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### WHAT ABOUT JOINING THE TEAM ?

**WISBOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL  
HAS TWO PARISH COUNCILLOR  
VACANCIES**

Are you looking for a new challenge?

Do you want to make a positive difference?

Would you like to influence decisions that  
affect your community?

The Parish Council is an elected tier of local Government. The role of a Parish Councillor is to bring local issues to the attention of the Council and to help make decisions on behalf of the community.

You will need to be able to attend the Parish Council meeting held one evening each month and spend extra time on areas of specialism or interest. Enthusiasm and commitment are more important than experience. The position is unpaid.

You must be aged 18 or over, an elector, and have been a resident or worked within 3 miles of the Parish for the past year.

**For further information, please contact the Parish Clerk,  
Louise Davies, on 01403 701102.**

***What's on in the village ?***

***Check out the village website***

***www.wisboroughgreen.org***

# Wisborough Green Parish Council Parish Council News

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## Chairman's Message

Welcome to this autumn's newsletter. In this issue you'll find the latest on what's actually happening after the breakthrough with Gatwick and the swathe widening, which was to take effect from the 15<sup>th</sup> August. Many of us are uncertain as to what actual change there has been, however it's clear that this is a complex issue, where progress will need to be made steadily and on a number of fronts.

Also included is early notice of consultations on a Village Traffic Management Plan which is coming together as a result of the ideas you put forward through the Neighbourhood Plan consultation, and on another important topic, the prospect of significant improvements to our Village Hall.

Affordable housing in the expensive south-east has been a major issue for years and as you will know, there is a requirement within the CDC area for all new developments to supply 30% affordable units. However, a key aspect of this is the number available to rent rather than on any other scheme. Owing to the government requirement of continuing rent reduction, the provision for rental properties looks increasingly problematic. In order to secure the availability of affordable rental properties and strengthen the local connection policy, your Council is examining ways in which this can be achieved, either through a Community Land Trust or via a suitable agreement with a Housing Association. You will remember this was an area which village residents felt strongly about in the Neighbourhood Plan consultations. If you or a family member are interested in a rented or shared ownership property in the village, it is important that you contact CDC - details later in the newsletter.

The village website is in the process of being given a facelift. It will be compatible for all devices, which we hope will link into other exciting projects currently being explored. More details in later newsletters.

On the subject of Council membership, Alex Stone has decided to step down from the Council and we thank her for her contribution during her time with us. I am pleased to report that a new member, Michael Newell, was co-opted onto the Council at the September meeting and we welcome him to the team. This leaves us with two gaps to fill, so if this interests you, please contact the Clerk.

Finally, on a social note, we had a great weekend of events over the Bank Holiday which most definitely put Wisborough Green on the map! Helped by the weather, the events were a credit to all those who put so much into making the weekend such a success, a big thank you to you all. Have a great autumn.

**Keith Charman**

## Gatwick - What has been happening recently?

Following the publication of the Gatwick Independent Arrivals Review the implementation phase has begun not least with the formation of the Gatwick Noise Management Board; it will take some time before the NMB can prove that it will make a difference. APCAG (the Association of Parish Councils Aviation Group) has an alternating seat on the NMB which, WG Parish Councillor, Peter Drummond takes.

The main issues that most affect WG and the villages to the north and west are arriving aircraft and more specifically the routes they fly, the height they are and the noise they generate.


On 15th August the arrivals swathe (the point at which aircraft join the ILS) was widened from between 10-12 Nm to 8-14. Many of you will have noticed little difference and the concentration has appeared to continue; the widespread unhappiness was very directly passed on to the industry at the September NMB and we have been promised specific data on the actual use of our airspace around the arrivals swathe.

Put simply, although the swathe has been widened the next task is to ensure that the full swathe is used. Air traffic controllers have been briefed but their primary concerns are safety and capacity and there is a limit to what they can achieve within existing technology. Only once the full swathe is being used will we be approaching a fair and equitable distribution of aircraft noise.

With regard to 'fair and equitable', Gatwick Community Groups have been putting considerable effort into agreeing a definition. It is not nearly as easy as one might think, and the airspace industry has also now been asked for input.

The second big issue to be resolved is that arriving aircraft should use Continuous Descent Approach, effectively the practice of descending on a 3° glide slope in a 'clean' fashion without flaps, undercarriage or engines. Whilst most aircraft attempt this the standard is woefully easy to meet as most of the aircraft making noisy turns over our villages are meeting it. As part of the Arrivals Review CDA now commences at 7,000ft (previously 6k) but this makes no difference unless CDA is being flown to an enhanced standard. To achieve full implementation a variety of things need to happen: pilots require accurate distance to touchdown, all airlines need to ensure these operational procedures are used at Gatwick, etc.

There has been progress and there is much still to be made. It is too early to be certain whether the Arrivals Review will achieve permanent widespread improvements but the work must go on.



