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YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Things continue to be busy at the Council!

The Planning Committee are, or have been, involved in considering a response to a number of large and somewhat complex planning applications. Cala Homes have now submitted a revised application for the site on Sopers Hill for which development had previously been granted to Hanbury Developments; this application is for an additional 16 dwellings.

Harwoods have submitted a plan to redevelop their existing site in London Road. Amongst other things this will be to comply with their dealerships' requests to conform to new corporate identity.

Willowmead have still to present their plans for approval to Horsham District Council (HDC) for the site to the west of the station and it anticipated that HDC will give their decision over the Autumn.

Other matters that are currently under review include the Youth Club and the Trim Trail. The Youth Club has now closed for the time being and the charity that previously ran the Club is now being wound up. The final siting of the Trim Trail is being held up until the location of all

the football pitches are finally established and alternatives to the Cousins Way location may be considered.

The Council is still actively involved in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. We have reached the stage where the Pre-Submission Document has been out for consultation and the Steering Group are meeting shortly to consider all the replies. The final plan will be considered by the Council in October and if approved will be submitted to Horsham District Council shortly afterwards.

The next phase of community engagement will be the actual poll which will be organised by Horsham District Council if the plan is approved by the independent Planning Inspector.

It is envisaged that this will take place in the Spring of 2016 and will be well publicised. Please also check the Parish Council website for updates.

If you would like to receive email updates on the progress of the Plan, please email clerk@pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk, giving your name and address and enter the subject as NP Mailing List Request. You will only be contacted regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and your email address will not be passed to any third parties.

We are hopeful of starting further work to improve Pocket Park once the current growing season has slowed down and plans are also under way to improve the open space to the rear of Rivermead.

The Parish Council is always looking for volunteers to assist with works at Pocket Park, Rivermead and the Memorial Garden. If you could spare a few hours and would like to get involved please email the Parish Clerk.

Ray Quasted
Chairman of the Council

Forthcoming meetings :

Full Council: 17th September, 15th October & 26th November

Planning & Services Committee: 3rd September, 1st October, 5th November & 10th December

Recreation & Open Spaces Committee: 10th September, 8th October & 19th November

Finance & Policy Committee: 24th September, 22nd October & 12th November

All agendas are published on the Parish Council website, www.pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk, at least three days before the meeting and members of the public are always welcome to attend.

How to contact the Parish Council:

In person: Parish Office, Village Hall, Swan View, Pulborough. Monday to Friday 9am to 12.30pm

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Pocket Park

You may have recently noticed works in Pocket Park to clear the stream and overgrown vegetation and improve the Public Right of Way (PROW) from the Recreation Ground through to New Place Road. The Parish Council undertook this work with the assistance of a grant from West Sussex County Council's "Operation Watershed". The improvements will not only make the area more open but will significantly improve the way the water drains in the area around the stream and will hopefully improve the flooding of the PROW during the winter months.

Work will continue, with volunteers, to continue to maintain and improve the area to ensure that this vital woodland habitat remains clear for all to enjoy.

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Superfast

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A brand new opportunity!

The FTTC upgrade to our local exchanges last summer was very welcome for most villagers unfortunately about 20% of us on long lines didn't benefit. With little likelihood of any improvement in the foreseeable future and the prospect of just getting the BDUK short term fix of satellite broadband vouchers to ensure that we can all get speeds above 2Mbps things don't look particularly promising. However, Chichester based Wireless broadband ISP Blaze Wireless is looking to extend its network into rural West Sussex from a mast on Bignor Hill.

Plans are now being finalised to provide residents and businesses with superfast fixed wireless broadband in West Chiltington, Pulborough and surrounding rural locations.

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If you are interested please visit www.blaze-wireless.co.uk for more information and to register your interest



Thank you. Peter Manfield, Village Nurseries, Sinnocks, West Chiltington, peter@villagenurseries.co.uk

LOCAL SCHOOLS

News from Pulborough Village Pre-School

We had a very busy summer term, with lots going on to help support our Friday Group children with their transition to Primary School. The Reception class teachers came to visit us at Pre-School and we took the children up to the



School, where they enjoyed pond dipping and then joined in with the Reception class children's activities and had lunch with them. We were also invited to see the School production of 'Joseph', which the Pre-School staff and children thoroughly enjoyed. It was lovely to see some former Pre-School children who now look very grown up.

We finished the term with our 'Leavers Party', which is always very emotional for the staff as we say goodbye to the children and parents that we have got to know so well. Thank you to them for the lovely cards, gifts and messages we received.

We are now getting ready for the Autumn term and looking forward to seeing everyone again and also welcoming some new families.

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What do you think of when you hear the word sustainability? Climate change, the environment and green living may spring to mind, but do you think about what you put in your shopping trolley too?



