

# NEWS

from Wisborough Green Parish Council

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Keeping you informed of the work of the Parish Council and the community of Wisborough Green

## Chairman's Message

I am delighted to be able to report that we now have a full Council of 9 members for the next 4 year term which commenced in May. We welcome new councillors Sheena Overington, Jill Sutcliffe and Craig Vit and very much look forward to their input into the wellbeing of the village.

We also have a new District Councillor, Josef Ransley, whose enthusiasm is readily evident and we look forward to working closely with him. I know that many of you will now be receiving a regular email update from Josef, but we have also taken up Josef's offer to include a summary in this newsletter. If you would like to receive Josef's update then please email him on [jransley@chichester.gov.uk](mailto:jransley@chichester.gov.uk) or look at the village website. It is obviously important that we are all aware of any consultations or changes proposed by Chichester District Council and there is an important consultation looming – more details in this newsletter.

We've also formed a Parish Cluster! What, you may ask, is that? It's simply an informal grouping of Parish Councillors from Wisborough Green, Kirdford, Loxwood, and Plaistow & Ifold who are all willing to put together any initiatives

or representations where the individual councils feel greater strength or effort may be gained by a group rather than an individual Parish working alone. We'll keep you informed as this develops.

You will also see later in the newsletter an article on our first moves towards the new Community Led Plan (the successor to the 2004 Parish Plan and more!). This large project will eventually involve everyone who lives in the Parish – so an opportunity to have your say in shaping the future of our community will occur during the autumn. PLEASE ensure that your views are known via the questionnaire to come later this year and the other opportunities which will be forthcoming in early 2012.

Finally, we can all look forward to our usual programme of summer events in the village and in particular, what looks to be an action packed August Bank Holiday weekend in prospect. Our thanks to all those involved in the organisation. We also have the charity balloon weekend in September which is another event not to be missed. As always, full details of all the events are included on the village website [www.wisboroughgreen.org](http://www.wisboroughgreen.org)

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

*Keith Charman*  
Chairman

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The next CDC consultation is coming very soon

Residents will be asked how many new homes should be built and where they should be located, as part of a plan that will map the future of the District until 2028. You will have from 26 August to 23 September 2011 to complete the online questionnaire on CDC's website. ([www.chichester.gov.uk](http://www.chichester.gov.uk) and follow the link to Environment and Planning, then Local Development Framework).

Planning affects all of our lives. It affects where we live, work and relax so it is really important that you have your say in the process. CDC has been working on the Core Strategy, which will replace the Local Plan, for some time, but due to changes – nationally and locally – CDC has had to adapt the way it is created. All of the research and feedback already gathered will continue to be used.

The Core Strategy will not cover the entire District, as the South Downs National Park Authority is responsible for planning within the Park. Therefore, it will include the south of the District (Chichester, Tangmere, Selsey, East Wittering and Bracklesham); and parts of the north-east (including the villages of Kirdford, Loxwood, Wisborough Green, and

Plaistow and Ifold). The National Park Authority will be preparing its own Core Strategy in due course.

With about 5,000 people currently on CDC's housing register, the Council needs more affordable housing to be built. On average around 430 additional homes have been built in the District as a whole each year, however the recession has slowed things down. CDC knows that it will have to cater for growth in the population hence the consultation.

The council will be asking:

- how many houses should be provided?
- where should housing should be built?

People are being asked to comment on a range of different housing targets. Options include:

- 305 to 415 new homes a year in the south of the District; and
- 12 to 20 new homes a year in the area including Kirdford, Loxwood, and Wisborough Green.

It also provides five alternative options for development, including: (*continued page 3*)

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1. a concentration of development at Chichester City and Tangmere;
2. development spread across the area with a focus on Chichester City;
3. development spread across the area with a focus on Tangmere;
4. a combination of options one to three; and
5. a combination of all locations (this will only be necessary if the highest level of housing development is chosen).

They will also consider other factors including:

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The Parish Council will obviously be responding to the consultation but it is essential that as many people as possible in Wisborough Green complete the survey. If you would like assistance to complete the survey on-line then

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## Your Parish Needs You!