We have again received reports that dog mess around the village is increasing. The Parish Council hopes that it is not village residents who are acting so irresponsibly and thoughtlessly towards others. Help and advice is being sought from the CDC Dog Patrol Officers.

## Village Volunteers Required - can you help ?

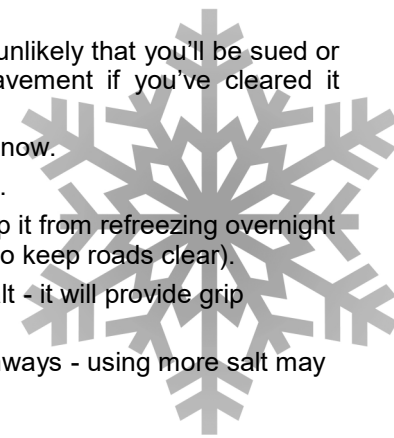
With cuts by both the District and County Councils, more is falling to the Parish Council in terms of maintenance around the Parish, in addition to the maintenance tasks that your Council already undertakes. We are now holding two successful litter picking sessions each year, but just occasionally, other tasks arise, such as filling wear patches on the village green, clearing conkers, weeding and minor repairs around the village centre. We are therefore looking for a merry band of volunteers who might be able to help out. If you feel that you could lend a hand, then please contact the Clerk on 701102.

## Dealing with Snow and Ice

Arrangements have been put in place to have key areas in the village cleared should it snow this winter. However, we have to be realistic about what can be done and therefore help from the community to clear pavements is needed. The following article has been taken from the Government information website (<https://www.gov.uk/clear-snow-road-path-cycleway>). **If we do get heavy snow this winter, then please do your bit to keep the village moving!**

You can clear snow and ice from pavements yourself. It's unlikely that you'll be sued or held responsible if someone is injured on a path or pavement if you've cleared it carefully. When you clear snow and ice:

- Do it early in the day - it's easier to move fresh, loose snow.
- Don't use water - it might refreeze and turn to black ice.
- Use salt if possible - it will melt the ice or snow and stop it from refreezing overnight (but don't use the salt from salting bins as this is used to keep roads clear).
- You can use ash and sand if you don't have enough salt - it will provide grip underfoot.
- Pay extra attention when clearing steps and steep pathways - using more salt may help.



### 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 scheduled for:  
**4 October, 1 November,  
6 & 20 December, 3 January**

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

**In the Committee Room at the Village Hall, 7.45 pm on the following Tuesdays:**

**18 October  
15 November  
No meeting in December  
17 January 2017**

Members of the public most welcome.

## No more monthly mobile skip

Increased demand for essential services, coupled with reduced government funding, meant that WSCC needed to reduce spending in other areas. Changes at West Sussex Household Waste Recycling Sites and Mobile Recycling Sites will help make savings while still maintaining a comprehensive service for residents. Unfortunately, this means that the monthly skip will no longer be visiting the village, the last visit being in September.

Waste can be taken to the recycling centre in Billingshurst (charges will now apply for some DIY material) or a Garden Recycling Service (green waste) is available from Chichester District Council. This service costs £49.00 per bin per year when paying by Direct Debit (or £56.50 by credit/debit card). For a limited time, CDC is offering a three month promotional discount for new customers joining online. Just enter the promotional code GARDEN3014 (this code applies to the first bin only). Refer to the CDC website for further information or call 01243 534890.

### Billingshurst Recycling Centre Opening Hours from 1 October 2016

Winter 1 October to 31 March  
10 am to 5 pm

Summer 1 April to 30 September  
10 am to 7 pm

**OPEN:** MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

**CLOSED:** THURSDAY, FRIDAY

**CHARGES WILL APPLY FOR SOME BUILDING MATERIALS**

**FLY TIPPING SHOULD BE REPORTED DIRECTLY TO:**  
Chichester District Council on 01243 534619 or online at  
<http://www.chichester.gov.uk/flytipping>

## Hedges - it's that time of year again !

Vegetation has grown exceptionally well again this year and over the winter (and before the birds start nesting again, officially from 1<sup>st</sup> March!) is the time to cut back.

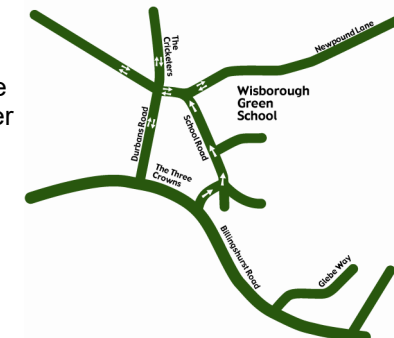
Landowners have a responsibility to cut road side hedges which is important to keep road signs clear and allow cyclists and pedestrians space to move off the road. Likewise, clear pedestrian access, especially for those with wheelchairs and pushchairs, is important, so please cut back vegetation bordering pavements in the village centre. This is a general reminder and the Parish Council will be dropping a note into properties where there is a particular concern. Thank you for your help.

