

Wisborough Green Parish Council

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Chairman's Message

As I settle down to write we are experiencing the almost unprecedented combination of an extended heat wave and, although disappointed that England didn't make it to the final, a successful run in the World Cup; I think we feel proud of our lads' achievements. These have certainly lifted my mood that is only tempered by the shortage of CO² leading to a potential lack of beer and tonic water. Hopefully the former will continue and the latter be resolved.

I never cease to be amazed at quite how busy Wisborough Green is and how grateful we should all be to those who put so much into making things happen. The Sports Association not only run the various sports in the village but is also working tirelessly to secure a new pavilion. I would like to make special mention of Ian Elliott who has retired as Chairman of the Sports Association; he has been an inspirational leader and leaves sport in WG in finer fettle than when he took on the job. Michael Gadd is to be welcomed as he takes up the reins at an exciting time for sport in the village.

The plans for renovating and improving the Village Hall continue apace and Keith Carter and his team are to be commended for their steady progress. The WG Community Land Trust is also making progress and I hope by the time of the next newsletter will be able to report exciting news.

Please can I mention the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice: There But Not There. I am immensely proud that WG was the first parish to commit to supporting this national project and it will be a wonderful opportunity for the village to reflect on the nature of the ultimate sacrifice. I urge everyone to make time to visit the Church and take in what will be a moving installation.

Wisborough Green is alive with activity; what an exciting place we live in and what a credit to all those involved in so many village organisations. So far this year we have enjoyed the energy and fitness at RunWisborough; the vision and hard work of our green-fingered with the Open Gardens and Horticultural Show and the enthusiasm and talent of our young circus performers.

We are now gearing up for another tremendous August Bank Holiday weekend of events, starting with the Cricket Club race night on the Friday, Wisborough's Got Talent on the Saturday and the Bank Holiday Monday Fete. Let's also not forget the Balloon Festival on Sunday 2nd September, the return of the Fair on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st September and, of course, There But Not There. Refer to the Ad Vincula parish magazine and village website for all the details.

Have a very enjoyable summer.

Peter Drummond, Chairman

Gatwick - the latest update

Night Flight Trials: These were scheduled for next year. Communities objected to the limited scope, short time duration and poor metrics; Gatwick is reconsidering its approach.

Fair and Equitable Distribution: National Air Traffic Services (NATS) produced a proposal to hold aircraft in a holding stack and allow the approach in a more controlled manner. However, this has been abandoned as NATS might not be able to manage it!

Noise Metrics: Gatwick engaged with Community Representatives on the re-evaluation of the noise metrics associated with departures and Dutch Aviation consultants, TO70, who were retained by the Community Groups, has advised on similar working examples being used elsewhere.

Departure Routes: A Departures study is in prospect and work has started on the alternatives for reducing noise from departing aircraft. To date there has been concentration on routes 3 and 4 (routes to the west and north of the airfield after take-off) examining whether altitude can be increased faster to alleviate the noise impact on affected communities, however these routes are badly affected by Heathrow air traffic.

A320 whine: 97% of the A320s aircraft using Gatwick have now been modified; hopefully you will have noticed a reduction in noise generally, & specifically the whine.

Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan Review

CDC is currently reviewing its Local Plan. Parish Council representatives recently attended a meeting to understand the implications for the village. Explanation was given to government policy, the need to review the Local Plan, importance of meeting housing need and having a 5 year housing land supply. In terms of timescale, the Preferred Options consultation will be held in December/January which will reveal the housing numbers and which parishes will be expected to take more housing. CDC appreciates that the timing of the consultation is not ideal but it needs to ensure that the process remains on track.

CDC is currently producing all the evidence to support the Local Plan and to address the gaps that were highlighted by the inspector in the last evidence session.

- ◆ Housing & Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA) (Housing, employment and horticultural need)
- ◆ Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA)
- ◆ Sustainability Appraisal
- ◆ Habitat Regulations Assessment
- ◆ Draft Distribution of Development
- ◆ And other documents relating to noise, transport and air pollution, flood risk, sewage etc.

