



# Lindfield Parish Council Newsletter

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## New colleagues

At the meeting of the Council on 25th June we co-opted Stephen Henton as a new Councillor to take the place of Derrick Johnson who has retired from the Council after fourteen years of service. Councillor Henton's working life was as the Company Secretary of several major public companies. After retirement he worked part-time for several years with the Institute of Directors as a business adviser. He will be serving on the Finance and General Purposes and Environment and Amenities Committees and

at the beginning of July we welcomed Pieter Hemsley (pictured) to his new job as our new Deputy Parish Clerk, replacing Vera Grainger who has taken a new post elsewhere.



## We have a new website!

The Council's new website is now live at [www.lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk), complete with a Community Page. Carolyn Nurse is our new Community Editor and she can be contacted either directly through the website ([communityeditor@lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:communityeditor@lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk)) or by more old-fashioned means through the Parish Office, if you have village news or events to contribute. We are aiming to maintain a directory of local organisations and businesses, which is still under construction. Please let us know if your details are incorrect.

We hope that you will find our new website to be "user friendly" and that you will find what you are looking for.

We now also receive emails at [clerks@lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerks@lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk). This address is routed through [lindpc@gotadsl.co.uk](mailto:lindpc@gotadsl.co.uk) and if you put the new .gov address into your address book you will not have to alter it again if we change our broadband provider in the future.

## Christmas Festival Night & Christmas Street Lights

The date for the Christmas Festival Night this year is Wednesday 2nd December. There will be stalls in the High Street and activities in the United Reformed Church where Father Christmas will be in attendance for the younger children.

We do however have problems this year with installing Christmas Lights in the High Street due to the pollarding of the Lime trees. The height of the trees after pollarding earlier this year will not enable us to meet the standard clearance of 6.5m that is required, it is therefore very unlikely that we will be able to decorate the High Street. More about this later in the newsletter.

## Parish walk: Lindfield under threat

By Cllr. Will Blunden, Chairman

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On Saturday 25th July Lindfield Parish Council led a guided walk around Lindfield to celebrate the village that we are so lucky to live in.

The walkers met at the Post Office at 9.30 am and enjoyed a gentle stroll along Lewes Road, taking time to admire the historic and attractive houses which make Lindfield so very special. We stopped by the stream to look at the land that the draft "Core Strategy Document" has identified for potential development: sites I, J and K which, if adopted would destroy our village as we know it now and Lindfield would become part of the "Greater Haywards Heath". Then we ascended and descended Scamps Hill taking the footpath past Criplands eventually breaking

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out onto Lyoth Lane. This part of the walk had taken us through site K, which is the site most under threat; every one agreed that this would be a disaster for Lindfield if allowed to happen. We then proceeded up Lyoth Lane, soon realising it is steeper than it looks, and down Snowdrop Lane passing the Snowdrop Inn (unfortunately closed). As we strolled down the gentle hill one of the walkers reminisced on the Cart Races organised by the Bonfire Society which took place here before the Health and Safety Rules prevented them from continuing.

Crossing the B2111 we followed the footpath which took us past Walstead Manor into woodland for a short stretch before changing direction and taking the path to Nether Walstead which brought us out onto East Mascalls Road. From here we were able to realise the extent of site J. We then strolled down Snowflakes Lane taking the footpath heading towards Lindfield Church, crossing the new footbridge provided by WSCC, up and down a gentle slope until we reached a concrete bridge. This marks the end of site J and the beginning of site I which includes the Newton Road field for which permission has already been given for 120 houses. We then continued our walk up to Hangman's Acre with the spire of Lindfield Church in view. After a short pause to take in the views and confirm how fortunate we were to have all this beautiful countryside around us and how important it is for us to fight to keep it, we returned back into the village.

If you also feel that our village has had more than its fair share of new development, please support the Lindfield Parish Council, the Lindfield Rural Parish Council and the Lindfield Preservation Society in their efforts to prevent these sites from being adopted.

## The future of our Christmas lights

Councillors would appreciate the views of villagers on the Council funding the Christmas Lights in the High Street. As reported elsewhere in this newsletter, due to the pollarding of the Limes our current lights cannot be erected again as they are unable to be strung high enough to meet the standard clearance of 6.5 metres above the pavement.

There are a number of possible options for future years but they are complicated by conservation area and listed building issues, which we would need to discuss with the Planning Officers at Mid Sussex District Council at an early stage. However before we commit to even budgeting for any expense next year on this matter, we need to know if villagers want to see lights in the High Street in future years or not, remembering that if we are to have lights then this will mean a cost to rate payers within the parish in future years. An estimate obtained last year from a professional contractor amounted to over £12,000.00 for 16 post mounted motifs.

