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Festival night 2nd December

Preparations are already under way for Christmas Festival Night on Tuesday 2nd December.

Please note – the parish council office will not be open to the public in the afternoon of Tuesday 2nd December as we'll all be busy preparing for the evening.

Father Christmas is expected at the United Reformed Church at 6pm.

The High Street will be closed from 5.30 - 9.30pm, with diversions in place. The festivities will begin around 6pm and finish by 9pm.

We hope plenty of people will take stalls – regular stall holders will have received a letter but please contact Iain McLean at the Parish Office as soon as possible if you have not received one and you would like to book a stall – 01444 484115, clerks@lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

We would like to remind any organisations thinking about selling beverages containing alcohol that they 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.

WSCC-owned street lights

At the time of writing, we still do not know when the work to upgrade the WSCC street lights in the village will be carried out by SSE Contracting but it should not be very long before it starts. We have been in discussion with SSE and WSCC about the heritage lights in the main parts of the village centre, for which we believe heritage style replacements are a must, and whilst the High Street ones are included in the contract, Compton Road for example is not and the cast iron columns at the top of Lewes Road have previously been downgraded by having the lantern changed to a standard one and therefore are not included in the contract. Unfortunately the cost difference between a standard PFI column and the 'embellished' column with swan neck bracket and heritage style lantern is £880, so there has had to be some give and take. The Parish Council has agreed to fund the extra cost for the proposal we have put forward to SSE Contracting, which will be in the order of £11,000. This will add heritage columns and pole bracket lights where appropriate to Lewes Road, Compton Road, the whole of Denmans Lane, Brushes Lane and the Wilderness. We understand the disappointment to residents of Finches Gardens, where the lights will be replaced with standard columns, but being a residential estate and not within the village centre it does not meet the criteria and the saving made on the cost of the twenty four heritage columns has made the rest of the proposals affordable.

Winter Management Plan

Our Winter Management Plan has been reviewed and updated. The Parish Council is looking for 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. Michael
Amor**

**Cllr. Jane
Chatfield**

**Cllr. Alan
Gomme**

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. Sue Kollen

Neighbourhood plan

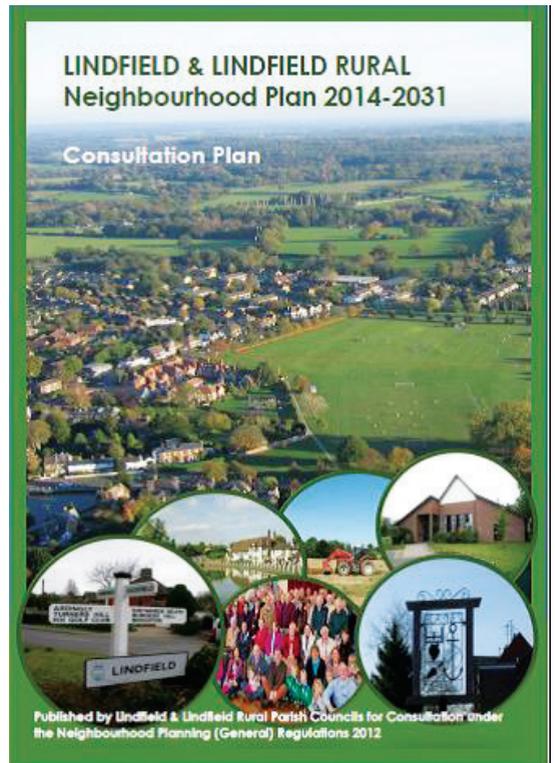
By Cllr Alan Gomme, Chair Lindfield & Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

As I wrote in the October edition of Lindfield Life, Mid Sussex District Council advised us during the 'Health Check' exercise on our Plan, to endeavour to obtain responses from those statutory consultees who had not responded to our request for comments originally.

So, since mid-September, our Deputy Clerk has been undertaking a considerable logistical exercise by contacting all our statutory consultees to identify the exact person responsible for neighbourhood planning and inviting them to formally respond to us on our draft Plan, whether or not they replied previously or have no concerns about it.

While we wait for these responses, the Steering Group will continue work on a number of documents relating to the Basic Conditions compliance and the Consultation Statement. Once we have any extra responses, we will then consider if any further changes need to be incorporated into the submission version of the Plan.

