



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

95% vote 'YES'!

After a long and gruelling struggle, the Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan was finally completed and put to the community in a Referendum held on 28 January. With a turnout of 28.6%, 1888 people voted for the Plan to help decide future planning applications within the 2 parishes. This equates to a figure of 95% in favour of the Plan.

The Plan will now be adopted ('made') by Mid Sussex District Council, at which point it will become part of the Council's development plans and help to shape future development in Mid Sussex.

The two Parish Councils, together with the community members of the 4 Focus groups who helped develop the Plan over the last 3 years, would like to thank all those who voted in the referendum (whether For or Against). It is good to see that the community is keen to have a say in its future.

The formal declaration of the result can be viewed on the District Council's web site at: <http://bit.ly/1TgDG0U>



Job vacancy: LINDFIELD RURAL PARISH COUNCIL Responsible Financial Officer

- Salary SCP 23 currently £10.84 per hour
- 10 hours per week including attendance at evening meetings
- Working from Scaynes Hill Millennium Village Centre

Lindfield Rural Parish Council has a vacancy for a Responsible Finance Officer to maintain all financial records of the Council and administrate its finances.

Candidates should be experienced and proficient in

the preparation of accounts, records for audit purposes and VAT. They will be expected to carry out payroll activities and provide financial reports for Council meetings. This experience should be backed up with a suitable qualification.

Candidates should be very competent in the use of MS Excel and preferably be experienced in using Local Council accounting software packages.

A high degree of accuracy and attention to detail is required in this post which will report to the Parish Clerk.

To download an application pack including a Person Specification, Job Description & Application Form to apply, please visit <http://www.sussexalc.org.uk/vacancies.asp> Please note that CVs will not be accepted, applicants must complete and return an application form to apply.

Closing date for all applications: 4th March 2016.

New Parish Clerk appointed

Following the resignation of Mrs Di Morgan, Mrs Vera Grainger, the former Responsible Finance Officer, was appointed Parish Clerk of Lindfield Rural Parish Council with effect from 1st January 2016. Vera brings a wealth of Local Government knowledge and experience to this position and all councillors wish her well and look forward to working with her. Council now has a vacancy for a Responsible Finance Officer and the details are shown elsewhere in this newsletter.

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 25th April 2016

Taking place at the Millennium Village Centre, Scaynes Hill at 8pm. This meeting will afford residents the opportunity to meet the Councillors who will report on this year's business. There will be guest speakers and an opportunity for residents to raise any questions. A glass of wine will be offered from 7.45pm and all residents are welcome.

Council meetings coming up

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