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Christmas festival night

Lindfield Parish Council would like to thank all those involved in making the Christmas Festival Night on 2nd December a successful and enjoyable family evening (despite the rain!).

In particular, our thanks go to: the members of the United Reformed Church for making this vital indoor venue available and providing entertainment and refreshments; the people who helped to get ready for Father Christmas, Mid Downs Radio for festive music and announcements and Sue and Ian Masters for chauffeuring Father Christmas to his grotto. The event could not go ahead without the co-operation of the Police, Event Medic Services and Wilbar Associates, who manned the road closure for the first time. We are very

grateful to them and to Siamax who loaned us a set of two way radios; to Mid Sussex District Council for road closure barriers and Haywards Heath Town Council staff for putting up the advance warning signs.

As always we are indebted to the people who kindly allow us to plug in the High Street Christmas lights at their properties. Thanks also to Goddenwick Farm for donating a Christmas tree and to Glyn Thomas and Son for letting us put it on their roof.

Finally, thank you to all members of the public who supported 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..

Do you want to make a difference?

A team of people with vision, enthusiasm and the skills to turn their ideas into reality can accomplish so much for their community. If you would like to become involved in shaping the future, why not think about standing for election to the Parish Council? The dates for nominations for the election on 7 May will be displayed on the Parish Council notice board in Denmans Lane at the appropriate time. If you would like to know more about being a local councillor, please contact the Parish Office or speak to one of our Councillors.

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 Kollien

Neighbourhood Plan

by Alan Gomme, Chair: Lindfield & Lindfield Rural Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

The formal submission of the Plan under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 was made by delivering it to the Neighbourhood Planning Officer at Mid Sussex District Council on the 12th December 2014.

This submission included the proposed Neighbourhood Plan, along with the Proposals Maps, Consultation Statement and Basic Conditions Statement.

In addition we had to supply a number of background evidence papers, which support the appropriate policies in the Plan, these included; Local Green Spaces in Lindfield Parish, Local Green Spaces in Lindfield Rural Parish and Areas of Townscape Character – Lindfield Buildings overview.

We also had to provide supporting papers in respect of the Consultation Statement and these included; Community Engagement Plan, Consultation activities and Consultation feedback.

These documents were submitted on behalf of both Lindfield Parish Council, who approved them for submission at its Extraordinary meeting on 4th December 2014, and Lindfield Rural Parish Council, who approved them for submission at its meeting on 1st December 2014.

We have now done all that we can do to progress

the plan, and Mid Sussex District Council now have to satisfy themselves that these documents meet the requirements of the regulations. Once that has been done, we will then be able to publish the documents on our web sites.

However, it will be MSDC who will formally publish these documents under the next step, for a 6 week public consultation period. Details of the consultation period dates and how the various documents can be studied will be publicised by MSDC and should appear on their web site and in the Mid Sussex Times. Once we know these details, we and the Rural Parish Council will also put them on our web sites together with links to the various documents.

Street lights

The upgrade of West Sussex County Council's street lights in the village has been taking place. As stated in previous newsletters, the Parish Council is making a contribution in order to have better consistency in the village centre, particularly the Conservation Area, with the heritage style lights. You may have noticed that the contractors are actually installing standard columns but in the roads for which heritage style lighting has been agreed these are to be modified in due course with the addition of embellishments to the columns, swan neck brackets and heritage style lanterns.

Responsible financial officer / assistant clerk

The Parish Council will shortly be seeking to appoint a new member of the office staff in the combined role of Responsible Financial Officer and Assistant Clerk. At the time of writing, the details have not yet been confirmed but the post will be advertised on our website and noticeboard in Denmans Lane in due course.

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

Lindfield Diaries

The Lindfield Parish Directory and Year Book (better known as the green Lindfield Diary) is still greatly appreciated by many of our residents and the Parish Council is very grateful to the owners of the businesses that support us by advertising in the diary which helps towards the printing costs. Having said that, the number of adverts has dropped considerably over the last few years; we can understand this, as budgets are tight and there are so many publications around carrying advertising, but the diary is a bit different in that people keep it handy for reference all year round because it contains so much local information, which must make a once-a-year investment in an advert rather good value. Adverts come in five sizes so there should be one to suit most budgets. There must be many small home-based businesses in the village that we do not even know about and so we cannot write personally to invite them to advertise – do give it some thought and let us know if you would like to be added to our list so that we can contact you when we start preparing next year's edition.

Sadly, a few members of our stalwart team of volunteers are no longer able to deliver diaries and we would particularly like to thank them along with the continuing members of this team for their efforts on our behalf – you are all very much appreciated.

That brings us to the next plea – we have some gaps! If you feel you could help by delivering diaries once a year please let us know.

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 8 March 2015, 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

February–March 2015

Tuesday	3 February	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	5 February	Environment and Amenities Committee	8pm
Tuesday	24 February	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	5 March	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8pm
Thursday	12 March	Full Council	7.30pm
Tuesday	17 March	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	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 meetings of the Planning and Traffic Committee, up to two people for and two against each planning application are allowed.