

Your Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan update

There's a survey coming through your door this summer. Your answers will shape how Pulborough develops over the next 15 years.

You live here. You use the shops, the garages, the trains and buses, the dustmen, the schools, the roads, the doctors, the water, the sewage system, the hospitals, the electricity, the broadband and the air you breathe. Things will change, they always do. You can't stop it but you can shape it. Pulborough is putting together a Neighbourhood Plan. You may have seen all the technical stuff in the last Bulletin. There are various hoops we have to jump through but at the end of the process we, the residents, will have decided how Pulborough should develop and that view will have the force of law behind it. Once it is in place anyone wanting to build in Pulborough can only build what the Plan says – what you will have voted for. Many other villages are doing the same. Arundel has already done it. The process

will take some months but there is just a chance we could get it done by the general election next May. Some people say that's optimistic but you have to have a go. The process has already started. Information is being gathered to put together a picture of the village as it is now. Most data already exists but not all in the same place but it soon will be available for everyone to see. That's a marker. We'll know how many elderly there are, how many schoolchildren, how many large houses and how many affordable ones and many other facts. We can then apply the recognised growth figures from the independent Office of National Statistics to show what we can expect to happen if we do nothing. We already know that some of those details will be frightening. Remember those words, 'Neighbourhood Plan'. When the survey comes, don't bin it. Look at it. Answer the questions and send it back. It's your village.

Parish Council information

For a full list of contacts at the Parish Council and a list of meeting dates please visit our website: www.pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk Agendas are posted on the Parish Council noticeboards and website at least three days before each meeting. Members of the public wishing to speak on an Agenda item at any meeting must inform the Clerk by noon on the day prior to the meeting. In addition, at Full Council meetings, if time permits residents may raise any issue with the Council although, if not about an agenda item, no discussion may take place at that meeting. Contact the Parish Office at:- Swan View, Lower Street, Pulborough, RH20 2BF Tel: 01798 873532 clerk@pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk www.pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

Allotments Available

The Parish Council has allotments available at its site off New Place Road. If you are interested in growing your own produce, please contact the Parish Office.

The Parish Office is moving

The Parish Council has outgrown its current home at the rear of the Village Hall and therefore will be relocating to a larger room on the first floor at the front of the building. The move will take place during the week commencing 30th June and therefore please bear with us if trying to contact us during that week as the phone lines and email will be out of action for some of the time.

Thanks to our Groundsman! The Parish Council would like to thank the Groundsman, Fred Bushby, for all his efforts in keeping our recreation grounds looking as splendid as they do. Comments about how wonderful the main recreation ground is looking are received not only from residents of the Parish but from visitors from neighbouring villages.

Chairman's Report

Much of the last 3 months has been taken up with the inaugural meetings to launch the Neighbourhood Plan. The Steering Group has been formed and has had several meetings but more people are still needed to form a good cross section of the community in some of the Focus Groups. Our Parish Clerk's office would be pleased to hear from anybody who would like to join.

We are hopeful of constructing a Trim Trail on Cousins Way Recreation Ground in the near future. Planning permission may be required and if so then we shall be submitting the necessary documents shortly; we shall also be contacting local residents for their views.

We currently have a very short waiting list for allotment sites; anybody wishing to take up this popular pastime should contact the Parish Office.

Work on the Memorial Garden will be started shortly in time for the official opening in August this year.

We are still in discussions with Horsham District Council concerning our application for a grant towards the restructure of the Sport Pavilion and the refurbishment of the changing rooms. The process is tedious I'm afraid but we are continuing to press them for a decision.

Architects for the proposed development to the south of Stane Street Close opposite Sopers Cottages which was granted a outline planning approval some 18 months ago have now submitted their reserved matters which effectively constitutes the final designs for the site. These in turn have been the subject of recent amendments. The standard public consultation period runs out shortly and I would urge anybody who has comments that they wish the Council to consider to submit those comments before that date.

Ray Qusted, Chairman

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