

# Wisborough Green Parish Council

# Parish Council News

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## Chairman's Message

As spring approaches there is much to report on regarding events and issues around the Village.

The tremendously successful consultation, held jointly with the Village Hall Committee and the Sports Association, produced valuable feedback on all aspects of the consultation. As far as the Parish Council is concerned, our traffic group has evaluated the information obtained and we are delighted to have received such a great level of support from the community. We summarise in this newsletter the key areas for action. These must obviously be costed and there is much more work to do before the various projects become reality, but with the clear steer from the village we're on our way!

I'm also delighted to report that we have two new Councillors who have decided to join the Parish Council. Nick Beresford, a resident of Carters Way, was co-opted at the February meeting and Martin Watson, from Harsfold Lane, at the March meeting. We very much look forward to working with them and thank them both for their public spirited move in joining the Council.

You'll also see in the newsletter the progress of the Land South of Meadowbank and Winterfold development sites. We must all watch the reserve matters applications closely to ensure that these developments provide solutions best suited to the needs of the village. Needless to say, your Council will stay close to proceedings as they unfold. I also need to inform you of a recent approach from another developer relating to the Glebe Fields. This is somewhat of a surprise as current CDC Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan (NP) policy do not support development not included in the NP. As you will know, the NP achieves the current housing target for the village agreed with CDC, although we are aware that the CDC Local Plan will be reviewed in due course. We will let you know more about the implications of this review when available.

We have now started the process to update the village website. Lots to do, but we hope to have a village website which will be a useful reference point for residents, visitors or those looking to move to our village. With that in mind, we would love to hear from all those who run a business in the village so that we can create a comprehensive village business directory. Also, from anyone else who maybe running a village club that we currently don't know about. Please email Louise on [clerk@wisboroughgreenpc.org](mailto:clerk@wisboroughgreenpc.org). We will also look to link the website to a Village Facebook page which will provide another opportunity to promote local events.

Talking of which, arrangements are already underway for the various annual events in the village and as always, we express our thanks to the organisers for making this such a vibrant village. Why not join the 5 or 10K Wisborough Run on Sunday 7th May; look out for details of this and all events on the website - there's a lot going on!

**Keith Charman, Chairman**

## Gatwick - looking forward to summer

As we approach summer it would be wonderful to report that the skies above Wisborough Green and our neighbouring villages were going to be better than last year, indeed that they would return to what now seems like the Halcyon Days of 2013 and earlier, but I cannot. In fact, prepare yourself for another summer of arriving aircraft overhead.

This depressing news is despite the Gatwick Independent Arrivals Review and the hope that its contents generated the establishment of the Gatwick Noise Management Board, on which I sit, and the many other promised measures. It is a fact that the wheels of the aviation industry turn exceptionally slowly and require much encouragement. Depending upon what we are attempting to achieve this involves obtaining the agreement and securing action from, variously, Gatwick Airport itself, the Civil Aviation Authority, the National Air Traffic Service and the Department for Transport and then the cooperation of airlines.

For example, you will all be aware that the arrivals swathe was widened on 15<sup>th</sup> August last year. Getting the swathe now used to its full extent, and providing the respite we crave, is a challenge because there are so many aviation reasons why this is problematic. Seeking the workarounds to this impasse is a challenge for all involved.

In summary, don't expect any great improvements soon but do accept that the battle continues.

**Peter Drummond, Parish Councillor & Chair, APCAG**

## The Bridge Saga Continues.... Boxal Bridge update

This bridge, on the Parish boundary with Kirdford, previously featured strongly in Parish Council activities but until last September, it had all gone quiet. You may recall that WSCC commissioned feasibility studies to examine the options, essentially of repair or replacement. Both Kirdford Parish Council and your Parish Council stated that they don't want the bridge replaced, and in fact, the structural survey confirmed that there was no danger of collapse. A petition was organised by Keep Kirdford and Wisborough Green which forced the matter to be debated and WSC Councillors agreed that, with other higher priorities in the County, the Cabinet Member should work closely with the Parish Councils. It was therefore a surprise in September to receive communication to advise that replacement was again being considered, so we've gone a full circle! We currently wait to meet with WSCC.

