



# Lindfield Rural Parish Council Newsletter

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## Neighbourhood Plan Update

With the completion, in June, of the Housing Needs Survey, all the necessary evidence to be used in the Plan has now been obtained. Each of the four community Focus Groups have completed their work, produced reports of their findings and been disbanded. We are very grateful for their efforts and hope that we may call on their assistance again to engage with the community during the public consultation phase later in the year.

We have now reached the point in the process where the Plan is being drafted by our consultants, Action in rural Sussex (AirS).

The approval of the Wates development in Gravelly Lane, although very disappointing and against the wishes of the community, has removed the necessity for the Plan to identify any housing sites. However, we know from the Housing Needs Survey that extra affordable housing is required for local people, especially the young. As a result, a small number of potential sites are being progressed, with the emphasis on small development and provision of homes to meet the requirements as outlined in the Housing Needs Survey. Access to the majority of these properties will be restricted to people with a strong link to our local community rather than the populace at large.

The current schedule suggests that the draft Plan will be ready by the end of September. This will then be published for a 6 week consultation period to enable the community to comment and suggest any amendments. During this 6 week consultation period there will also be further public exhibitions/pop-in sessions, similar to those last Autumn and Spring, where the Plan can be discussed in detail. The final draft will then be submitted to Mid Sussex District Council for further scrutiny, public consultation and independent inspection.

### Sprucing up Anchor Pond in Scaynes Hill

Following an enormous amount of work some years ago by a dedicated group of Scaynes Hill folk to improve the pond and it's surroundings, it had become rather overgrown and neglected of late. A maintenance plan was agreed in the Spring and regular work is now being carried out to restore the pond whilst protecting the indigenous wildlife, especially the Great Crested Newts. The willows have been cut back and treated to avoid regrowth and the brambles and sticky weed are slowly but surely being defeated. It is planned to continue with regular maintenance of this valued community asset to prevent any future deterioration.

## Allotments

Recent news headlines have indicated that, for various reasons, the availability of general food-stuffs is going to be more limited in future years. Back in the 1940's, when food became scarce because of the war, communities were advised to 'Dig for Victory' and people dug up their lawns to grow vegetables. Nowadays, lawns are much too precious for such actions but that's where allotments come in.

Efforts are currently being made to identify possible allotment sites in the Scaynes Hill area but there needs to be a requirement for such allotments to be made available. If you would like to have an allotment to grow your own food and potentially greatly reduce your food costs, then you need to register your desire with the Parish Council. Contact the Parish Clerk, either at the Scaynes Hill Millennium Centre Parish office (telephone 01444 831499) or by email to lindfieldrural.parishcouncil@virgin.net

### Bulky waste collections

Mid Sussex residents can now arrange for large, unwanted household items to be taken away simply by going online. Mid Sussex District Council has introduced a new online bulky waste collection service to make it even more convenient for residents to book.

A Bulky Waste Collection can be booked online at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/selfservice](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/selfservice) or by calling 01444 477440. For more information about Mid Sussex District Council Refuse and Recycling services visit [www.midsussex.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/recycling)

### Your Parish Councillors:

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## Summary of Annual Accounts for the year 2012/13

### LINDFIELD RURAL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

#### INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2013		2012	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Precept	50,294		50,242	
Rental Income	41,993		50,075	
Other Income	6,454		1,213	
		<b>98,741</b>		<b>101,530</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
General Administration	43,013		38,452	
Legal & Professional	3,902		2,210	
Site Running Costs	27,004		33,672	
Capital Expenditure			2,328	
Sundry Expenditure	11,185		3,515	
		<b>85,104</b>		<b>80,177</b>
Excess of Income over Expenditure		<b>13,637</b>		<b>21,353</b>
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>				
	<b>2013</b>		<b>2012</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Debtors	5,026		3,052	
Balance at Bank & Cash in Hand	171,961		168,703	
		<b>176,987</b>		<b>171,755</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Creditors		(14554)		(22960)
Net Assets		<b>162,433</b>		<b>148,795</b>
<b>CAPITAL &amp; RESERVES</b>				
General Reserves	27,704		25,769	
Earmarked Funds	121,092		101,673	
Retained Reserves for Year	13,637		21,353	
		<b>162,433</b>		<b>148,795</b>