



LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

October 2011

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL NIGHT

TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER

Preparations for Christmas Festival Night are already under way. It will be on Tuesday again (6 December) as this seemed to work quite well last year.



PLEASE NOTE – THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN THE AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER as we'll all be busy preparing for the evening.

Father Christmas is expected at the United Reformed Church at **6.00 p.m.**

The High Street will be closed from 5.30 - 9.30 p.m., with diversions in place and the festivities will begin around 6.00 p.m. and finish by 9.00 p.m.

We hope plenty of people will take stalls – letters will have gone out to regular stall holders, but please contact Pieter Hemsley at the Parish Office if you have not received a letter and would like to book a stall – 01444 484115 p.hemsley@lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk. The charge for stalls will be £7.50 for charities and £15 for traders and there will be no refunds unless the event is cancelled by the Parish Council.

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

Stall holders will have to bring their own tables and chairs and, as the High Street is pretty dark in places, we suggest bringing some battery operated lighting for their stalls.

LITTER BINS AND SEATS

The Parish Council has agreed to refurbish the wrought iron litter bins in the village centre in three batches over the next few months. Four of the bins in the first batch will not be replaced in their present locations, as some areas are thought to be overprovided with litter bins. Instead, they will be used to replace four of the bins removed for renovation in the second batch which means there will be fewer gaps and coned-off stanchions during the work. The refurbished bins left over at the end of the programme will be stored in case of damage to other bins, or to be used in a new location if a future need is identified.

Wooden slatted bins are to be replaced gradually by a commercially produced metal litter bin –the same model as we have already installed by the bus shelter at the Oathall end of West Common, by the seat in Denmans Lane, at corner of Hickmans Lane and Compton Road and in Hickmans Lane opposite Brookway.

We have also arranged to get a number of seats along the High Street, Black Hill and West Common repainted and repaired.



HIGH STREET VERGES



We hope you will agree that the grass verges in the High Street are looking much better this year, in the second season of being mown properly and regularly. Last year the Parish Council obtained a licence from West Sussex County Council to maintain these verges and we now pay Haywards Heath Town Council for their groundsmen to mow the verges fortnightly during the growing season. We have also arranged for them to plant more crocus bulbs this autumn to enhance the display next spring.

BUS SHELTER

Several months ago it came to our attention that people waiting for buses in the shelter near The Welkin frequently got soaked when cars drove through the large puddle that forms there, so the Parish Council has arranged for kick panels to be added to the bottom of the shelter. We hope they are doing their job of keeping the water out.

WINTER WEATHER

Winter is fast approaching and here's hoping that it will not be as severe as the last two. The Government's "Snow Code" gives advice on clearing snow and if this advice is followed, there should be no risk of successful litigation in the case of subsequent accidents. "The Snow Code" can be found on the official UK Government website: http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/NI1/Newsroom/DG_191868. The Parish Council's Winter Management Plan has been reviewed and is on our website: www.lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

DUMPING OF CAT LITTER

In the last newsletter we reported two occasions when several bags of used cat litter had been dumped in the Denmans Lane car park. This happened again in August and both the Parish Council and Mid Sussex District Council would welcome any information that would help identify the culprit.

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. The next surgeries will be on Thursday 20 October 10.00 -11.30 a.m.

Tuesday 22 November 1.00 – 2.30 p.m. and

Thursday 22 December. 10.00 – 11.30 a.m.

MOBILE CIVIC AMENITY COLLECTIONS

The refuse freighters will be in the Tollgate car park on Sundays 13 November 2011, 22 January and 11 March 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 OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2011

Thursday	6 October	Environment and Amenities Committee	8.00 p.m.
Tuesday	18 October	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	8.00 p.m.
Tuesday	8 November	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8.00 p.m.
Thursday	10 November	Full Council	7.30 p.m.
Thursday	24 November	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8.00 p.m.
Tuesday	29 November	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8.00 p.m.
Thursday	8 December	Environment and Amenities Committee	8.00 p.m.
Tuesday	20 December	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	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. Alan Gomme
Cllr. Valerie Upton (Vice Chairman)	Cllr. Stephen Henton
Cllr. Mike Allen	Cllr. Margaret Hersey
Cllr. Michael Amor	Cllr. Simon Hodgson
Cllr. Jane Chatfield	Cllr. Ron Plass
Cllr. Lester Corp	Cllr. Christopher Snowling

Members can all be contacted, in the first instance, via the Parish Office.

Parish Clerk: Mrs. Christine Irwin
Deputy Parish Clerk: Mr. Pieter Hemsley
Responsible Financial Officer: Mrs. Sue Koliën

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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