### Parish Precept for 2017/2018

As you will have seen on your recent Council Tax statement received from CDC, the Parish Precept has been increased by 2.2% for the next financial year. This is to cover inflation increases on the Council's activities and village maintenance costs. The Council will continue to do its best to provide the village with good value for money.

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING THURSDAY 20 APRIL VILLAGE HALL, 8.00 PM

Your chance to hear what the Parish Council has been doing over the past year. Included on the agenda will be a summary of the Council's activities and income and expenditure for the year. Refreshments will be served.

## Traffic Management - consultation feedback

The Parish Council was delighted that 127 people braved the weather to attend the consultation event on 11<sup>th</sup> February and provided valuable feedback to possible traffic calming ideas, as well as commenting on proposals for the Village Hall and a new Pavilion. There was a buzz in the Hall!

In terms of the traffic ideas, it was encouraging to see that each proposal was being carefully considered and scored. The top 3 proposals were the Cricketers crossroads, purchasing a Speed Indicator Device and Durbans Road laybys. The Working Group has now reviewed the scoring and additional comments, and is proposing the following (a very brief summary!). There is still a lot of work to be done, but your input has been invaluable and we'll keep you posted as plans progress – it won't happen quickly!

**Cricketers Crossroads:** This is a major project with large financial implications, so it's important to get right in terms of access, design and look in a rural area. Further advice will now be sought from WSCC.

**Cricketer's Parking:** Put on the back burner for the moment, until other possible projects completed to allow the situation to be re-assessed, however, we will be asking enforcement officers to return!

**School Road:** Reversing the voluntary one-way and creating a drop off point will not be pursued.

**Laybys:** The Parish Council has been saving for the layby extension on the Green and has the funds to achieve, so this will be pursued. In terms of the new layby, there were some reservations about the impact upon the Little Green. However, the benefits of a new crossing point and pavement to create a safer walking to school route are evident and this proposal, without a new layby at the present time, will be pursued.

**Durbans Road Build-out:** This is linked to the new Winterfold development and will help reduce speed heading into the village centre. The Parish Council has already discussed informally with the developer, who appears receptive to the idea in place of the long pavement leading to nowhere!

**Village Gateways:** Not popular so will not be pursued, but we'll look to see if signage at the village entrances can be tidied up and improved.

**Newpound Lane Junction with B2133:** There are major safety concerns at this junction, with speed as well as traffic movements associated with the various site entrances. The idea to improve visibility will be pursued.

**Speed Indicator Device:** Popular, can be moved around the Parish and an obvious way to help educate drivers at an affordable cost. If one car is slowed down, the cars immediately behind will also slow!

We have also taken on board other comments and will be following up on:

**Petworth Road:** Revisiting concerns with WSCC.

**Durbans Road:** Investigating whether the 40 mph limit can be reduced to 30 mph.

**Butts Meadow/Carters Way:** Looking at the general parking problems and whether more parking space can be provided.

**Community Speed Watch:** Thank you to those who have already volunteered; we will be in contact again soon. We are now setting the wheels in motion, but there is still time to get involved. Please contact the Clerk if you are concerned about speeding traffic and would like to help.

