



Councillors and Staff of Lindfield Parish Council 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 3rd December and we were lucky that the weather was calm, dry and not too cold.

A lot of the local shops were open during the evening and a great deal of effort was put into dressing shop windows, which all looked fantastic. We're so lucky in Lindfield to have such a wide range of shops and a variety of places to eat at the heart of our community. Congratulations to Lindfield Eyecare for winning the prize for the Best Dressed Window; to Runner Up - Mathilda Rose and to Bliss who were Highly Commended. The judges were mindful that this is not an even playing field in terms of available window space and the particular items people have to work with if they want to make their display appropriate to their own business. It is never an easy decision and there will have been disappointment but it is the taking part that matters and every dressed window made its own special contribution to the overall effect.

Mid Downs Radio added to the atmosphere with festive music to suit all tastes and conducted interviews over the loudspeakers.

Lindfield Parish Council wishes to thank the many people on whom the success of this event depends. In particular, our thanks go to: the United Reformed Church for making this vital indoor venue available and for the warm welcome, the entertainment and the activities organised by members of the Church. The evening could not go ahead without the co-operation

of the Police, Event Medic Services and members of CERT - we are very grateful to them and to Siamax who provided a set of two way radios; to Haywards Heath Town Council for the loan of road closure barriers; to the people who helped get ready for Father Christmas and Ian Masters for delivering Father Christmas to his grotto in style. Henry, in this picture with Santa, was the last in a very long queue of children who waited patiently with their grown-ups to have a chat with Father Christmas and get a small present (thank you to his Dad for the photo and allowing it to be published).



As always we are indebted to the people who kindly allow us to plug in the High Street Christmas lights at their properties.

Thank you also to Goddenwick Farm for donating a Christmas tree and to Glyn Thomas and Son for letting us put it on their roof.

Our Deputy Parish Clerk, Iain McLean, did a terrific job in organising this event, liaising with the statutory authorities and the numerous participants to make sure everything went smoothly on the night.

Finally, thanks 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.

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 1.00pm to 4.00pm, Thursdays and Fridays 10.00am to 1.00pm – 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 PROGRESS REPORT

The members of the Steering Group are very grateful to everyone who responded to the publication, on 1st November, of our Pre-Submission (or draft) Plan for a consultation period of six weeks that ended on Friday 13th December.

As part of the public consultation we were required to undertake at that stage in the preparation of the Plan, we held two "Pop-In Sessions" at the King Edward Hall on Tuesday evening the 19th November and then on Saturday morning the 23rd November at the Millennium Centre in Scaynes Hill. We had 53 visitors on the Tuesday evening and 24 on the Saturday morning. We would like to thank everyone who came out to meet us and took the opportunity to discuss aspects of the Plan with us.

Now that the consultation period has ended we are going through the process of studying all the comments we have received and will be discussing these with our consultants from Action in rural Sussex. There will clearly be merit in at least some of the suggestions that we have received and we will be amending the draft Plan accordingly. It is also our intention to publish on our website, during the month of January, all the comments and input received during the consultation period. This is in advance of a meeting of the Steering Group, which will then be held on Monday 3rd February at 8pm in the Jubilee Room, King Edward Hall. You are of course very welcome to attend this meeting.

Then during March both Lindfield & Lindfield Rural Parish Councils will meet to discuss and agree the changes to the Plan in order that we can formally submit the revised Plan to Mid Sussex District Council, who will then carry out the final consultation, examination and referendum stages.

Cllr Alan Gomme,
Chairman of Lindfield & Lindfield Rural Parishes
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

DIARIES

We were delighted to be able to deliver the Lindfield diaries in good time this year. After last year's disappointment with the late arrival and poorer quality of the diaries, we went to a new printer and we hope you will agree that the diaries are now back to the standard we were used to until recently. We also hope that most of our residents are still finding their diaries useful now that modern technology has changed how many of us organise our appointments.

BUDGET

The Council's committees have been looking at their budgets for next year, with a view to keeping the precept at its current level but still undertaking projects that will improve our village. We are in discussion with WSCC about re-paving the pedestrian area from the Post Office to the crossing, which has badly deteriorated, and with MSDC we hope to be able to update the play equipment in the Hickmans Lane playground. The Planning and Traffic Committee is proposing a traffic study to enable an assessment of the impact of recent and approved future development. We will be seeking funding for projects from other sources where appropriate, particularly from developer contributions.

WATER MAIN UPGRADE BY SOUTH EAST WATER

You will probably all be aware by now of the work to take place from 20 January on installing a new water main between All Saints Church and Park Lane. This will mean a road closure in this section of the road for approximately 13 weeks. The Parish Council shares the concerns of all who will be affected during this long period of road closure and we are doing all we can to minimise inconvenience to residents and facilitate good communication throughout the process.

