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Forthcoming meetings 2020

Full Council

(preceded by short P&S meeting)

17th September, 15th October and
26th November 2020

Planning & Services Committee

3rd September, 1st October, 5th
November and 3rd December 2020

Recreation & Open Spaces Committee

10th September, 8th October and 12th
November 2020

Finance & Policy Committee

24th September, 22nd October and 19th
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All agendas are published on the

Parish Council website, [www.](http://www.pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk)

[pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk), and
on our notice boards at least three days
before the meeting and members of the
public are welcome to attend.

Please note that due to Covid-19 and social distancing, meetings may be taking place online rather than physically, and scheduled meetings may be cancelled or changed: Please visit our website to check any cancellations or changes. Members of the public can still join online meetings – details will be on the meeting agenda.

Parish Councillor Vacancies

Pulborough Parish Council currently has 3 vacancies for a Parish Councillor.

Are you interested in or have questions about our local community? Would you like to serve on the Parish Council and work to influence the entire Parish including Pulborough, North Heath and Nutbourne as well as working with Horsham District Council and West Sussex County Council to provide a better place to live for all residents? The Co option to fill these vacancies will be considered by Council at a Full Council meeting following nominations received.

For further information or an informal chat please contact the Parish Office on 01798 873532 or email clerk@pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

From your Parish Council

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



I hope this report finds everyone well in this very difficult period.

In normal circumstances, May would have been a big month for your Parish

Council. Not only do we hold the Annual Parish Meeting for residents where we report on activities for the previous year and include speakers on topical subjects of general interest, but it is also the month where we hold elections for offices for the coming year. In order to ensure continuity in these difficult times your Parish Council decided to re-elect me as Chairman, Paul Clarke as Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Finance and Policy Committee, John Wallace as Chairman of the Planning and Services Committee and Edna Henly as Chairman of the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee. Covid-19 this year meant cancellation of all scheduled meetings and a move to online virtual meetings from late May. The decision was also taken to defer public consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan due to lockdown conditions.

Easing of restrictions on lockdown is now well underway as I write this article, with a cautious and gradual return to more usual patterns of life.

It is likely that all our shops will have opened by the time this newsletter is published. It has been an inspiration to see the way in which our shops and service providers have supported us as a community during lockdown. In addition, those shops and traders who were unable to operate in lockdown have organised themselves to relaunch their enterprises with appropriate social distancing and to combine to promote our shopping centres with new initiatives and a brand-new website. It has been a challenging time, and we should all do our best to support them now they are back up and open.

Our Parish Council office is still closed with staff working mainly at home. A staggered return is in progress and work is being carried out by email and virtual

meetings. These virtual meetings are open to members of the public in the normal way. Please contact the Parish Office in advance if you would like to attend or see agenda information on our website and notice boards. Our groundsman and litter wardens are back on duty and our Neighbourhood Wardens, as I am sure you know, remained on duty providing an excellent service to the community throughout lockdown. The sports pavilion is still closed, however most playground equipment, as well as gym equipment, is now open under social distancing measures.

In respect of footpaths and public bridleways, West Sussex County Council has suspended the 15 month Inspection and Maintenance Cycle, due to the pandemic, and is currently only taking action on Public Rights of Way where reported issues require work to ensure public safety on the network. Should any enquiry received not be of this nature, it will be logged so it can be prioritised and addressed in the future when normal working practices are resumed. The County Council is currently reviewing when it can re-start inspections in line with government guidance.

Following updated government advice, the draft Pulborough Neighbourhood Plan has now been launched, and the Parish Clerk has already received interesting responses from both individuals and organisations to the current consultation, which runs until 31st August. A separate report in this bulletin from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Chairman gives more detail of what the Neighbourhood Plan incorporates. Details for the consultation can be found on our website at www.pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk. The main draft plan pages are also being displayed in the shop window next to the Pulborough Exchange in Lower Street.

Wishing all residents good health,

**Ian Hare
Chairman,
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PULBOROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Your views needed!

Pulborough Neighbourhood Plan in draft form is now in consultation with the local community.

The plan covers around 250 new houses/flats in the period up to 2031. In addition, there are around 140 houses which have already been given planning consent, and in some cases are already under construction; and there will be a number of small developments in this period, generally infill developments of 1 to 3 residences which are not covered by the Neighbourhood Plan. This means that overall we can expect around 400 to 450 new residences to be built in Pulborough Parish in the period up to 2031.

It is important that we get as many comments as possible from local residents and businesses – this is your chance to shape our future. After the current consultation is over, the Steering Group will consider all written/mailed comments received, and are then free to amend the Plan. The Plan will then be passed to Horsham District Council to undertake their own public consultation,

and after this has been done and any amendments made the Plan will go to a planning inspector for consideration, then after any suggestions made at this stage may again be amended, and will then go to a public vote.

Although formal responses have already been received from a number of residents and organisations with an interest in Pulborough, there are still sections of the community where the response rate has been low. We are particularly short of comments from younger residents, and we would really like to know what your needs are if you anticipate living in Pulborough in the future. At this stage, even if you are under the voting age of 18, your comments are still very welcome. Also, if you work in Pulborough but do not live here, what needs to be done to make Pulborough a place where you would wish to live?

There are also issues that relate to older residents. The proportion of people over the age of 65 has been forecast to rise to around 40% of the overall population by 2025, and the proportion of people

over 80 will also increase significantly. This will place an increasing pressure on care/cleaning services in the village, and any older resident seeking to downsize will most probably need to find smaller accommodation within easy reach of the local shops, and of Pulborough Medical Group. Do you think that the draft Plan caters well enough for this inevitability?