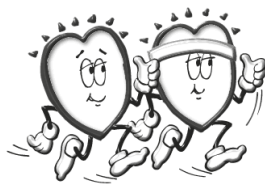
## Future Housing - development update

**Land South of Meadowbank:** The Outline application, to determine the housing number and access, was permitted by CDC in July 2015. The site was sold by Rydon to Jones Homes and in August last year the Parish Council reviewed details for the Reserve Matters application. Unfortunately, Jones Homes had taken little notice of the Neighbourhood Plan and community concerns, and as such, the Parish Council objected to a number of elements; housing size, layout, housing style and design. Since the summer, Jones Homes has been in discussion with CDC to produce a scheme in keeping with Wisborough Green and we anticipate that further plans will be submitted soon. It is encouraging to see that CDC is making reference to the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Winterfold Fields:** The Outline application was permitted by CDC in March 2016. The site has now been purchased by Runnymede and a recent informal meeting was held with the Parish Council. This meeting was welcomed as it allowed Parish Council members the opportunity to highlight design elements from the Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that the development reflects Wisborough Green. Initial discussions were encouraging and it is anticipated that a Reserve Matters application will be submitted shortly, so watch out for details on the village website and noticeboards.

## Winterfold - community open space

The Parish Council was able to secure community open space as part of the Winterfold development which will be gifted to the village. This has not only protected the edge of the village but provides the opportunity for a further recreational facility. In discussion with the developer, it is hoped that a wild nature area will be provided with a circular track, possibly with natural trim-trail exercise points, for walking and exercise. This is still work in progress, but has the potential to provide a useful facility for the community and school.



## Future Affordable Housing

The Neighbourhood Plan process identified the need to provide affordable housing for all age groups, whether it is for younger people starting out on the property ladder, or for those wishing to downsize. The Parish Council has continued in its aim to have some smaller open market housing in the development sites.

In terms of affordable (social) housing available through CDC, the Parish Council investigated different options to ensure that those with a local connection benefited. The Parish Council looked into the formation of a Community Land Trust, but as the development sites were advancing quickly, held discussions with Greenoak Housing, a small charitable housing association, which supports the Parish Council's aims. The Parish Council is pleased to report that it has now entered into a collaborative agreement with Greenoak as the Parish Council's preferred housing association.

**We would urge anyone who is interested in a rented or shared ownership property to register with CDC; full details of qualification criteria are given on the CDC website - [www.chichester.gov.uk](http://www.chichester.gov.uk)**

## Your dog has done his business, now do your duty!

There has been much mentioned in recent Parish magazines about the dog fouling on the village green as well as village footpaths, but despite this, it's still happening. We know that the majority of dog owners are responsible – it's just the few that have no regard for others. A new dog bag dispenser will shortly be installed by the Kirdford Road dog bin so there is no excuse, but do remember about disposal. If a dog bin is not close by, use a litter bin, don't just leave for others to deal with.



## Community News

### Please Notice This



A new community noticeboard will shortly appear outside the village shop (if it isn't already there) for use by village organisations. This is to replace the use of the railings and will be managed by the Parish Council. The advertising space is for non-commercial advertising in the village such as the many community events that take place throughout the year. **For those who will use the board, please remember to remove old posters when the event has taken place, as well as any fixings, to help maintain the appearance of our village.**

## Spring Clean - Saturday 1st April



We will be organising another community litter picking on **Saturday 1st April (not an Aril Fool!)** meeting at the Sundial at 2.00 pm.

Gloves, litter picking sticks, bags and bag holders will be provided. If you require any further information then please call the Clerk on 701102, otherwise just turn up on the day.

**We look forward to seeing you!**

### PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Please refer to the agendas displayed on the village notice boards and website for information - a meeting will only be called to meet CDC deadlines. Meetings are held on a Tuesday in the Committee Room at the Village Hall at 8.00 pm and are currently schedule for:

**4 April  
2 May  
6 June  
4 July  
8 & 22 August**

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS In the Committee Room at the Village Hall, 7.45 pm on the following Tuesdays:

**18 April  
16 May  
20 June  
18 July**

**No meeting in August**

**Members of the public most  
welcome to attend.**

## 5 - Year Objectives - what a lot to do!

Having spent a considerable amount of time concentrating on the Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council has now reviewed the objectives included in the Community Action Plan, as well as known maintenance items. We have prepared a 5-year Plan which will be used to identify annual projects and help in budget preparations.

