



Lindfield Rural Parish Council Newsletter

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Lindfield Rural Parish Council Office is open to the Public on Tuesdays 12.30 to 13.30 and Thursdays 10.00 to 11.00

Autumn Statement – 2015

Well, if it is good enough for the Chancellor of the Exchequer then an 'autumn statement' is good enough for a Parish Council. It was felt an excellent opportunity to relate how your Parish Council had been involved over the past months.

Residents may remember the researches and subsequent exhibitions that have taken place over the past year to fulfil our role with the Neighbourhood Plan. Both Lindfield Councils and residents have laboured over that period and it is hoped that we can now move to a referendum with the residents early next year. We hope to have more information at the next newsletter.

The housing at Heathwood Park is under construction at the moment and will be for a long period to come (at least another two years to completion). Councillors attend regular liaison meetings held by the developer (Barratt's/Wates) so if any resident has any questions for the developer please contact our Clerk, Mrs Di Morgan

Another element of public concern is the number of potholes that have accumulated over the year. WSCC Highways have an 'intervention level' to determine impact and action repairs. Potholes must be a minimum of 40mm deep and at least 150mm wide in all directions, so there are a number not reaching the level where action can be taken. Erosion of road edges is also a concern, but again there is a minimum intervention level of 100mm deep within 300mm of the left hand edge of the carriageway or left of the edge solid white line. WSCC Highways are currently investigating some of our rural roads which became eroded (e.g. Blackbrook Lane, Scaynes Hill) last winter. Please keep reporting problems with location, measurements and photographs if possible but ensure it is safe to gather this information before accessing the road! Reports can be made directly to WSCC using the Love West Sussex website or by downloading an app for your phone from <http://love.westsussex.gov.uk/reports/home> You can also report problems to the Parish Office in person, by phone or by email.

The Council has also requested that WSCC takes proactive work to avoid areas of flooding within the Parish

that occurred last winter. Most of the trouble spots (e.g. East Mascalls Lane and Town Hill) resulted from drains blocked by mud and debris. We shall continue to target those areas but in the meantime please report where drains are blocked particularly where there is a flood risk.

The rents for the Gravelly Lane Allotments became due on 1st October and several residents have decided to relinquish their plots. We would like to encourage more residents to apply including those living in Heathwood Park. There was previously a waiting list for non-residents but because of demand within the Parish this was discontinued several years ago. It has now been decided to re-open the waiting list, although priority will still be given to residents within the Parish. Applications should be made to the Parish Office.

Civic Amenity Collections

A refuse freighter for free collection of household and garden waste will be provided on
Sunday 29th November 2015
Sunday 14th February 2016
Between 10am and midday at the north end, Scaynes Hill Common.

Please do not leave rubbish in the absence of the refuse freighter. No trade or builders' waste will be accepted.



"We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"

A winter scene off Gravelly Lane by Paul Dudman

Council meetings coming up

Monday 30th November	Scaynes Hill Millennium Village Centre
Monday 11th January	King Edward Hall Lindfield
Monday 22th February	Scaynes Hill Millennium Village Centre
Monday 11th April	King Edward Hall Lindfield
Monday 25th April	Annual Parish Meeting, Meeting of Electorate, Scaynes Hill Millennium Village Centre
Monday 16th May	Annual Meeting of the Council King Edward Hall Lindfield