In terms of our Neighbourhood Plan review, the implications are unknown at present, but CDC indicated that they will be speaking to Parish Councils in the coming months. We will obviously update you when we hear more.

Traffic Management Plan

Cricketer's Crossroads: The Parish Council has met with WSCC to discuss the options for improvements around the centre of the village. The crossroads visibility issues, parking concerns and pedestrian links, including the walking to school route, were discussed. More details will be received in due course but we are hopeful that a scheme will be progressed by WSCC whilst not urbanising the centre of the village.

Durbans Road: The application for a Traffic Regulation Order to reduce the 40 mph speed limit to 30 mph did not meet WSCC criteria; bizarrely the average speeds recorded were too high for WSCC to intervene! The Parish Council has been advised that an application can be made to our County Local Committee, through our County Councillor, Janet Duncton, to exercise its powers to seek an exemption from the WSCC criteria. We totally support residents' concerns and observations and will make this application as it forms part of the PC's holistic plan for improving traffic safety within the village.

Speed Indicator Device: Sites have now been assessed and the paperwork submitted to WSCC. We hope to receive confirmation that we can purchase a device shortly that will be then be moved around the village.

Hughes Hill Accident: At our recent meeting with WSCC we again asked about the accident investigation; we were informed that the report has not been completed or released and that WSCC is unable to discuss the accident. We will obviously not let this one drop.

School Road Voluntary 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 is in operation during school term time 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.



Event Parking Restrictions

Events held in our popular village usually attract a large number of visitors. The Parish Council asks organisers to manage parking by putting out 'no parking' cones, providing marshals and signage. This is done to ensure the safety of all and aid traffic flow.

Despite the best efforts of the PTA for the circus weekend, some motorists ignored the directions and were sadly quite rude when approached.

Please observe these restrictions and remember that they are for your safety and the safety of our whole community. Thank you.

Community Land Trust - what it means for WG

Community Land Trusts are a form of community-led housing, set up and run by ordinary people to develop and manage homes as well as other assets. CLTs act as long-term stewards of housing, ensuring that it remains genuinely affordable, based on what people actually earn in their area, not just for now but for every future occupier. Schemes that are genuinely community-led all share common principles:

- ⇒ The community is integrally involved throughout the process in key decisions - what is provided, where, and for who. They don't necessarily have to initiate the conversation, or build homes themselves.
- ⇒ There is a presumption that the community group will take a long-term formal role in the ownership, stewardship and/or management of the homes.
- ⇒ The benefits of the scheme to the local area and/or community group are clearly defined and legally protected in perpetuity.

CLTs are **defined in law** so there are certain things that a CLT must be and do:

- ⇒ A CLT must be set up to benefit a defined community;
- ⇒ A CLT must be not-for-private-profit. This means that they can, and should, make a surplus as a community business, but that surplus must be used to benefit the community;
- ⇒ Local people living and working in the community must have the opportunity to join the CLT as members;
- ⇒ Those members control the CLT (usually through a board being elected from the membership).

The Neighbourhood Plan process in Wisborough Green identified the lack of affordable homes for young people or families in the village, with local people moving away from the place they have called home for all their early life due to high property prices. The Parish Council has supported the formation of a Community Land Trust to try to address this local need.

Arrangements are at an early stage, but our application for funding to secure an advisor was supported by Chichester District Council. Following an appeal in the last Parish Council newsletter, we now have three community members who have joined the emerging CLT.

Further community help and support is needed to make this happen for Wisborough Green; we are particularly looking for financial/bookkeeping skills. Please contact the Parish Council Clerk, Louise Davies, on clerk@wisboroughgreenpc.org or telephone 701102 for further information.

Why Carole joined the CLT steering group:

Having lived in the parish for more than 35 years, I have volunteered to help set up and run the Wisborough Green Community Land Trust. I see this as an exciting opportunity to influence how the character of the village is preserved for future generations but still meets the needs of all of us

A reflective installation this autumn in St Peter ad Vincula



THERE BUT NOT THERE

At 11am on 11th November 1918 the guns of World War One fell silent at the signing of the Armistice; the warring nations were left to mourn the scale of their loss. The centenary of the Armistice is a defining moment in our history: to reflect on how men from every community made the ultimate sacrifice.

