



Lindfield Parish Council

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NEW MEMBER

After following the due process, the Council has co-opted Roger Pickett to fill the casual vacancy due to the resignation of Liz Hinze. Roger previously served as a member of this Council for several years and we are delighted to welcome him back. We would also like to thank Liz for her contribution to the work of the Council during her time as a Councillor and we wish her well for the future.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

As you may have seen in the last edition, the Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan successfully passed its referendum on 28th January 2016, and we hope that by the time you read this the Plan will have been formally made by Mid Sussex District Council, as we are expecting the District Council to have performed this duty at their meeting on 23rd March. At that point it will become part of the District Council's development plan and will help to shape future development in our area.

It has been a long and complex process, but to put it in context for you, nineteen Towns and Parishes in Mid Sussex have prepared or are preparing Neighbourhood Plans. Of those, six have already been formally made, and so together with Twineham and Turners Hill (who both held referendums on the same day as we and the Rural Parish did) the Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan will finally cross the line in seventh equal place.

TRAFFIC SURVEY

You may have noticed a few traffic loops appearing in the roads and streets in Lindfield. These are at Newton Road (just east of Newton Close), then the High Street (just south of Hickmans Lane), both aimed at capturing speed and flow data, and finally one at the notorious junction of the High Street with the Lewes Road, in order to undertake a peak hour turning count between 8-9am and 5-6pm. This shows that our traffic consultant is well underway in the first phase of gathering data and evidence to help us decide on what solutions may be possible and practical to the wide range of traffic/speeding issues there are in our Parish. We hope to have the initial report in late March.

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONVENIENCES ON THE COMMON

The Parish Council has been working on a project to rebuild the public conveniences on the Common and we'll shortly be seeking your views on the proposals. Over the next two months we will be holding public exhibitions, displaying the plans, a scale model, background information and the estimated costs, and we'll be asking for feedback. If the response is positive, this will give us the mandate to move forward with an application for planning permission followed by an application to the Secretary of State for the consent required under the provisions of the Commons Act 2006. The dates and venues of the exhibitions will be published on our website and the Council's notice board in Denmans Lane and we intend to begin with a display at our Parish Meeting on 28th April.

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:
Iain McLean

Responsible Financial
Officer: Mrs. Tracy Ely

PARISH MEETING – THURSDAY 28 APRIL

The Parish Meeting (which, it must be stressed, is NOT a meeting of the Parish Council) is a forum for local government electors to discuss parish affairs and to pass resolutions on them, although such resolutions are not binding on the Parish Council. As this Parish has a Parish Council, it is the Council's Chairman who must convene and, if present, chair the meeting.

This year's Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 28th April at 8pm in the King Edward Hall. The Agenda will be on the Parish Council's notice board in Denmans Lane nearer the time, as well as on our website (www.lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk). As stated previously, we are aiming to display the proposals for the public toilets on the Common at this meeting.

LINDFIELD PARISH DIRECTORY AND YEAR BOOK

(the green diary)

In our last newsletter we mentioned a suggestion made to us about using recyclable card covers instead of the usual green plastic ones. We have asked our printers to provide a sample of a durable card cover and to quote accordingly, and they have responded that for the diary to be supplied with a 350 gsm cardboard cover it would need to be 'perfect bound' (i.e. glued) which would increase the cost by £1,287 - nearly 24%. In view of the additional cost, the Finance and General Purposes Committee agreed to continue with the usual plastic cover. The diary pages are of course completely recyclable and are easily slipped out of the cover.

PAVING – HIGH STREET/LEWES ROAD CORNER

Since the paving was relaid and extra bollards installed to deter parking, which had caused the paving to deteriorate, vehicles are still being parked there. The double yellow lines on the edge of the road also apply to the adjacent pavement and vehicles known to be parked on the pavement will be reported to the parking enforcement team at Mid Sussex District Council.

CIVIC SERVICE

Our annual Civic Service this year will be held on Sunday 22nd May at 11.15am at All Saints Church. As well as the invited representatives of neighbouring councils and local organisations, all our residents who would like to attend will be made very welcome.

