



CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL NIGHT

This year's Christmas Festival Night will be held on Tuesday 6th December. As usual, the High Street will be closed to traffic in the evening from 5.30pm until 9.30pm. The festivities will begin around 6pm and finish by 9pm, and Father Christmas is expected to arrive at the United Reformed Church at around 6pm.

We will shortly be contacting people who have previously had stalls, so if you would like to reserve a space for a stall and you do not hear from us by the end of October, please contact Iain McLean at the Parish Office – 01444 484115, or via email at clerks@lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

Stallholders will need to bring their own tables and chairs and, although the street lights in the High Street are brighter than the old ones, it can still be pretty dark in places, so we recommend bringing some battery operated lighting for your stalls.

Unfortunately, for this year's event, Mid Sussex District Council has advised that they will not be issuing Temporary Event Notices (TENs) for any organisations thinking about selling beverages containing alcohol. This is because TENs only apply to events at which less than 500 people will be attending. As this is, of course, a free event, the Parish Council cannot guarantee that the numbers attending during the course of the evening will not exceed that figure. Therefore, we must advise that any alcoholic drinks being sold on the night will only be available from already licensed premises, e.g. the local pubs in the High Street, but not, regrettably, from street stalls or other venues, as may have been the case in the past.

If you have any queries on this, please contact the Licensing Team at Mid Sussex District Council - telephone 01444 477294.

PLANNING UPDATE ON HOUSING APPLICATIONS

You may have seen that the planning application for up to 40 houses on the Birchen Lane Fields (DM/16/3415), which is mainly in Haywards Heath but which partly lies in the Parish of Lindfield, has been approved on appeal by the Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government. This was on the recommendation of the Planning Inspector who conducted the appeal on his behalf.

We have been advised that the Scamps Hill planning application for up to 200 houses on land to the south of Scamps Hill, Scaynes Hill Road (DM/16/4457), which was refused by Mid Sussex District Council earlier this year, has gone to appeal and an inquiry will be held by a Planning Inspector in early June of next year.

You may be aware that the planning application for up to 130 houses on the land to the east of Gravelye Lane, Gravelye Lane (DM/16/1012) was refused by Mid Sussex District Council on 21st July 2016 on significant planning grounds. However, we are not yet aware whether this application has been submitted for appeal.

The planning application for up to 49 houses on the land to the east of High Beech Lane, with a new access out on to High Beech Lane, Lindfield (DM/16/2333), has not yet been determined by Mid Sussex District Council, and we are awaiting further information on this.

We should add that none of the above sites are supported by the Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan, which was formally 'made' by Mid Sussex District Council in March this year, but, unfortunately, the weight that can be attached to the Plan is being adversely affected by the continued absence on the part of Mid Sussex District Council of a District Development Plan and a five year housing land supply.

If you have any queries on the above, or would like further information, please do contact Iain McLean; Deputy Clerk, at the Parish Council office.

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. Judith Durrant

Cllr. Alan Gomme

Cllr. Stephen Henton

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:
Mr Iain McLean

Responsible Financial
Officer: Mrs Tracy Ely

HIGH STREET PAVING

Last year the Parish Council paid for the York Stone paving opposite the Co-op to be relaid and we had some extra bollards put in to deter parking, which was a contributory factor in the deterioration of the paving. As reported in our April Newsletter, vehicles are still being parked in this area. By the time this edition comes out three more bollards should have been installed to restrict access further. Please note that double yellow lines at the edge of a road apply to the adjacent pavement and verge as well as the road.

100TH BIRTHDAY PRESENTATION

By Councillor Will Blunden (Chairman)

On 5th June

I was delighted to pay a visit to Summerlands Residential Care Home to present a colourful bouquet of flowers to Zoe Giles, a former Lindfield resident who was celebrating her 100th birthday.



For many years Zoe was a stalwart member of the Lindfield Diary delivery team with a round of 99 houses until ten years ago and then she kept going until 2008 with a smaller round of 51. Not only that, until 2006 she was still turning up to do litter picking at our annual Spring Clean! So it was a great pleasure to thank her once again for 'doing her bit' for the Village and to wish her a very Happy Birthday.

WHITE HORSE PUBLIC HOUSE

We were pleased to note that there has been some intermittent building work taking place at the property recently, but progress is still painfully slow. Attempts to contact the owner personally have not been successful, but we do understand that it is still his intention to complete the conversion of the premises (for which planning permission was granted back in 2013) into an Indian restaurant. Strangely perhaps, planning law gives an applicant three years to start work on a planning consent, but imposes no time limit on finishing it. We will continue to keep our ear to the ground.

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WEST SUSSEX

In February of this year, we were invited to comment on draft recommendations for the future electoral arrangements for West Sussex County Council for consideration by the Local Government Boundary Commission. This included a proposal to create a third ward from an area currently within the Lindfield and High Weald Division and put it into Haywards Heath East Division. The area concerned was Gravelly Lane and roads off it, including the new developments, which are in the Lindfield Rural Parish. Although this is not strictly speaking in our Parish, we felt it was appropriate to comment as we recognise that these residents see their area as an integral part of Lindfield Village with shared interests. In short, we argued against the proposal in terms of community cohesion and village identity. We were delighted to read in the report published in August that the Boundary Commission took notice of what we said about the strong links with the Lindfield Parish and that they were persuaded that these links should be retained and that this area should remain in the Lindfield and High Weald Division.

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

Cllr. Margaret
Hersey

Cllr. Simon
Hodgson

Cllr. Roger
Pickett

Cllr. Ron
Plass

Cllr. Stewart
Shortland

Cllr. Christopher
Snowling

HIGH STREET CROCUSES

The crocus display in the High Street seemed to be very sparse in Spring this year – we think the bulbs must have suffered during the street light replacement. So we've placed an order for 4,000 bulbs to be planted by Haywards Heath Town Council's grounds-staff who do such a great job mowing the High Street verges for us. So all being well we can look forward to a splendid display next Spring.

WINTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Our Winter Management Plan has been updated and the revised version is on our website on the Council Documents page.

The Parish Council has supplied a number of salt bins around the village for use by and for the benefit of the community - on the public highway pavements and footpaths, not private property. Any individual using the grit will be acting on their own initiative and this action will be entirely at their own risk. It is recommended that the following equipment is used when spreading the salt: a high visibility vest/jacket, warm gloves, sturdy non slip waterproof footwear, warm clothing, a snow shovel and a fully charged mobile phone. If you are working alone, always contact someone when starting and finishing. For further guidance please see our Winter Management Plan.

DATES FOR NEXT YEAR'S DIARY

Our annual Spring Clean has been arranged for Saturday 8th April 2017 and the Lindfield Civic Service at All Saints Church will take place on Sunday 21st May 2017 at 11.15am.

MOBILE CIVIC AMENITY COLLECTIONS

The refuse freighters will be in the Tollgate car park on Sunday 20th November 2016, between the hours of 10am and 12 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.

Dates of the collections until end of March 2017 are as follows – Sundays: 20th November 2016, 15th January 2017 and 12th March 2017.

Parish Council meetings

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Monday	3rd October	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	8pm
Thursday	6th October	Environment and Amenities Committee	8pm
Tuesday	25th October	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only) Lindfield United Reformed Church - large hall	8pm
Thursday	10th November	Full Council	8pm
Tuesday	15th November	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	1st December	Environment and Amenities Committee	8pm
Monday	5th December	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	8pm
Thursday	8th December	Finance and General Purposes Committee	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.