The installation of 51 transparent seated military figures in Penshurst Church for Remembrance Day in 2016, the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, lit a touch paper in the souls of all who saw it. The poppies at the Tower of London demonstrated the sheer scale of the sacrifice, so 'There But Not There', as the Penshurst installation was named, would bring home how every community, large and small, were deeply affected.

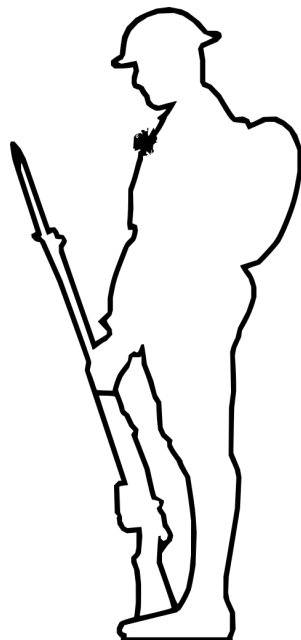
Wisborough Green was proud to have been asked to be a 'Pathfinder Parish' in the 'There But Not There' aim to place a representative figure into their place of worship, their school, their workplace or wherever their absence was keenly felt, for as many as possible of the names on local war memorials, around the country.

There were 21 men who did not return to Wisborough Green and Loxwood (one ward at that time) and their names are listed on the village War Memorial. These men will be back within our community from mid-September until November, sitting in St Peter ad Vincula church as they may well have as part of the congregation. Residents and visitors will be encouraged to sit with our fallen, remember and reflect on their courage and the ultimate sacrifice of those who did not return. Please do join us for this moving and reflective time.

After the installation and decoration of the church, a special church service and reception will be held to which all current and ex members of HM Armed Forces living in Wisborough Green and Loxwood are invited. Please do contact the Parish Clerk, Louise Davies, to register your interest on 01403 701102 or email clerk@wisboroughgreenpc.org

The Parish Council and the History Society will publish a booklet giving as much detail as can be found on those who died, so if you are able to provide any background information, about their lives in Wisborough Green or Loxwood, it would be most welcome. Sponsorship by local businesses of the Perspex figures would also be appreciated.

Further details of the Church opening times and other events and publications associated with this installation will be published in the Ad Vincula Parish magazine and on the Wisborough Green village website: www.wisboroughgreen.org



Our Village Trees

Our most treasured asset, envied by many, is the Village Green, but the uniqueness and ambience is also created by the many trees; would you believe there are 83 in the Conservation Area for which the Parish Council is responsible.

Sadly, some of the Horse Chestnuts are showing signs of disease, so the Parish Council agreed that a full tree survey should be undertaken. As expected, the report confirms that around 25% of the Horse Chestnuts are exhibiting symptoms of bleeding canker. Although the survey was conducted in May, prior to signs of leaf browning, it was expected that many of the Horse Chestnuts would also show signs of leaf minor later in the summer; this would also have a long term impact upon tree vitality. It was also good to see that the expert commented that the lack of significant deadwood, with accurate pruning wounds at various stages of repair, indicated that there is an extremely good level of proactive tree management in place, further emphasised by the minimal level of work recommended in the report.

There is not a great deal with can do to protect the trees. There will continue to be tree losses, particularly of the Horse Chestnuts, as some of those affected by bleeding canker go further into decline but replacement tree planting, particularly with varieties that appear to show some resistance to the disease, will maintain overall tree levels. It is also inevitable that there will be some unforeseen branch failures, either due to stormy conditions or summer branch drop, which typically occurs in hot dry weather. The Parish Council will continue with its proactive tree management to do the best we can to retain our beautiful trees.

There's nothing better than the fresh taste of self grown fruit and veg!

