

# Steyning Parish Council



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## STEYNING PARISH COUNCIL NEWS SEPTEMBER 2015 – ARTICLE INCLUDED IN 'YOUR STEYNING' PUBLICATION

Following co-option in June, Steyning Parish Council is pleased to welcome new Councillors Steve Northam, Brian Picking, Michelle Syred and Deborah Hanson.

### Highways & Lighting Committee

The contract has now been placed for drainage works to improve flooding in Mouse Lane. Using funding obtained from West Sussex County Council's Operation Watershed Fund, Balfour Beatty will be undertaking two pieces of work sometime during September. Walkers, cyclists and other road users need to be aware that the road will be closed for one day just above Charlton Court Cottages. Signage will be displayed in advance to give warning as there will be no vehicular access past the point of closure. Firstly, a pipe is being laid under the road to take water coming from the Downs and direct it to a cleared ditch running north east towards Charlton Court. It will be piped under the old granary and return to an open ditch which is clear and running. If the amount of water coming off the fields exceeds the capacity of the new pipe it will continue to run down Mouse Lane, where it will join water from underground streams further down. So this is a measure which will reduce the total flow of water and not stop the water altogether. Secondly, to reduce the amount of debris being carried in the water, part of bridleway #2714 and footpath #2704/1 will be resurfaced along with the apron adjacent to Mouse Lane. This will also make this section of the paths safer to use as they are very uneven at present. Steyning Parish Council is very grateful for the co-operation of Vanessa Roebuck from the Wiston Estate Office, Wiston Estate tenants and residents in the area who have worked closely with councillors to bring this project to fruition. We all hope the benefits will be felt in the Mouse Lane area this coming winter.

### Playing Fields Committee

As a number of our Committee retired in May we now have four new members. The committee as now met and various topics were discussed.

The Memorial field is looking very good and the Orchard group have worked hard and made a great improvement to their area. The fruit trees have really benefitted from being pruned, they look good and are laden with fruit! Four new trees are also making good progress. The play area is well used. At time of writing we are without the big swing as we are still waiting for a replacement for a part which broke. The field is virtually litter free, except for small pieces which have blown into the hedges. Recently, what must have been an animal pulled a bag of rubbish out of a bin and scattered the contents round the area. If you find an incident like this please could you clear it up before the rubbish gets spread over a large area.

I walked through the allotments, to check for a reported gap in the fence, and I thought they looked stunning. Congratulations to all the allotment holders on their hard work.

Chandlers Way open space. After distress caused to one of the neighbours who was hit by a football and complaints of noise late in the evening the Committee is considering removing the goal post, however we are trying to decide what would be the best place to re-site it for the youngsters, as we have to consider the needs of all age groups in our community.

We have now allocated an open space to each member of the committee for them to monitor and report back to committee any defects or matters needing attention. In my capacity as Chair I did a tour of all the open spaces last



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week. They all look good. It was very satisfying to see that at last the weather has permitted the repainting of the equipment in Abbey Road to go ahead.

The Council has appointed a tree warden and is preparing a Tree Management Plan so that all the trees on Parish Council land will be monitored and maintained to a high standard of safety.

We have received two more requests for provision of Memorial benches. We will publish details of location when all is finally decided.

Disappointingly, Horsham stone paving has been stolen from outside the Fletcher's Croft play area. Horsham District Council have re-landscaped the area and provided tarmac paths.

Thank you for your interest, please keep us informed of any untoward incidents or anything you feel we should be aware of.

**Cllr Gill Ness-Collins Chair of Playing Fields Committee. August 2015**

### **Finance & Community Committee**

Over the last few months, the Finance & Community Committee have been reviewing all its internal processes and protocols and has agreed the last two which were: the SPC Training Statement, and the Grant Awarding Policy. The Committee has agreed to appoint the existing internal auditor for next year and reviewed the scope of the audit which was agreed as being acceptable. The draft Steyning Business Plan was finally agreed and this will now be circulated for consultation to WSCC, HDC and the SDNP. There has been a great deal of discussion over the payments for the youth service (SAYS) and the committee has been instrumental in obtaining a rebate paid in August. The contract is up for renewal in 2016. There have been issues about the CCTV in the bus shelter and the High Street CCTV operated by the police and to who is responsible for their maintenance – the clerk is looking into this and will report back at the next meeting. The committee has also considered the uploading of the recordings of meetings to the website but the size of the files has prevented this. The clerk is considering other options. A committee member has been appointed to undertake an Internal Control of the Parish Council Finances. The Steyning Showcase for 2016 was discussed and a date fixed for the 6<sup>th</sup> February at a cost of £20 per stand. A working party of councillors has been set up to look into the use of the Community Payback Scheme and projects where this could be used.

