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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.

Parish Clerk:
Mrs Christine Irwin

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Mr Iain McLean

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YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS AND OFFICE STAFF WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL NIGHT

The High Street was packed with people enjoying the lively atmosphere and festive cheer at our Christmas Festival Night on 6th December. We were very lucky that the weather was calm, dry and mild. Thank you to everyone involved in making it a successful and very enjoyable family evening.

The stalls set up by local charities and small businesses along the street offered a good range of gifts, cards, decorations and other items, food, hot drinks and entertainment.

Quite a lot of the local shops were open during the evening and a great deal of effort had been put into dressing shop windows, which all looked fantastic. We're so fortunate in Lindfield to have such a wide range of shops and a variety of places to eat at the heart of our community.

Mid Downs Radio added to the atmosphere with festive music to suit all tastes and conducted interviews over the loudspeakers. They also handed over the mic to some very talented young singers.

Father Christmas was greeted by a very long queue of children waiting patiently with their grown-ups to have a chat with him and get a small present in the grotto which was set up ready for him in the United Reformed Church. He said afterwards that he had a wonderful time, he talked to even more children than last year and he enjoyed singing with the choir of school children who were singing so beautifully in the Church as he came in.

Lindfield Parish Council wishes to thank the many people on whom the success of this event depends, in particular: Members of the United Reformed Church for making this vital indoor venue available and for providing



refreshments and a warm welcome, Mid Downs Radio for festive music and announcements and Gary from Masters and Son for chauffeuring Father Christmas to his grotto in style.

The evening could not go ahead without the co-operation of 6 – 10 Traffic Management, who set up and manned the road closure, and Event Medic Services – we are very grateful to them, to Siamax who provided a set of two way radios and to Haywards Heath Town Council staff for putting up the advance warning signs.

Thanks also go to Tom Kidger from Goddenwick Farm for donating a Christmas tree for the village and to John Cottenham at Glyn Thomas and Son for letting us put it on the butchers shop roof. As always we are indebted to the people who kindly provide the power for the High Street Christmas lights from their properties.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the event. We hope that our local shops benefited from the evening and that people who had stalls on behalf of local charities were successful in raising money for their causes.

TRAFFIC SURVEY

By Councillor Alan Gomme, Chairman: Planning and Traffic Committee

As residents may know, the Parish Council commissioned a traffic survey about a year ago, the first stage report of which was received quite recently. Since then we have been in discussion with Creative Roads Limited, our consultant, about the recommendations made so far, and the possibility of finding some funding for some of them from S106 (planning agreements) developers' contributions. These discussions have been quite productive in that the consultant has managed to identify funds from the Limes development and others, which could be used within our parish for suitable, eligible traffic management schemes.

We believe that solving the issues around the High Street / Lewes Road junction should have the highest priority of the recommendations made, and we have asked our consultant to now further investigate the possibility of having traffic lights controlling that junction. Our priority here is to improve the safety of pedestrians, as they walk along the Lewes Road and through the narrow section at the side of Penny Black the barbers, as well as crossing the High Street. We have asked for more research and modelling on this junction, and to develop a way of testing the effectiveness and disadvantages of this solution by the use of temporary traffic lights for about a week or so in early 2017.

This test will include traffic counts not only in the Lewes Road and High Street, but also in the "rat run" routes both prior to the test installation, as well as during it. It will also be conducted during normal term time and if at all possible, will avoid a period when road works are scheduled in our village.

Since the report was published, there has been a further suggestion made to the Parish Council about looking at the possibility of having a one-way scheme to assist traffic flows around the High Street. We have referred this on to our consultant and asked him to assess its merits and likely cost and to discuss this option with his contacts at West Sussex County Council Highways.

The Traffic Survey Interim Report can be found on our web site, and we welcome any views.

LINDFIELD PARISH DIRECTORY AND YEAR BOOK (the green diary)

The 2017 diaries have been delivered and we hope people still find them useful for the information they contain. As always we are indebted to the stalwart team of volunteers who deliver the diaries to every home in, and adjacent to, our parish – not a mean feat considering some of the vicious letter boxes they have to contend with!

Unfortunately advertising is still on the decline and this year we have had to reduce the number of pages for the second time in the last ten years. We are very grateful to the businesses that support the diary by advertising, some of which have done so for many years, and we hope that others of you with businesses in the community will consider advertising in the 2018 edition. Our smallest advert is currently only £45 – not so bad when you consider that the diaries are in use all year.

SNOW CLEARING

We are hoping this will not be a bad winter, but we would like to make an appeal to those of you who are able, to consider volunteering for snow clearing if needed. Please contact the Parish Office if you feel you would like to offer to help in this way (484115).

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. Judith Durrant

Cllr. Alan Gomme

Cllr. Stephen Henton

Cllr. Margaret Hersey

Cllr. Simon Hodgson

Cllr. Roger Pickett

Cllr. Ron Plass

Cllr. Stewart Shortland

Cllr. Christopher Snowling

NEWS IN BRIEF

Margaret and Derrick Johnson

It was very sad to learn that Margaret and Derrick Johnson have both died recently, within three weeks of each other. Margaret was our West Sussex County Councillor for twenty eight years, during which time she fought hard to get the best she could for Lindfield, and Derrick was a valued member of Lindfield Parish Council for nineteen years. They were both highly respected members of this community. May they rest in peace.

White Horse Public House

Further to the short article in our last newsletter, we have been pleased to see that work has been taking place on the conversion of the premises to an Indian restaurant and we hope to see it completed in the near future.

Mid Sussex District Council Community Awards

The Parish Council was delighted to nominate Betty Billins for a Community Service Award presented at the MSDC Chairman's Garden Party in September, in recognition of her twenty five years of service as a Standard Bearer for the Women's Section of the Lindfield Royal British Legion and sixty five years as a poppy collector, as well as the support she gives to the Parish Council as one of the diary delivery team and a Spring Clean volunteer.

MOBILE CIVIC AMENITY COLLECTIONS

The refuse freighters will be in the Tollgate car park on Sunday 15th January 2017, between the hours of 10am 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. A further collection has been arranged for 12th March 2017. The list from April 2017 is not yet available.

Parish Council meetings

JAN - MAR 2017

Tuesday	10th January	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	12th January	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8pm
Thursday	19th January	Full Council	8pm
Tuesday	31st January	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	8pm
Thursday	2nd February	Environment and Amenities Committee	8pm
Tuesday	21st February	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	2nd March	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8pm
Tuesday	14th March	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	16th March	Full Council	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.