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## ***Your Parish Councillors and Parish Office Staff wish you all a very happy New Year***

# Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Following the recent further public consultation into the content of our Neighbourhood Plan and having reviewed the 25 responses received, Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) Cabinet decided, on Thursday 30 November 2015, that the Plan should now be put to a referendum.

The referendum will be held on Thursday 28th January 2016, for which residents should have already received their polling cards (or will do so soon). It is now for the residents of the two Parishes to decide whether the Plan should form part of the District's planning strategy until 2031.

## **Please play your part**

The Plan to be voted on has already been published. It is basically a revised copy of the Plan submitted to MSDC by the Parish Councils of Lindfield and Lindfield Rural back in December 2014 (was it really a whole year ago?), together with a few minor changes to the wording that were recommended by the independent Examiner. It stipulates that any new housing development should be within the current built-up area boundary of Lindfield and Scaynes Hill. However, following the latest public consultation, it was accepted that this should include the new Heathwood Park development beside Gravelye Lane, since all that land has already been granted planning permission.

MSDC's website [www.midsussex.gov.uk/planning/9768.htm](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/planning/9768.htm) has all the relevant details with the referendum timetable, and a copy of the Plan is also available for viewing at each of the Parish offices.

The Steering Group will be holding Pop-in Sessions on Saturday the 16th January, in Scaynes Hill's Millennium Centre from 10am-12noon and in Lindfield's King Edward Hall Jubilee Room from 2-4pm. If you would like to refresh your memory about the Plan, find out about the whole process or remind yourself about the amount of work that was undertaken by the community during the Plan preparation, then please come along. Watch out for the publicity advertising these events.

So far, there have been four referendums for Neighbourhood Plans within the District and another two will be held on the same day. The highest turnout of voters so far has been 42%. Let us see whether we can beat that number and make the point that our communities are the ones that should (and have) decided on planning strategy within our Parishes.

It is very important that local residents exercise their vote at this referendum.

**Cllr Alan Gomme, Chair of Lindfield & Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.**

Lindfield Parish Council would like to thank everyone

Members of Lindfield Parish Council:

**Cllr. William  
Blunden  
(Chairman)**

**Cllr. Valerie  
Upton  
(Vice Chairman)**

**Cllr. Mike  
Allen**

**Cllr. Judith  
Durrant**

**Cllr. Alan  
Gomme**

**Cllr. Stephen  
Henton**

They can all be contacted, in the first instance, via the Parish

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

# CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL NIGHT



involved in making the Christmas Festival Night on 8th December a successful and very enjoyable family evening.

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' visit; Mid Downs Radio for festive music and announcements 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. We are very grateful to them and to Siamax who loaned us a set of two way radios, and to 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.

It was very rewarding for members of the Parish Council team when a number of people stopped them on the night to express appreciation.

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. Ron  
Plass**

**Cllr. Christopher  
Snowling**

**Cllr. Elisabeth  
Hinze**

**Cllr. Stewart  
Shortland**

### DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

**DM/15/4457 Land to the South of Scamps Hill, Scaynes Hill Road, Lindfield Rural**

*Outline application for the development of land to the South of Scamps Hill, to accommodate up to 200 dwellings, a 9.54ha County Park and land for a Half Form Entry Primary School, together with associated access road, car parking, landscaping and open space.*

*All reserved matters except for access.*

The Parish Council will be considering its response to this important application within the Rural Parish in January.

Lindfield Rural Parish Council have called a Public Meeting at the King Edward Hall in Lindfield for 8pm

on Wednesday 6th January in order for Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Parish Councillors to hear the views of the applicants and local residents before they consider their respective responses to Mid Sussex District Council.

Lindfield Rural Parish Council will then consider this application at their meeting on Monday 11th January at the King Edward Hall in Lindfield at 8pm, and Lindfield Parish Council will consider it at a special meeting of the Council at 8pm on Tuesday 12th January in the Jubilee Room at the King Edward Hall.

Full details of this important application are available on Mid Sussex District Council's website and paper copies of it can be studied at Lindfield Rural Parish Office during their normal opening hours.

### WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL STREET LIGHTING UPGRADE

Hopefully by the time this edition comes out, this upgrade will be nearing completion. As stated in previous newsletters, the Parish Council has agreed to make a contribution towards the heritage embellishment of lights in the Conservation Area and some adjacent roads in the village centre. The final cost of our contribution, £13,143, was confirmed by SSE Enterprise Lighting in November 2015 and the bill has been paid. We hope the conversion will be completed in the very near future.

### LINDFIELD PARISH DIRECTORY AND YEAR BOOK

(the green diary)

The 2016 diaries have been delivered and it is hoped that they continue to be of use. It has recently been pointed out to us that the covers are not recyclable and the suggestion was made that we should have them supplied with card covers for environmental reasons. We would appreciate your views about this.

The diary is still very popular and people keep it handy for the information it contains, however the cost of printing these diaries is no longer covered by advertising income as it once was. We are very grateful to the businesses that do take out advertisements, many of which have been regular supporters of the diary for many years. There was a time when we had over 70 advertisers but now we are down to 37, so we would encourage any of you with local businesses to think about taking out an advert in the next edition.

### PAVING – HIGH STREET/ LEWES ROAD CORNER

The paving at the corner of the High Street and Lewes Road has recently been relaid and extra bollards added to deter the parking of vehicles on this pavement, which had been the main cause of its deterioration. The Parish Council paid towards the laying of this paving nearly twenty years ago as part of a scheme to implement traffic calming measures and has funded the recent work with a contribution from West Sussex County Council, who arranged for the work to be done through their contractors.

### RECYCLING

Did you know that the energy saved by recycling one plastic drink bottle will power a computer for twenty five minutes and that an adult fleece jacket can be made out of twenty five two litre plastic bottles?

We've been asked to help publicise MSDC's recycling collection, particularly as it seems there are still a lot of people not recycling plastic pots, tubs and trays. The following items can now be put in the recycling bin along with milk/drink bottles and bathroom/laundry bottles and tubs: food, fruit and ready meal pots, tubs and trays and plastic container lids, but NOT plastic bags and wrappers; plant pots and seed trays; polystyrene; plastic toys and furniture; small plastic bottle tops and bubble wrap. All items for the recycling bin should be clean, with no food leftovers, dry and loose (ie not in plastic bags). Further details and collection calendars are available online at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/recycling) and leaflets about the waste collections are available at the Parish Office.

## 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 10th January 2016, between the hours of 10am-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. A further collection has been arranged for 20th March 2016. The list from April 2016 has not yet been drawn up.

## Parish Council meetings

### January – March 2016

Tuesday	5th January	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	7th January	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8pm
Tuesday	12th January	Special Meeting of Full Council (United Reformed Church)	8pm
Thursday	14th January	Full Council	8pm
Tuesday	26th January	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	8pm
Thursday	4th February	Environment and Amenities Committee	8pm
Tuesday	16th February	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	3rd March	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8pm
Tuesday	8th March	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	10th March	Full Council	8pm
Tuesday	29th 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 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.