Although this has delayed us, we hope to be able to formally submit the Plan to Mid Sussex District Council before the end of 2014.



Garden bonfires

We have had a few complaints about garden bonfires, as we get into the autumn and winter periods. If you are thinking of having a bonfire, please consider the time of day, the duration and frequency, the prevailing weather conditions and, most importantly, your neighbours. Garden or domestic bonfire smoke can be very irritating and can cause great stress to those who are exposed to it. In certain circumstances, bonfire smoke can become a statutory nuisance and the Local Authority (Mid Sussex District Council) does have powers to take action. Thank you for your consideration.

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

Cllr. Stephen
Henton

Cllr. Margaret
Hersey

Cllr. Simon
Hodgson

Cllr. Roger
Pickett

Cllr. Ron
Plass

Cllr. Christopher
Snowling

Become a local councillor: make a difference

Local council elections - May 2015

- Are you concerned about your local area?
- Do you want to represent the views of local people?
- Do you want to contribute your business or personal skills and expertise?
- Are you passionate about services provided to your community?

Reduction in Local Government funding may see services you take for granted reduced in the future. Your Parish Council could step in and fill the void in your community – to do this it will need your skills and enthusiasm.

Elections for Town and Parish Councils will be held in May 2015. If you would like to make a difference and be involved in shaping the future of the local community...

...why not stand for election?

Lindfield Arts Festival

The Parish Council would like to congratulate the organisers of this year's hugely successful Arts Festival, which took place over the second weekend in September, celebrating the past, present and future of local Lindfield life. Our thanks and appreciation for providing such a wide range of entertainment and activities for everyone to enjoy. We were pleased to have supported them with a donation from our grants budget and look forward to next year.

Concessionary travelscheme – disabled persons railcard

From 1st October 2014, the process for obtaining a Disabled Persons Railcard will fall in line with the new arrangements for the Senior Railcard.

To get the 20% discount on the annual card, available to Mid Sussex residents who are eligible for the Disabled Persons Rail Card, you need to obtain a unique promotional code from the Parish Council Office (in person or by telephone - 01444 484115). This code can then be redeemed either online (www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk) or by telephone to ATOC (the Association of Train Operating Companies) – 0345 605 0525. In both cases you will need to make your payment direct to ATOC. Until the next price increase, the discounted price of the annual Disabled Persons Railcard is £18.

New applicants will be required to verify their disability to ATOC when they redeem the code but will not be required to complete a written application or produce evidence of eligibility to staff at the Parish Office.

Just as a reminder - application forms for bus passes can be downloaded from www.westsussex.gov.uk/buses or paper copies can be obtained from the Parish Office. The West Sussex Bus Pass Information Line is: 0845 075 1018 (local rate).

To renew paid-for Senior Railcards: obtain a unique promotional code from the Parish Office and redeem it either online www.senior-railcard.co.uk or by telephone 08448 714036 - the current price is £24.

For first time paid-for Senior Rail cards please bring proof of your age and address to the Parish Office. You will be given a code to and redeem either online www.senior-railcard.co.uk or by telephone 08448 714036.

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: www.westsussex.gov.uk/buses. To renew a free Senior Railcard, 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 www.senior-railcard.co.uk or telephone 08448 714036 to complete the transaction.

Police Community Support Officer

We have a new PCSO – Erica Baxter – and she 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 Sundays 16th November 2014 and 18th January 2015, 10 am–12pm, 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.

Scrapyard Lindfield??

For several years, we at the Parish Council have been receiving communications complaining about parking on the verges in Black Hill in which Black Hill is referred to in terms such as 'Scrapyard Lindfield', 'Skid Row' and 'Squatter Parking Lot'. We would welcome an opportunity to meet this correspondent to respond in person but unfortunately they have not given an address or telephone number. He or she makes a serious point; parking on the grass does spoil the appearance of the area and in wet weather the cars leave deep ruts and turn the verges to mud.

Parish Council meetings

November–December 2014

Monday	3rd Nov	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	8pm
Thursday	13th Nov	Full Council	7.30pm
Tuesday	25th Nov	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	27th Nov	Environment and Amenities Committee*	8pm
Thursday	4th Dec	Finance and General Purposes Committee*	8pm
Tuesday	16th Dec	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm

* please note these two meetings have been swapped over because of the timetable for budget setting

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.