### **ENJOY THE COUNTRYSIDE RESPONSIBLY WITH YOUR DOG**

(Advice provided by the NFU in association with The Kennel Club)

**As the warm weather arrives, a reminder about walking in the countryside and that farmland is also someone's livelihood.**

- ⇒ Keep your dog close, under control, in sight and on a short lead around cows and sheep.
- ⇒ Cows are nose-y and may come to investigate, especially if you have a dog with you.
- ⇒ Don't panic or run if cattle follow you – stay calm and walk quickly and quietly around the herd.
- ⇒ Remember cows can be protective of their young. Never get between cows and their calves – go around the herd and re-join the path as soon as possible.
- ⇒ If you are threatened by cattle release your dog so you can both get to safety separately.
- ⇒ Dog poo can spread disease to farm animals. Bag it and bin it wherever you are, in any public waste bin.
- ⇒ For the health of your pet and farm animals, prevent your dog from getting into water troughs and follow your vet's advice on worming.

## Rural Business Funding available - don't miss out

There's still funding available for small rural businesses and community groups to apply for with the LEADER grants scheme. Farmers, foresters and communities based in rural areas of West Sussex, Lewes district and Hayling Island can benefit from LEADER grant funding totalling around £2.6 million until September 2018, and possibly beyond. Grants are available for capital investments for projects that will create jobs and grow the rural economy. For more information and for details on how to apply, visit the Business West Sussex website at [www.businesswestsussex.co.uk](http://www.businesswestsussex.co.uk) or call the LEADER team on 0330 22 28001.



**The WSCC Access Ranger will be inspecting public rights of way later this year. Please report any issues to the Clerk as soon as possible.**

## In case you didn't !

### Your Parish Council:

- Is the first tier of local government and is a separate organisation to the Parish Church (Parochial Church Council).
- Represents the best interests of Wisborough Green.
- Is made up of 9 Councillors and the Clerk who meet monthly. All members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings.
- Looks after the Conservation Area (centre of the village).
- Comments on local planning issues and is responsible for the delivery of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Owns the village hall, village green, allotments, playground and has responsibility for many other things around the village.
- Helped save the public toilets from closure and now works in partnership with CDC to keep them open.



### Community Speed Watch

We are extremely grateful to those who have already volunteered to be involved in a village scheme, but ideally a few more helpers are required. If you are concerned about speeding traffic in the village and have a few hours a month to help, please contact the Parish Council Clerk, Louise, on 01403 701102 or email

[clerk@wisboroughgreenpc.org](mailto:clerk@wisboroughgreenpc.org) **As they say, many hands make light work!**

#### What is Community Speed Watch?

- ◆ A locally driven initiative where members of the community, with the support of the Police, monitor vehicle speeds using detection devices.
- ◆ Speeding vehicles are referred to the police with the aim of educating drivers to reduce speed.
- ◆ Volunteers receive training and are supported by the neighbourhood policing team.
- ◆ The scheme aims to cater for the problem of real or perceived speed related offending.

**More information can be found at:** [www.communityspeedwatch.co.uk](http://www.communityspeedwatch.co.uk)

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**Bonfires:** Now that the warmer days are arriving, a reminder that smoke can ruin peoples' enjoyment of their garden, prevent windows from being opened and washing hung out. Please do not burn any plastics or obnoxious materials on fires or wood burners/indoor fires as this can have severe health implications. Thank you for your co-operation & enjoy the summer.



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***What's on in the village ?  
Check out the village website  
[www.wisboroughgreen.org](http://www.wisboroughgreen.org)***

Alternatively, letters can be posted in the Parish Council letterbox at the Village Hall.

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Thursday 20 April 2017**

**Village Hall, 8.00 pm**

This is your opportunity to hear more about the role and work of your Parish Council and all are welcome, in fact we would encourage you to attend!

The Annual Report will be available on the website soon!