There are still allotments available. Perhaps a little late for this growing season, but sign up and get ahead for next year. For more information please call Louise, Parish Council Clerk, on 701102.



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:

7 & 21 August
4 September
2 October
6 November
4 & 18 December

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

No meeting in August
18 September
16 October
20 November

No meeting in December

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

Playground Parking

Concern has been raised that cars parking at the entrance to Butts Meadow, along the playground fence line, obscure the visibility of children crossing from the playground. Signs will be put on the fence but can we please ask you all to observe this request for the safety of our village children, who may not be paying attention to the road.

New information point gets the thumbs up!



You can't fail but notice our lovely bright red telephone kiosk. Thanks to the hard work of Ralph Restorations, our kiosk will shortly have a new lease of life and role in the village. Exterior paving and the installation of a map and leaflet dispensers will complete the new look. We are very grateful to Chichester District Council for supporting this project with grant funding.

We are still looking for someone to take on the role of Kiosk Warden to keep an eye on it and to keep it tidy. Please contact the Clerk if you can help out.



It's time to tackle your hedges !

The bird-nesting season runs from 1st March to 31st July. Now that the birds have officially finished nesting, it's time to crack on and get your hedges cut back. Having had such a wet start to the year, vegetation seems to have gone wild in many areas and overgrown hedges and vegetation are now making it difficult to use some pavements, especially for those with pushchairs and wheelchairs. Please remember to cut hedges back hard otherwise they encroach before you know it! Roadside hedges also need to be cut to ensure that signage is clear, visibility at junctions is not obscured and cyclists and pedestrians have space if they need to make a hasty retreat.

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND OF EVENTS

FRIDAY 24 AUGUST

A RACE NIGHT IN THE MARQUEE, INCLUDING AUCTION AND COMEDY HOUR, RAISING FUNDS FOR THE CRICKET CLUB

SATURDAY 25 AUGUST

'WISBOROUGH'S GOT TALENT' IN THE MARQUEE RAISING FUNDS FOR THE CRICKET CLUB

*MONDAY 27 AUGUST FROM 1 PM
VILLAGE FETE, HORTICULTURAL SHOW & DOG SHOW*

Your Parish Council

Peter Drummond (Chair) T: 01798 865546
Finance Committee, Gatwick Airport, Local Council Associations, Pavilion, Planning Committee, Traffic Management Plan

Andrew Jackson (Vice-Chair) T: 700574
Finance Committee, Neighbourhood Plan Review, Planning Committee (Chairman), Affordable Housing, Pavilion

Nick Beresford T: 701908
Planning Committee, Playground Inspections

Andy Burbridge T: 701902
Green Coordination Group, Planning Committee, Youth Activities

Keith Charman T: 700545
Finance Committee, Green Coordination Group, Major Emergency Plan, Neighbourhood Plan Review, Pavilion, Traffic Management Plan

Michael Newell T: 701171
Finance Committee (Chairman) and Planning Committees

Sheena Overington T: 700732
Affordable Housing, Major Emergency Plan, Neighbourhood Plan Review, Traffic Management Plan, Village Hall, Winter Management Plan

Howard True T: 700150
Finance Committee, Major Emergency Plan, Planning Committee, Traffic Management Plan, Winter Management Plan

Martin Watson T: 07836 700923
Affordable Housing, Planning Committee

The Council currently has a full complement of members, but vacancies do occur from time to time. If you are interested in joining the Council please contact the Clerk.

How to contact your Parish Council

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What's on in the village ?
Check out the village website
www.wisboroughgreen.org

Alternatively, letters can be posted in the Parish Council letterbox at the Village Hall. Members can be contacted directly by telephone or by email through the Clerk.

Data Protection

You will have been reminded on numerous occasions that the General Data Protection Regulations came into force on 25 May 2018. The Parish Council holds very little personal information, but obviously takes the protection of this data very seriously. The Parish Council has taken specialist advice, undertaken a review of its procedures, has adopted new policies and privacy notices to ensure that it is compliant and undertaken training. All this information can be found on the village website.

If you do have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk.