



LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

July 2012

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Joint Working Party that has been formed with our colleagues from Lindfield Rural Parish Council, under the Chairmanship of Cllr. Christopher Snowling; has been working very hard on the very first phase of the necessary communication with all our residents and businesses. This first stage is the distribution of a detailed questionnaire which has been designed by the JWP to try and establish how those living and working in our villages want to see them and the surrounding countryside preserved or developed during a period of the next 20 years. The questionnaire covers a variety of important topics included Sustainability, Economic Growth, Infrastructure, Education & Youth, Pensioners & the Elderly, Housing & Development plus a number of very open questions designed to allow individuals to provide a short description of their own vision for our area over the next 20 years. The questionnaire is just the first stage in what the Joint Working Party believes is at least a 2 year program of research, communication and discussion with all our residents. At the end of the process we will need to have produced a plan than has its roots in the expressed desires of our residents; it must be in accord with Mid Sussex District Council's overall District Plan; it must receive more than 50% of the votes in a special referendum of our voters and pass a review by a government inspector. The Joint Working Party believes that there are some real tangible benefits for our community in developing such a plan in order that we stand at least some chance in restraining undesirable development during the next 20 years while encouraging a small amount of sustainable development to the benefit of our community. The questionnaire is just about to go to the printers and it is our plan to distribute it by hand to every household and business in both parishes within the next three months with a report on the responses to be published in the autumn. Your input is very important to us and we would encourage you to complete and return the questionnaire.

OTHER NEWS IN BRIEF

Welcome. Members of the Parish Council are pleased to welcome back a former Councillor - Roger Pickett – who has been co-opted as a Member of the Council, to fill a vacancy.

Farewell. The Council is very sorry to be losing Pieter Hemsley who has worked in the Parish Office as Deputy Parish Clerk for the last three years. Pieter has served the Council extremely well, particularly in his main roles on the front desk, clerking the Planning and Traffic Committee, organising the Christmas Festival Night and getting the Lindfield green diary ready for the printer. We wish Pieter a long and happy retirement.

Chair and Vice Chairmen May 2012 - May 2013. The Planning and Traffic Committee would like to say thank you to Councillor Christopher Snowling for his many years of devoted chairmanship of the Committee. Councillor Alan Gomme has been elected Chairman of this Committee for 2012 -13 with Councillor Margaret Hersey as Vice Chairman. Councillor Stephen Henton will continue to chair the Finance and General Purposes Committee with Councillor Ron Plass as Vice Chairman. The Environment and Amenities Committee's Chairman and Vice Chairman are Councillors Blunden and Pickett respectively. Councillors Blunden and Upton are continuing in their roles as Chairman and Vice Chairman of Council.

Village Spring Clean. Thank you to all who took part in the annual Village Spring Clean on 17 April. Much good work was done and as always there was a great community spirit.

Pond Lights. You may have noticed the lights illuminating the pond over the Jubilee Weekend. After the successful trial using temporary lights over Christmas, the Parish Council has now bought new equipment which will produce various effects for different occasions. Thanks go to Max-Charles Eggert-Hobbs and Andrew Forsythe of Siamax Ltd (both Lindfield residents) who designed and installed this equipment.

Lindfield Parish Directory and Year Book. Preparations are under way for the next edition of the Directory, better known as the green diary. This diary is delivered free to each household in Lindfield and the immediate surrounding area and as well as being a diary it is a source of information about local

organisations and other matters of interest. Advertising helps to pay for the printing and we would like to encourage local traders and businesses to support this well regarded publication by having an advert in next year's edition. The diary is referred to throughout the year whereas other publications are likely to be discarded, once read, so with six sizes to choose from - prices from £145 down to £40 - it is good value for a year's advertising. Please contact the Parish Office for further details: 484115.

The Diamond Jubilee in Lindfield. The celebrations in Lindfield in honour of HM the Queen's Diamond Jubilee went well despite the weather – congratulations and thanks to the organisers of Village Day and the Diamond Jubilee events for all your hard work on behalf of the community. The Parish Council was delighted to support the Jubilee celebrations with a generous financial contribution.

Lindfield Arts Festival. Congratulations are also due to all involved in this year's fantastic Lindfield Arts Festival – this has become an annual event in the Village calendar and is growing from strength to strength. The Parish Council was pleased to sponsor the Arts Festival with a donation from our grants budget.

POLICE SURGERIES

Our Police Community Support officer, Stuart Clough, continues to hold a surgery once a month in the Parish Office for residents to come along and raise any issues of concern. Forthcoming surgeries will be from 11-12.30 on Thursdays 26th July, 23rd August and 27th September.

MOBILE CIVIC AMENITY COLLECTIONS

The refuse freighters will be in the Tollgate car park on **Sundays 8 July and 9 September 2012**, 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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2012

Tuesday	3 July	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	8.00 p.m.
Thursday	19 July	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8.00 p.m.
Tuesday	24 July	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8.00 p.m.
Thursday	2 August	Environment and Amenities Committee	8.00 p.m.
Tuesday	14 August	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8.00 p.m.
Thursday	23 August	Full Council	7.30 p.m.
Tuesday	4 September	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	8.00 p.m.
Tuesday	25 September	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8.00 p.m.
Thursday	27 September	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8.00 p.m.

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 and end 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 to speak, for a maximum of two minutes each, at the invitation of the Chairman.

MEMBERS OF LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr. William Blunden (Chairman)	Cllr. Stephen Henton
Cllr. Valerie Upton (Vice Chairman)	Cllr. Margaret Hersey
Cllr. Mike Allen	Cllr. Simon Hodgson
Cllr. Michael Amor	Cllr. Roger Pickett
Cllr. Jane Chatfield	Cllr. Ron Plass
Cllr. Alan Gomme	Cllr. Christopher Snowling

Members can all be contacted, in the first instance, via the Parish Office, or by reference to page 12 of the Lindfield Village Directory and Year Book, which contains Councillors' addresses and phone numbers.

Parish Clerk: Mrs. Christine Irwin
Deputy Parish Clerk: Vacancy
Responsible Financial Officer: Mrs. Sue Kolien

PARISH OFFICE

Lindfield Parish Council Office is open on **Tuesdays 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** – when members of the public are welcome to come along to look at planning applications for Lindfield, apply for bus passes and obtain 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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