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

WINTER WEATHER

West Sussex County Council is taking a different approach this winter with regard to supplying salt to parishes. They have filled the bins pre-winter but have stated that they will not refill them during the course of the winter, so if parish councils want to be able to refill their bins they have to find a way of storing reserves of salt locally. We have done our best within our limitations to make sure we are prepared. We are very thankful that we have joined a cluster partnership with Haywards Heath Town Council as their team will refill our bins from the reserve. WSCC has also supplied some extra bins for which we will be paying a contribution. The Parish Council has also purchased a snow brush as an addition to the plough for clearing snow from pavements, which should work better on the more compacted snow and we have plenty of shovels for people willing to help.

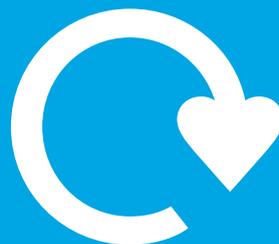
Having equipment is one thing but we need a team of volunteers to use it. Clearing snow and salting the pedestrian routes around the village centre makes such a difference to the safety of pedestrians but it cannot be denied that it is exhausting work for the very few people who normally do it. With enough volunteers signed up, the job can be organised into shifts so that no one person has to work for too long. Please contact the Parish Office or one of the Councillors if you feel you can make a commitment to this worthwhile community effort.

PROPOSED PUBLIC TOILETS ON THE COMMON

Over the last year the Parish Council has been working with a firm of chartered surveyors to draw up a proposal for reinstating public toilets on the Common. Keep an eye on our website and noticeboard for news of a public consultation early in the New Year, as we want your views before we go forward with submitting applications for planning permission and approval from the Secretary of State under the Commons Act.

SENIOR RAIL CARDS

Please remember to bring your National Insurance Number with you when you come to buy your concessionary Senior Rail Card. This is a new requirement and applies to both new applications and renewals.



HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING

Cllr Mrs Pru Moore, the District Council Cabinet Member for Leisure and Sustainability, is asking residents across the District to continue to recycle as much household waste as possible but to be as careful as possible to avoid including items that have an adverse effect.

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

PCSO Nicola Green can be contacted direct on her mobile number 07789 168791, or by email - Nicola.Green.01@sussex.pnn.police.uk. However this is not monitored on her days off, so members of the public reporting a crime should contact 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 19th January and 9th March 2014, between the hours of 10am and 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.



What can be put in our blue-topped bins:

PAPER AND CARDBOARD such as: *Junk mail
* Telephone directories * Cereal & egg boxes
*Newspapers *Catalogues & magazines
TIN FOIL such as: *clean foil takeaway
containers *Tin foil
GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS such as: *Wine
bottles *Beer bottles *Jam jars *Sauce jars
FOOD AND DRINK CANS
AEROSOLS such as: hairspray & deodorant
aerosols
FOOD AND DRINK CARTONS such as: *Fruit
juice cartons *Soup cartons *Milk cartons
PLASTIC BOTTLES such as *Drink bottles *Milk
bottles *Shampoo bottles *Detergent liquid
bottles *Washing up liquid bottles

All items should be CLEAN, DRY AND LOOSE.



No thank you :

*Shredded paper *Paper towels *Pet food
pouches *Crisp packets *Pyrex *Drinking
glasses and crockery *Batteries *Electrical
items *Plastic bags *Plastic bottle tops
*Plastic containers.

Recycling from all households in West Sussex is delivered to Ford Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) via a network of transfer stations. In Mid Sussex these are at Burgess Hill and East Grinstead. At the transfer stations the recycling is bulked up onto bigger vehicles before being transported to the MRF to reduce the number of vehicles on the road. At the MRF the mixed recycling is mechanically sorted and separated into individual material types, baled up, then transported to reprocessors for manufacturing into new goods and products.

A range of technology is employed at the MRF to sort and separate recycling into high quality products ready for reprocessing. To help the MRF perform to its full potential, it is vital that only the correct items are put in our recycling bins and not tied in bags, which the reprocessors cannot open. If the wrong items are put in our recycling bins, they risk damaging the MRF and could ruin the quality of the correct items for recycling. That can lead to loads of otherwise suitable recycling material having to be taken to a landfill site.

Further information can be found on the following webpage: www.midsussex.gov.uk/recycling

Parish Council meetings

January – March 2014

Thursday	9th January	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8pm
Tuesday	14th January	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	16th January	Full Council	7.30pm
Tuesday	4th February	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	6th February	Environment and Amenities Committee	8pm
Tuesday	25th February	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	8pm
Thursday	6th March	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8pm
Thursday	13th March	Full Council	7.30pm
Tuesday	18th March	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	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 to speak, for a maximum of two minutes each, at the invitation of the Chairman.