As supermarkets continue to cut the price of milk, we need to be aware of the possibility of small British dairy farms going out of business and ask ourselves if it is worth paying a few extra pennies for our pints to ensure the survival of this industry. This concern about low prices being paid to dairy farmers in the UK parallels Fairtrade's concern about low prices being paid to farmers in the developing world who grow many of the basic commodities we consume on a daily basis. Paying farmers anywhere in the world less than it costs to produce their goods is not sustainable and could ultimately mean the foods we enjoy become significantly less affordable.

People sometimes ask if buying Fairtrade means paying more. This can be the case, but not always. Most major supermarkets and food companies now supply Fairtrade certified goods at prices comparable to those of non-Fairtrade products. Some dedicated Fairtrade brands such as Traidcraft and Cafe Direct do cost a bit more. This is because these companies invest in training producers and helping them to set up their businesses, thus ensuring their sustainability for the future.

Not everyone has the luxury of being able to spend a bit more on their weekly shop but it is worth thinking about the real cost of cheap food and considering buying local and Fairtrade when we can. As the Fairtrade foundation's report "Britain's Bruising Banana Wars" pointed out, "A pint of milk or a banana is a healthy, nutritious part of our everyday diets. We should value their production and pay a price that supports farmers to produce them sustainably and to a high social and animal welfare standard." So, if you can, please consider buying Fairtrade and local products, helping to ensure they are available for future generations to enjoy.

Liz Sollom
Pulborough Fairtrade Group

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All aboard the Pulborough Minibus!

For any who may not be aware, and as a reminder to those who are, the Pulborough Minibus is an extremely valuable resource for the village and is proving to be a great asset for those who do not have a means of transport of their own.

For a modest fare members enjoy a door to door service as opposed to having to wait at bus stops in all weathers. Volunteer drivers and escorts are on hand to ensure the safety of the passengers and a pleasant social occasion is enjoyed by all!

We undertake regular trips to Horsham on 1st and 3rd Mondays and Chichester on 2nd and 4th Mondays in the month. There are also weekly local trips to Sainsbury's and Tesco on Tuesdays, the Village Hall for Lunch and Wednesday Clubs on Wednesdays and local village shops on Fridays plus a monthly run to and from Pulborough Village market on 4th Saturday in the month. These trips have been quite popular but we are always wishing to take as many passengers as possible to ensure the service is fully utilised. **Please contact Gerald Batt on 01798 872388 to book a seat.** There is a membership fee of just £5 per year for new members.

Thanks need to go to our drivers and escorts who give their time to provide this service. They are all greatly valued and any new volunteers who feel able to commit to the occasional morning or afternoon, be it once a month or once every three months please contact me, **Gerald Batt or Brian Ball on 01798 873008.** We are always on the lookout for new recruits.

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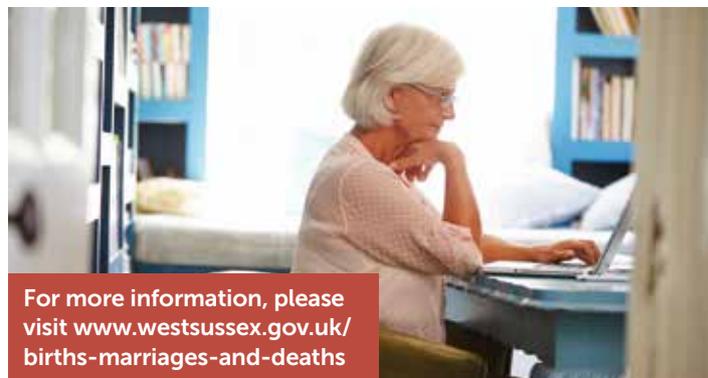
Losing a loved one can be a traumatic experience. There are lots of things which need to be done at a time when you least feel like doing them, including informing a seemingly never ending list of government departments, and local authority services.

That's why West Sussex County Council has introduced the "Tell Us Once" service. This is a Department of Work & Pensions (DWP) service which is offered during death registration appointments.

It's a free service, which notifies several government and council agencies of the death. These include:

- The DWP;
- HM Revenue and Customs;
- Identity and Passport Services;
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The Society also collects local historic information and where possible publishes reports and literature about the area; holds meetings, lectures and exhibitions; where possible gives advice and information to the general public.

Membership is open to all with a current fee of £8.00 for annual membership.

The Society holds seven lively meetings a year and provides a newsletter before each meeting. Meetings are held in the village hall, and this allows members to discuss any concerns they might have and how the society can help. It's also an occasion to catch up with friends and neighbours and meet new people.

Coach trips to places of interest are also arranged throughout the year. The dates for 2015 are 9th September (7.30pm), 7th October (7.30pm) and 11th November (2pm). The guest speakers at the meetings are always interesting and diverse; if you are a non-member and would like to go along and see if the Society had anything to offer you, they charge £2.

Please contact the Chairman Peter Jones on 01798 874249 for further information

Funding for Public Art and Recycling



Horsham District Council hold funds that have been paid by developers for improvements within the community.

Horsham District Council currently hold £15,920 for public art and £17,998 for recycling initiatives.

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