



# Lindfield Rural Parish Council Newsletter

December 2016

Millennium Village Centre, Lewes Road, Scaynes Hill, West Sussex RH17 7PG  
Tel: 01444 831499 email: clerk@lindfieldrural-pc.org.uk www.lindfieldrural-pc.org.uk

## Your Parish Councillors:

John Dumbleton (Chair)	Tel: 482633	Keith Martin	Tel: 831431
Ray Jones (Vice Chair)	Tel: 453868	Steve Minter	Tel: 831786
Brian Bunt	Tel: 484661	Andy Spooner	Tel: 831602
Chris Hersey	Tel: 482270	Parish Clerk: Vera Grainger	Tel: 831499
Margaret Hersey	Tel: 482270	Assistant: Irene Nicholas	Tel: 831499
		Finance Officer: Sarah Anderson	Tel: 831499

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 2016

The idea of an interim report was introduced last year and following its success it was felt appropriate to continue to update residents on how your Parish Council has been involved in the Community over the past 6 months (since the Chairman's Report in April 2016).

With the Neighbourhood Plan finally agreed and operational, Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) agreed at their planning committee meeting to reject an application from Wates for homes south of Walstead. This was closely followed by a rejection of a development proposed by Taylor Wimpey for 130 homes on the junction of Scamps Hill and Gravelye Lane. These decisions were despite the lack of a MSDC five-year housing supply figure and the District Plan not being ratified. Both developers have lodged an appeal. However, we are still awaiting a decision on the proposed development of 49 dwellings in the Portsmouth Wood area (access opposite the Haywards Heath Golf Club) and a similar number adjacent to The Inn on the Green in Scaynes Hill (access from Anchor Hill).

As the residents in Croxton Lane are probably aware, the old street lighting in their road has been replaced with LED lighting and feedback has suggested that they have been well accepted. The council owns 36 street lights in the parish and this was the first tranche of replacement over a 3-year period. Additional lighting is also being considered.

The council continues to find ways of enhancing the appearance of the Burial Ground at Walstead and many residents have congratulated us on how pleasant it looks. In the past six months, the council has 'space planned' the cemetery to establish a more economic usage of the area. For an example, there are 80 pre-purchased plots on the west side and the council is investigating each plot from our records to establish whether they are all required, particularly the plots over 50 years old. Additionally, the council has arranged to 'digitally map' the whole cemetery in order to improve access to information.

The council maintains a works outstanding list. This records maintenance issues reported to the council. These include lighting, flooding and highways matters such as potholes. The council reports these matters to the appropriate agency on your behalf and logs progress.

Residents may report directly via the West Sussex County Council website (<http://love.westsussex.gov.uk/reports/home>).

Allotments at Scaynes Hill will soon become a reality as, by the time you read this report, the council should have taken ownership of the appropriate land. 14 residents have expressed an interest in having a plot and we feel confident more will come forward when the works on site are complete and operational.

The rents for the Gravelye 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 4th December 2016  
Sunday 12th February 2017  
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.

## VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

**Can you make a difference to your local community? Have you ever thought about becoming a Parish Councillor?**

Lindfield Rural Parish Council has a vacancy for a new member to be co-opted to the Council.

Councillors represent the interests of the whole community and Government is more than ever looking to communities and local councils to respond to very local needs and priorities. Lindfield Rural Parish Council is looking for community-minded, proactive and practical people able to deal effectively with a range of issues. Councillors are required to attend monthly evening meetings. Also important is the ability to communicate and to work as part of a team with other Councillors.

As a Parish Councillor, you will be influential in local projects and plans, and take responsibility for decisions made that will have a real impact on the future of the community.

Councillors must be over 18 and be a British National or a qualifying citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Community. They must also live or work or own land within the Parish or within 3 miles of its boundaries. Please note that this is an unpaid voluntary position.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Council, please write to the Council setting out why you would like to be a Councillor and what qualities you would bring to this role. This should be sent to Vera Grainger, Clerk to the Council, Lindfield Rural Parish Council, Millennium Village Centre, Lewes Road, Scaynes Hill, West Sussex, RH17 7PG.

## Council Meeting Dates

2016 - 2017

We would like to remind residents of our Council meeting dates as follows:

<b>2016</b>	
Monday 28th November	St. Augustine's Church annex
<b>2017</b>	
Monday 9th January	King Edward Hall Lindfield
Monday 20th February	Scaynes Hill Millennium Village Centre
Monday 10th April	King Edward Hall Lindfield
Monday 24th April	Annual Parish Meeting, Meeting of Electorate, Scaynes Hill Millennium Village Centre
Monday 15th May	Annual Meeting of the Council King Edward Hall Lindfield



We would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year!