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

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN - SATURDAY 16th APRIL 2016



Why not come and join us for our annual Spring Clean around the village on the morning of Saturday 16th April? The Parish Council has organised a Spring Clean every year since 1999, when it started as an initiative of the Tidy Britain Group, and helps find it to be a rewarding and worthwhile few hours. Volunteers meet in the King Edward Hall and are given tasks such as collecting litter from the areas in the village not covered by the normal street cleaning agencies. Street furniture, such as the posts around the pond and the common, always benefits from a wash down after the winter and cutting back vegetation in the footpaths is another job that can be tackled.

The Spring Clean will take place between 9.30am and 1pm and there will be a free ploughman's style lunch for all participants. Any children taking part must be supervised by parents or adult group leaders if they are in groups from schools or youth organisations. Suggestions for areas in the village that might benefit from a little 'TLC' are always appreciated, particularly if you could let us know in advance to help with the planning. If there is a task you particularly want to tackle, please let us know beforehand and we'll save that job for you. Litter pickers and bags, buckets, detergent and cloths will be provided but you are asked to bring your own gloves - and wheelbarrows can be very useful for bringing back sacks full of litter. If you are aware of an area that needs sweeping and would like to take that on, please come with brushes and shovels as we don't have a supply of these.

BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2016 / 17

The Parish Council has agreed a budget of £183,580 for the financial year 2016/17 and a precept of £157,000, which is approximately 3.3% more than the precept for 2015/16. This is the first increase since 2009/10, and in real terms adds just £1.57 to the Band D equivalent.

LOCAL POLICING PROGRAMME

Changes to Neighbourhood Policing are currently in progress to address significant funding challenges. The Local Policing Programme seeks to balance a reduction in staff with the needs of the communities served by Sussex Police. There will no longer be a dedicated beat officer for each area; instead the policing in each district will be undertaken by Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs) with a named person who has an understanding of the needs of the community, rather than an officer being physically present in every locality.

The role of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in the NPTs will change: they will be equipped with a wider range of skills and become more flexible so that they can focus on those most in need, actively contributing to reducing crime. We were disappointed to learn that PCSO Erica Baxter has been redeployed to the East Grinstead Neighbourhood Policing Team; we wish her well and convey our thanks and appreciation for her contribution to the policing in the village and her hard work seeking solutions to problems.

You can contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team through the website www.sussex.police.uk or by calling the non-emergency number 101 or 01273 470101. For emergencies requiring immediate Police attention, dial 999.

BUS SERVICE CHANGES

The Sussex Bus service 30 which currently operates in Lindfield and part of Haywards Heath is to be replaced from 4th April by the 28 and 29 services. The 28 will broadly cover Sainsburys, Balcombe Road, Penland Road, South Road, America Lane, PRH, Colwell Road and Vale Road. The main changes to the Lindfield service are during the day when the 29 bus route no longer includes Backwoods Lane and Appledore Gardens and it will return from Haywards Heath via Oathall Avenue, Hanbury Lane, Gravelye Lane and Lewes Road. There will only be two buses calling at the hospital, early in the morning. The timetable is available on the Sussex Bus website: www.thesussexbus.com. You can also pick up a timetable from the Parish Office.

As this is a commercial service, West Sussex County Council has no control over route and timetable changes. The Parish Council noted the revised route at the Full Council meeting on 10th March and has agreed to make representations to Sussex Bus.

MOBILE CIVIC AMENITY COLLECTIONS

The refuse freighters will be in the Tollgate car park on Sunday 15th May, 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.

Dates of the collections from April are as follows:-

Sundays: 15th May
10th July
11th September
20th November
15th January 2017
12th March 2017

Parish Council meetings

APRIL - JUNE 2016

Thursday	7th April	Environment and Amenities Committee	8pm
Tuesday	19th April	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	28th April	Parish Meeting (not a Council meeting)	8pm
Tuesday	10th May	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	12th May	Annual Meeting of Council	8pm
Thursday	26th May	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8pm
Tuesday	31st May	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	8pm
Thursday	2nd June	Environment and Amenities Committee	8pm
Tuesday	21st June	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 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.