Please let the clerk have your comments by the 31st October either by email or complete the following slip and drop into the Parish Office in Denmans Lane.



Christmas Lights

I/we do/do not support the future provision of Christmas Lights in the High Street at a cost to parish ratepayers.

Additional Comments: .....  
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Name

Phone No.

# Littering

It is noticeable that a number of pedestrian routes to and from the High Street suffer from regular littering in the form of drink cans and bottles, sandwich and chocolate wrappers etc, very often in the same place time and time again. When we had our own street cleaner, he was able to put this right for the village but now with the more mechanical method this type of litter tends not to be successfully removed. We would ask all parishioners to keep our village roads and paths clean by either using the street bins provided or by taking their litter home with them.

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# Dog fouling continues

It is disappointing to report that instances of dog fouling within the village continue to be brought to our attention, particularly on the Common and Hickmans Lane Playing Field. Cleaning up a young child who has either walked in or fallen into such mess is both unpleasant and potentially blinding for the child. As previously reported these areas come under Mid Sussex District Council's Dog Fouling Regulations under which offenders can be fined £1,000.

There have also been instances of dog mess that the owner has picked up and bagged, being dumped in Denmans Lane and the twitten from Hickmans Lane to Finches Park Road. Do you know who the culprits are? We would ask all dog owners to bag and dispose of their dog's mess properly, if there is not a dog bin near by then take it home with you.

Please do not leave it to other more responsible villagers to clean up after you and your dog.

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# Trees

At a meeting earlier this year with Officers of WSCC and MSDC it was suggested that the Compton Road trees that were pollarded in 2006 should be re-pollarded later this year and the ones which had not been done should be pollarded at the same time, with the exception of the two at the entrance to Compton Road from Hickmans Lane, one of which was understood not to be a lime and should not be reduced and the other was to be left at full size to balance it. The Council agreed to support this plan of action. However we were then assured that the one previously thought to be another species is in fact a lime and we were asked to agree for these two trees to be pollarded as well as the others. The Council therefore reconsidered this on 27 August and agreed to support all the highway trees in Compton Road being pollarded or repollarded towards the end of this year.

# Budget 2010/11

Councils are now being encouraged to consult residents on their budget plans: to identify what the Council would like to achieve in the next financial year and to publish plans well ahead of setting the budget, which gives residents an opportunity to comment on the suggestions and offer further ideas for consideration. The Environment and Amenities Committee discussed some first ideas at its last meeting on 6 August and we would welcome views on the following:

- Trees - to build a fund for repollarding in 3 years plus epicormic growth removal by contractors
- Contribution towards making good and painting white posts and metal railings around the Pond and in the twitten leading to the Medical Centre
- Expenditure on provision of new Christmas Lights or award of a contract to provide such lights for the High Street (see article above)
- Litter bins - programme of maintenance
- Refurbishment of signs (High Street and Sunte Avenue finger posts)
- Allotment tree survey
- Additional street litter cleaning in addition to that provided by MSDC
- Adult exercise equipment on the Common or Hickmans Lane Playing Field

The budget will also include various running and maintenance costs and contingencies. Councillors would welcome your comments on these ideas and any other suggestions you may have. It must be said however that we are limited to what we can do under the powers granted to us by legislation. Please send any feedback and new ideas to the Parish Office in writing or by email.

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# Amenity freighter

The Freighter will be in the Tollgate car park on Sundays 8 November 2009 and 10 January and 7 March 2010, between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon. 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.



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## Parish Council Meetings October to December 2009

Thursday	8 October 2009	Environment and Amenities Committee	8.00 p.m.
Tuesday	20 October 2009	Planning and Traffic Committee	8.00 p.m.
Monday	9 November 2009	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8.00 p.m.
Thursday	12 November 2009	Full Council	7.30 p.m.
Thursday	26 November 2009	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8.00 p.m.
Tuesday	1 December 2009	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8.00 p.m.
Thursday	10 December 2009	Environment and Amenities Committee	8.00 p.m.
Tuesday	22 December 2009	Planning and Traffic Committee	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. Margaret Hersey

Cllr. Margaret Nicolle (Vice Chairman)

Cllr. Mike Leach

Cllr. Mike Allen

Cllr. Roger Pickett

Cllr. Michael Davies

Cllr. Christopher Snowling

Cllr. Alan Gomme

Cllr. Valerie Upton

Cllr. Stephen Henton

Cllr. Steve Willcox

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.

### 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.

Parish Clerk: Mrs. Christine Irwin

Deputy Parish Clerk: Mr. Pieter Hemsley

Responsible Financial Officer: Mrs. Sue Kolien