help them live independently. It includes the option to buy care directly from a provider, products and services in an online marketplace open to all residents of West Sussex. It also provides information about accessing funded social care support.

## Mobile Civic Amenity Collections

The refuse freighters will be in the Tollgate car park on Sundays 13 July and 14 September 2014, between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon, for the collection of household and garden waste. Please note that due to current legislation they cannot accept items such as televisions, computer monitors and fluorescent tubes. These can still be taken to a civic amenity centre. Please do not leave rubbish in the absence of the refuse freighter.

## Police Community Support Officer

PCSO Nicola Green can be contacted direct on her mobile number: 07789 168791 - or by email - [Nicola.Green.01@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Nicola.Green.01@sussex.pnn.police.uk). However this is not monitored on her days off, so members of the public reporting a crime should contact 101 in a non emergency incident or 999 if appropriate.

## Village Spring Clean: Saturday 26 April 2014

The Parish Council would like to thank the twenty four people who turned out for our annual Spring Clean, including some new volunteers, for giving up your Saturday morning on 26 April to do litter picking, cutting back overgrown vegetation and cleaning street furniture. Your time and effort is very much appreciated.

## Parish Council meetings

### July – September 2014

Tuesday	1st July	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	8pm
Thursday	10th July	Full Council	7.30pm
Thursday	17th July	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8pm
Tuesday	22nd July	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	7th August	Environment and Amenities Committee	8pm
Tuesday	12th August	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Monday	1st September	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	8pm
Thursday	11th September	Full Council	7.30pm
Tuesday	23rd September	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	25th September	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8pm

All meetings are held in the King Edward Hall, unless shown otherwise. Please check the noticeboard in Denmans Lane for any additional meetings that may be called. All meetings are open to the public and there is a period set aside at the beginning of each meeting for public questions/comments, except at "plans only" Planning and Traffic Committee meetings. At meetings of the Planning and Traffic Committee, up to two people for and two against each planning application are allowed.