*Sheena Overington*  
Parish Councillor from May 2011

If you live in Wisborough Green, you will no doubt be familiar with this response from people when you mention where you live – “Oh, I know Wisborough Green, it’s that beautiful village with the green in the middle, what a lovely place to live!” They are right, it is, but this is not a happy geographical accident!

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organisation that makes this happen, and as a new Councillor, I have been amazed and enthused by the range of interesting issues and subjects that fall within our remit.

Recent changes make this an exciting and potentially more powerful time to be contributing effectively to local government. If you love our village and its lifestyle, come and be part of planning its future, whilst maintaining its tradition!

If you are interested in sharing responsibility with an enthusiastic and forward looking team, the Parish Council would welcome your support with the Community Led Plan and Village Design Statement. If you have relevant skills or even just some time available to help out in some way or perhaps would like more information, then please do contact the Parish Clerk, Louise Davies, on 701102.


## COMMUNITY LED PLAN FOR WISBOROUGH GREEN

In the last newsletter we announced that we were about to embark on the development of a Community Led Plan. This short article is by way of an update and to alert you to the fact that we will be asking you to participate in a parish survey in the autumn.

It’s difficult to plan for the future if you don’t know your starting point so we need to establish a ‘baseline’ of information gleaned from our community. Therefore the November Newsletter from the Parish Council will contain a questionnaire asking you what you think about Wisborough Green, what’s good and what’s not so good as well as asking for your ideas on how you would like the community to develop in the future. The world’s moved on since we last carried out a survey of this type and we will now have the facility for the questionnaire to be filled in online, a process that will make the analysing and reporting of the results a far less arduous business. We would like everyone who has access to the internet to use this facility. However, we recognise that not every household has internet access or feels comfortable using it so ‘pen and paper’ is still very much okay.

We will also be looking to hold consultation surgeries in the village hall and perhaps the school where people can come and use the online facility, with some expert help.

So November is Parish Survey month. Please look out for it in the newsletter and take the time and trouble to fill it in. The more input we have at this stage the stronger the plan will be. We are planning to hold a consultation event in March 2012 when we will feed back to the community the results on the survey and start a conversation about what this means for the future.



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## DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATE BY JOSEF RANSLEY, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

### CDC Interim Policy Statement on Housing

This document provides interim policy on housing until the new LDF with its Core Strategy is in place, anticipated early 2013. Until that time, the Council must continue to judge planning applications on their individual merits, and needs therefore to manage the delivery of housing sites by giving 'guidance' as to which sites might be appropriate for development in the short term.

After consulting with some local people and reference to the work of the Kirdford CLP, members and officers were successfully lobbied and I am pleased to advise that clause 17 "The scale of the development is appropriate to the

settlement." was approved with an amendment that reduced the number of 25 units to 'and no more than 15 units in the North East districts'. This applies to the settlement areas of Kirdford, Loxwood, Plaistow & Ifold and Wisborough Green.

### Amendments to the Rural Allocation Policy

The proposed changes to the 'Housing allocation Policy and Introduction of Rural Allocation Policy' which sought to address some of the concerns expressed locally over the Local Connection Definition has been approved and I believe clarify and strengthen the definition to give preference to local people which is what was desired by local communities such as ours.

### Forthcoming Consultation

There is already detailed information in this newsletter about the forthcoming consultation. I cannot stress enough the importance of completing the questionnaire. Please do so and if you know of anyone who has difficulty in accessing a computer or ability to use the same, either download and print them a copy for posting or check out on the CDC website the advice on how they can contribute. I know your Parish Clerk is also willing to help in this regard. It is important that we respond in as great a number as possible if we want to influence the guidance on housing development in our District and local area over the next 15 years. Please spare the short time it will take you to fill in the documentation!!

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Parish Council will be meeting in the Committee Room at the back of the Village Hall at 7.45 pm on: Tuesday 20 September, 18 October and 15 November 2011.

Members of public are welcome to attend. The agenda is published on the village notice boards and website (www.wisboroughgreen.org) and includes a Public Questions item, which allows you to make any comments or raise concerns to the Parish Council.

**PLANNING MEETINGS**

Please refer to the agendas displayed on the village notice boards and website for information on when meetings will be held as the Planning meetings below will only be held if there is a need.

Tuesday 6 September, Tuesday 4 October, Tuesday 1 November

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