## Traffic Management Plan – consultation early in 2017

During the Neighbourhood Plan consultations, we sought your opinion about traffic and parking issues. Future development in the village will potentially put more pressure on our current road network but also provides us with funding to effect improvements. The sites identified for development in our Neighbourhood Plan are likely to be built within the next few years, so it's therefore important to have our ideas confirmed. The Parish Council has held several meetings with WSCC to gauge their opinion on a number of ideas put forward by the community and has engaged a traffic consultant to produce some basic plans for ideas which WSCC is happy to support. The ideas involve reducing speed at the crossroads in the centre of the village and providing some additional parking, as well as other initiatives to try to encourage drivers to drive more respectfully in the village. An important aspect of traffic management concerns our school and we are pleased to say that ideas to improve that situation will come forward too. **We will be asking for your opinion on these ideas early in 2017 so watch out for further information in due course.**

## School Road One Way System

A reminder to all, and perhaps news to those who have recently moved into the village! The voluntary one way system in School Road will be in operation for school drop-off and pick-up: enter from the pond off the A272 between 8.30 – 9.15 am and 3.00-3.45 pm. Thank you for supporting this scheme to help with our village rush hour!



**For school parents please do remember that the Cricketer's car park can also be used for parking.**

## Affordable Housing in the Village – Action Needed

Wisborough Green's Neighbourhood Plan was adopted by Chichester District Council on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016. It will now be used by the Parish Council, local authorities and developers to offer guidance on how the community wishes future development to look and fit into the village over the next 15 years. Our Plan has identified sites for 68 residential dwellings, some of which will be provided as affordable homes, available for rent or shared-ownership.

It is the community's wish that these affordable homes are made available to village people. If you are interested in a rented or shared ownership property in the village, do ensure that your details are listed on the Housing Register held by Chichester District Council. More information can be found at [www.chichester.gov.uk](http://www.chichester.gov.uk) or by calling 01243 534734.

## A Village Hall fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Hopefully many of you will have visited the History Society exhibition at the August Bank Holiday Fete and seen the history and changes to the hall over the many years. Some initial plans for the Village Hall modernisation were also on display and many people took this opportunity to offer support to the project and give feedback on the proposals. The Parish Council is working closely with the Village Hall Management Committee and is fully supportive of these plans to modernise the building to meet the future and growing needs of this village. It is understood that a further consultation will be organised as the plans are refined so watch out for further details in the Parish magazine.

## Autumn Litter Picking - Saturday 15th October



We will be organising another community litter picking on  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October**  
**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!**

## Enjoy the firework season safely

The firework season will soon be upon us. Lots of fun for many but sadly accidents do happen each year. Please take care and follow the firework code.

Young people should watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance and follow the safety rules for using sparklers. Only adults should deal with firework displays and the lighting of fireworks.

1. Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable.
2. Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
3. Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary.
4. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
6. Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.
8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators.
9. Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
10. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving and ensure safe disposal of fireworks once they have been used.

**Better still, join in the fun at the  
School Bonfire and Firework Evening on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November.  
A safe and exciting evening for all the family.**

## Village Major Emergency Plan

Although the Parish Council does have a Plan in place, we must stress that it would only be activated in a **MAJOR** Emergency situation. An example would be the village being totally cut off, without power, and without the possibility of emergency services or other agencies being able to reach us within an immediate timescale.

The usual winter issues of flooding, temporary power loss or heavy snowfall do not fall within this category. It is the responsibility of families, individual households and good neighbours to ensure the wellbeing of villagers affected by these events. Advice is available on 'Being Prepared' for such events in this newsletter or on the village website.

Could we also ask that if you are responsible for vulnerable people and plan to be away for any length of time that appropriate support has been arranged.

The Parish Council is not an Emergency Service and it is not the responsibility of the Council, or individual members of the Emergency Plan Team, to respond in these circumstances.

## Winter Power Loss - Be Prepared !

On a September evening this year, many residents in the village suddenly found themselves without power - apparently a squirrel had something to do with it! This came with no notice and happened on a warm evening. Power to some homes was restored quickly but many of us found ourselves getting out the camping gas and barbecues to cook supper.

Power loss in the winter is far more challenging, so as we do every year, a reminder to get prepared for winter now. We never know if or when bad weather or power loss will arrive, so don't get caught out.

- Do you have a camping stove? If so, do you have any gas including a spare? Best buy now whilst stocks are plentiful.
- Check your supply of candles/matches and obtain spare batteries for torches.
- If you have an open fire, ensure that you always have a supply of logs, coal and firelighters. Has your chimney been swept and is your fire ready for use?
- Do you have a corded telephone somewhere in the house? This is worth remembering as the cordless ones we so frequently use generally don't work without power.
- Do you have a flask that could be filled with hot water if required?
- What about a traditional hot water bottle (without power the microwaveable ones can't be heated).
- Perhaps some tinned/packet soups and other non-perishable food stocks would be useful to those who would be unable to leave their homes in treacherous conditions.