We also have tried to ensure that sufficient importance has been given to the local environment and conservation areas; to the historic parts of the village; to the needs for recreational facilities, and links to existing public transport. Comments on all these aspects of the draft Plan are welcome.

Full details of the Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan consultation documents and how you can comment by the 31st August deadline can be found on the Parish Council website at **www.pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk**. All responses must be in writing, preferably using the Comments Form available, to Pulborough Parish Council either by post or email the Clerk at **clerk@pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk**. You will need to confirm your permission for your contact details to be used and forwarded to Horsham District Council (for further public consultation purposes).

Dr Andy Tilbrook
Chairman
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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With the easing of restrictions, many businesses within the Pulborough area have reopened.

In order for these businesses to thrive they need your support. If it's a cup of tea or a bite to eat you are after, both Little Bean Café in Lower Street and The Corn Store café at Swan Corner have the option to sit in, out or grab a take-away.

Hairdressers and barbers in the village have started to reopen with measures in place.

Gifts can be found at the Corn Store who, during lockdown, changed the layout internally to make a bright, welcoming environment to shop in. House gifts, as well as floral arrangements, are available from Clare and her team at The Flower Shop in Lower Street. Estate agents in the village have continued to operate and with the current change in stamp duty are no doubt busy!

Willmers and Hamilton Cole continue to provide an excellent local service for all things electrical – from a light bulb to a new television.



"It has been an inspiration to see the way in which our shops and service providers have supported us as a community during lockdown." Ian Hare, Chairman, Pulborough Parish Council

Food and drink shops in the village including the Pulborough Stores, Hennings Wine Merchants and Suters butchers have provided an ongoing service to the local community as well as the three food shops, Coughtreys Butchers, Pulborough Pie Shop and The Greenhouse at Stane Street Nurseries

The Pulborough Traders group has been extremely proactive arranging zoom meetings for traders to meet and exchange ideas as well as keeping each other informed on financial help available through the current situation. Visit their website at www.pulboroughtraders.co.uk to find all the shops and businesses in the area. You can pretty much get everything you need without leaving Pulborough! Please support them.

Allotment Plots The Parish Council currently have a few allotment plots available to rent. For further details, please contact the Parish Office on 01798 873532 or clerk@pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Your local school

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Well, what a strange time it has been! The school has been functioning, after a fashion, with only children from Reception, Yr1 and Yr 6 attending on a regular basis, along with the children of key-workers from other years.

They have been kept in class 'bubbles' of no more than 15 children, have eaten lunch in their classes (which they have very much enjoyed) and played in designated zones at play time. They have been trying really hard to observe the social distancing rules, which is difficult for young children, but I am very proud of the way that they have risen to the challenges of this year. The end of year celebrations for Yr 6 have been very different this year – for a start there was no summer production, which was a great shame. However, we were able to provide them with a 'socially distanced Prom' and the Leavers' Services took place, albeit in a different form, either as 'bubbles' or as Zoom events. The children were able to get their T-shirts signed by each other and say a fond farewell. The other children have been home school learning and we have been proud of the efforts and the

achievements for these children during this challenging time – we are really looking forward to welcoming all the children back in September.

It has been interesting to see how the changes we have had to make have been accepted by the children and some of the changes will continue into next term. We have put all the details of the changes in our newsletters, which can be found on the school website. Although we have not been able to host our usual 'walk around mornings' for our new entrants, there are plans afoot for new children and their parents to come by appointment and visit the school over the summer holidays; a letter has been sent to all new parents about this. We are very excited that next term we will be able to use our new outdoor classroom (pictured below) which has just been installed, very eco-friendly



with solar and wind-power to provide electricity inside. It will be lovely for the children to be able to have lessons outside in all weathers. In the school hall we have had some more wall-mounted equipment installed, climbing ropes and ladders, which are a splendid addition to the existing frame, ensuring that the children have the chance to experience many different forms of PE, both inside and out.

For further information about our school or to arrange a visit please contact the school office on 01798 872007.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very peaceful and happy summer.

Mrs S Copus, Headteacher, St Mary's CE (Aided) Primary School, Pulborough

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To add to their problems Nestlé recently decided to change cocoa certification for their KitKat bars from Fairtrade to Rainforest Alliance, in our opinion giving the producers less security on stable and fair prices and less control on how to spend any premiums.

However, there is also good news!

- Last year Traidcraft, a company only trading in Fairtrade goods, was in danger of closing but it has recovered well – very good news for their producers mostly in Africa, Asia and South America.
- Fairtrade West Sussex is made up of groups in several Fairtrade West Sussex towns as well as Pulborough and Lindfield, and representatives from West Sussex County Council (WSCC). All held activities in Fairtrade Fortnight in early March.
- WSCC has agreed to continue to support Fairtrade countywide.
- Existing Fairtrade Town groups are helping to 'grow' Fairtrade groups in three more West Sussex towns.

We are all aware that for many people, even in our village, these are sad and uncertain times in many ways including financially. This is also true for those who produce our tea, coffee, cocoa and bananas – all those things we like and can't grow here. So please, when you buy these and are able, choose those items which have the Fairtrade mark.

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**Rosemary Russell,
Pulborough Fairtrade Group**



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2. OR REPLY TO Pulborough Parish Council website's current Neighbourhood Plan 'CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM'. On Page 3 under 'Would you like to share any comments on the plan?' please clearly state your support for PCLT affordable housing in writing before the end of August.
3. OR FILL IN THE FORM BELOW to confirm your support to provide for affordable community owned housing and post or deliver it to: Pulborough CLT c/o PPC, Pulborough Village Hall, Swan View, Lower St, Pulborough. RH20 2BF

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