



Lindfield Parish Council

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Parish Councillors

By Cllr. William Blunden (Chairman)

The Parish Council is now at full strength having co-opted two new Members (Councillors Elisabeth Hinze and Stewart Shortland) to fill the vacancies following the uncontested election in May. Having been re-elected as Chairman at the Council's Annual Meeting on 19th May, I would like to thank both returning and new members for making this commitment.

The composition of the main committees is as follows:

Finance and General Purposes Committee:

Councillors Stephen Henton (Chairman), Ron Plass (Vice Chairman), Mike Allen, Will Blunden, Alan Gomme, Stewart Shortland and Val Upton

Environment and Amenities Committee:

Councillors Will Blunden (Chairman), Val Upton (Vice Chairman), Mike Allen, Judy Durrant, Stephen Henton, Margaret Hersey, Liz Hinze, Simon Hodgson and Christopher Snowling

Planning and Traffic Committee:

Councillors Alan Gomme (Chairman), Simon Hodgson (Vice Chairman), Will Blunden, Judy Durrant, Margaret Hersey, Liz Hinze, Ron Plass, Stewart Shortland, Christopher Snowling and Val Upton

Christmas Festival Night

This year's Christmas Festival Night will be held on Tuesday 8th December. As usual, the High Street will be closed to traffic in the evening from 5.30pm until 9.30pm. The festivities will begin around 6pm and finish by 9pm and Father Christmas is expected to arrive at the United Reformed Church at 6pm.

We will shortly be contacting people who have previously had stalls, so if you would like to reserve a space for a stall and you do not hear from us by the end of October, please contact Iain McLean at the Parish Office – 01444 484115, clerks@lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Stallholders will need to bring their own tables and chairs and although the new street lights in the High Street are brighter than the old ones, it could still be pretty dark in places so we recommend bringing some battery operated lighting for your stalls.

A reminder for any organisations thinking about selling beverages containing alcohol - you will need to apply for a Temporary Event Notice from the Safety & Licensing Team at Mid Sussex District Council – telephone 01444 477294.

Snow clearing

The Parish Council would welcome additional volunteers to help with keeping footpaths in the village centre safe in icy and snowy weather. We have snow clearing and salt spreading equipment and will arrange training for anyone interested if they make themselves known to us before the winter sets in.

Members of Lindfield Parish Council:

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

Cllr. William Blunden (Chairman)

Cllr. Valerie Upton (Vice Chairman)

Cllr. Mike Allen

Cllr. Judith Durrant

Cllr. Alan Gomme

Cllr. Stephen Henton

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.

Parish Clerk:
Mrs. Christine Irwin

Deputy Parish Clerk:
Iain McLean

Responsible Financial
Officer: Mrs. Tracy Ely

Asset of Community Value – White Horse Public House

Earlier this year the Parish Council became aware of concerns expressed by residents as to what was happening to the White Horse Public House, particularly as rumours were circulating that it was to become a convenience store and, at the time, the building work associated with plans to reopen the pub as a restaurant was not progressing.

Whether or not these rumours could be substantiated, they highlighted the fact that, under current planning regulations, change of use from public house to retail is permitted development, which means that there would be no need for a planning application and no opportunity for the public and the Parish Council to comment or an assessment by the Highways Authority on the traffic impact.

Because of the significance of this building in the setting of the pond area, concerns about the effect of another larger store on the local economy and the serious traffic implications if it did in fact become a convenience store, the Parish Council made the decision in June to apply to Mid Sussex District Council to have the building listed as an Asset of Community

Value, which has the effect of removing the permitted development rights for change of use.

We are pleased to report that this application was successful and the building will be held on the register for a maximum of five years unless a proper disposal occurs in the meantime or the property changes in such a way that it can no longer be considered an Asset of Community Value. Any proposals for change of use during that period will need specific planning permission.

The regulations also provide for a moratorium period of six months after a declaration to MSDC from the owners of their intention to sell the property. This has the effect of preventing the property being sold during that period, if the Parish Council confirms, within six weeks of the owner's declaration, that it wishes to consider making a bid on behalf of the community. The owners are, however, not obliged to accept the bid.

The work on the restaurant has resumed and we look forward to seeing the White Horse building restored and once again counted among the wide range of amenities in the village that we are so lucky to have.

Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan

By Cllr Alan Gomme, Chair of Lindfield & Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is pleased to be able to report that the Examiner's Report was published on Mid Sussex District Council's website at the end of August and was considered by their Cabinet on the 8th September.

Graham Self, the appointed independent examiner of the Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan, issued his Examination Report on the 10th May 2015. However Mid Sussex District Council had to seek further clarification from the examiner on a small number of points and a Supplementary Note was subsequently provided on the 18th May 2015.

As a result of his recommendations, MSDC has published a track changes version of the Lindfield and

Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan that incorporates the majority of recommendations of the Independent Examiner. There is one recommendation concerning the modification to amend the Built up Area Boundary with which Mid Sussex District Council did not agree and, as such, an alternative modification is proposed. Having received the MSDC's Cabinet approval, the proposed alternative modification will be subject to a formal consultation period of 21 days from 17th September. (The full details of this consultation should have been published by MSDC by the time this issue of Lindfield Life is distributed.)

The Examiner's Report, Supplementary Note and the tracked version of the Plan are all available on Mid Sussex District Council's web site: <http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/planning/9768.htm>

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

**Cllr. Margaret
Hersey**

**Cllr. Simon
Hodgson**

**Cllr. Ron
Plass**

**Cllr. Christopher
Snowling**

**Cllr. Elisabeth
Hinze**

**Cllr. Stewart
Shortland**

Development proposals

In July a public exhibition was held at Northlands Wood Primary School displaying proposals for a further residential development of 220 homes by Wates on land to the south of Scamps Hill. This land is in fact in Lindfield Rural Parish but Lindfield Parish Council will also consider its response at such time as a formal planning application has been submitted.

Police Community Support Officer

PCSO Erica Baxter can be contacted about neighbourhood concerns such as graffiti, rowdy behaviour and burglary on 101 voicemail extension 27123, by twitter: @hheath_police or by email: erica.baxter@sussex.pnn.police.uk. Crime should be reported on 101 in a non emergency incident or 999 if appropriate.

Mobile civic amenity collections

The refuse freighters will be in the Tollgate car park on Sunday 15th November 2015, between the hours of 10am and 12noon, 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.

Further collections have been arranged for 10th January and 20th March 2016.

Parish Council meetings

October – December 2015

Thursday 1st October	Environment and Amenities Committee	8pm
Tuesday 13th October	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Monday 2nd November	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday 12th November	Full Council	8pm
Tuesday 24th November	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	8pm
Thursday 26th November	Environment and Amenities Committee	8pm
Thursday 10th December	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8pm
Tuesday 15th December	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	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 all 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.