**Cllr Tim Lloyd – Chair, F&C Committee.**

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

The 70+ resident volunteers in the SWAB Steering Group & Focus Groups have continued their work towards building our Neighbourhood Plan throughout the summer period.

The local Youth Survey, devised by young people themselves, was launched online in mid-July and will gather valuable additional data for the SWAB Neighbourhood Plan as well as information about the views, needs & ideas of young people, for Steyning & several other local Parish Councils to consider. Our NP is for the future of our whole community and it's vitally important we include input from those who will then be adults themselves.

The Stage One Report has now been finalised, and includes summaries of the community views from our residents' survey on each of our Focus Group topics.

The "Call for Sites" process has so far resulted in 18 sites offered for consideration for potential planned development within the NP. These include sites for all 4 parishes, and we hope to now have sufficient for our future needs.

We have had an introductory meeting with representatives from South Downs National Park authority to help them gain an understanding of our needs and for us to understand their priorities in relation to potential local development.

The Housing Focus Group members have been working on the site selection criteria to ensure that each is assessed robustly and as objectively as possible, on criteria relevant to planning and residents' views expressed in the survey. Once the Steering Group approves the selection criteria, sites will be assessed individually. A recommendation will be made of those best suited to our future community needs. Though site locations will necessarily remain confidential during this process, they will all be reported publically in due course to give residents the opportunity to comment on this important element for our draft plan.

Residents can view our deliverable documents and Steering Group meeting minutes, as well as periodic news updates on our website:- <http://www.swabneighbourhoodplan.org>

We anticipate another SWAB public meeting in the Autumn to provide a fuller project update and Q & A session. We currently expect the referendum on the finalised Neighbourhood Plan to be in late Spring 2016.

**CLlr Nick Muggridge Vice-Chair of SWAB Steering Group**

**'Adopt a Street' Campaign** – Horsham District Council has launched a campaign to help local volunteers keep their local area clean and tidy. If you wish to get in touch with your local organiser, contact HDC on 01403 739387 or [hopoast@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:hopoast@horsham.gov.uk)

**Flyposting**

The Parish Council has received complaints of fly-posting around the town and would ask residents not to place posters anywhere other than designated noticeboards and to please ensure that they are removed when the event has passed.

**Community Speed Watch Campaign** – a few residents have expressed concern regarding the speed of vehicles travelling through Steyning. The Parish Council are not able to lead a Speed Watch Campaign, but potential volunteers are welcome to contact the Council, with a view to forming an independent group to undertake a campaign.

**Parish Councillors:**

CLlr Phil Bowell MBE – Chair  
CLlr Tim Lloyd – Vice-Chair  
CLlr Martin Toomey  
CLlr Gill Ness-Collins  
CLlr Liz Trundle  
CLlr Nick Muggridge  
CLlr Michael Willett  
CLlr Gill Muncey

CLlr Sarah Sullivan  
CLlr Gary Sullivan  
CLlr Rodney Goldsmith  
CLlr Steve Northam  
CLlr Brian Picking  
CLlr Michelle Syred  
CLlr Deborah Hanson

**District Councillors:**

CLlr Tim Lloyd CLlr Michael Willett

**County Councillor:** CLlr David Barling

**Parish Clerk:** Rebecca Luckin, 01903 812042, [spcclerk@btconnect.com](mailto:spcclerk@btconnect.com)

**Parish Council meetings:** Please see our website for a timetable of meetings, agendas and minutes, along with information on Parish Council facilities and services – [www.steyningpc.gov.uk](http://www.steyningpc.gov.uk)

**Film evening:** First Wednesday of the month (except December), 7.30pm – please contact the Steyning Centre for film listings – 01903 812042, or see display board in the foyer.

**ASHURST NEWS**

**Parish Council Meetings**

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Meetings start at 8pm and will be held in the Ashurst Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings.

**New Councillor**

Ashurst Parish Council is pleased to welcome Les Nicholson as a parish councillor, he was co-opted at the July Parish Council meeting.



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## Recreation Ground Trust AGM

The Annual General meeting for the Recreation Ground Trust will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at 8pm at Ashurst Village Hall.

## Neighbourhood Plan

For details and information on the Neighbourhood Plan please see the website [www.SWABneighbourhoodplan.org](http://www.SWABneighbourhoodplan.org)

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| Mr K Knight    | Honeybridge House, Honeybridge Lane, BN44 3AW       | 01403 710537 |
| Mr A Russell   | The Old House, Church Lane, Ashurst BN44 3AR        | 01403 710408 |
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