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Forthcoming meetings 2019

Full Council

(preceded by short P&S Meeting)

21st February

21st March

18th April

Planning & Services Committee

7th February

7th March

4th April

Recreation & Open Spaces Committee

14th February

14th March

11th April

Finance & Policy Committee

28th February

28th March 2019

25th April

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

CHAIR REPORT

As I write this report it is in the spirit of being able, finally, to see an end to the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Steering Group have identified the best sites for future development and have formulated Policies for the Plan as a whole. Much of this information is currently receiving a "health check" with either the District Council or with Aecom, our professional advisors.

Plans for a new Sports and Social Club are also now reaching fruition. We are hopeful that all necessary funding will shortly be in place and we will be in a position soon to present our proposals to the parish for their approval.

Elections will be forthcoming in May for both the District and for the Parish.

I would encourage anybody who wishes to make a difference and to help within the parish to submit an application to the District Council. Any help and guidance that you may need

in this respect will be available if you contact the Parish Clerk.

The village market was well attended just before Christmas. By the time that you receive this Bulletin the January one will have passed also and I hope you will find time to support it in February.

Volunteers are currently working for a couple of hours on Sunday mornings at Nutbourne Common removing bramble and silver birch seedlings. They could always do with more help if you can spare the time.

The Neighbourhood Wardens continue to help residents with many local issues and have undergone a move of office base. All their contact references remain the same.

Finally, we have obtained a substantial grant to carry out more work in Pocket Park from WSCC's Operation Watershed Programme. This will enable us to provide a better flow of water within the park and to continue with our clean-up work.

Ray Qusted, Chairman



Did you know you can meet your parish councillors at the monthly Village Market? The Parish Council regularly has a stand with councillors available to talk to residents, whether it's to ask a question, find out how to get something done or just a chat. Do come and meet us whilst you browse the goods on market days (4th Saturday each month, 9am-12.30pm, Village Hall)

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PULBOROUGH LAUNCHES FOOTPATH CHARTER

Pulborough Parish Council has launched a public footpath charter. Public footpaths cross public land and private land owned by farmers and householders. Landowners have an obligation to make footpaths accessible to individuals, and individuals using footpaths have responsibilities and obligations to the landowner. The charter defines each party's responsibilities and obligations.

Ian Hare, Vice Chairman of Pulborough Parish Council Recreation and Open Spaces committee (pictured left) said: "As a landowner with a footpath running through my property, I understand the responsibilities for maintaining it, and, as a footpath user, I'm disappointed when I attempt to use a footpath which is blocked or not maintained properly. I'm also conscious that some footpath users do not use the footpath responsibly when walking or running through my private land. I felt the time was right to propose that we draft a charter to publicise each party's obligations."

He went on to say: "The vast majority of walkers do respect the fact they are walking through either a farmer's or householder's land. However, some do not appreciate the fact that both they and their dogs should stick to the footpath and not stray into adjacent land. Equally, there is an obligation to clear up dog mess and litter, and not cause damage to the landowner's property."

West Sussex County Council has responsibility for working with landowners and footpath users to ensure that the amenity is maintained and used responsibly. Contact details for the officer responsible are provided in the charter as well as contact details for Pulborough Parish Council, which has close local knowledge of the footpaths within its parish.

Ian Hare 07850 364601

MAKE A CHANGE, BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR – ELECTIONS MAY 2019

Horsham District Council will be holding scheduled elections for all District and Parish council seats on Thursday 2 May 2019. Every seat on every Parish Council is up for election, including both those filled at the 2015 elections and any filled at a by-election or co-opted to the council since then. There is no automatic carry-forward of councillors. Anyone wishing to stand for election or re-election in 2019 must submit their nomination paperwork by 3rd April. If anyone would like to put themselves forward for election to the Parish Council please email Horsham District Council for more information at elections@horsham.gov.uk.

If the number of candidates is the same as the number of seats, the election will be uncontested, otherwise there will be a local election poll for votes from the electorate i.e. residents of Pulborough.

Pulborough Parish Council is calling on residents, passionate about their community to stand in the local elections in May 2019.

What do councillors do?

Councillors are the champions of their community and give residents a voice on the decisions the council makes. Becoming a councillor will allow you to make a real difference in your community by engaging with residents, local groups

and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on which services and projects the council should take forward; and getting involved locally to ensure the services are meeting your community's needs.

How long does it take?

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Local Councillor Census Survey found that councillors put aside, on average, three hours a week for council work. This often includes attending meetings, engaging with residents and speaking on behalf of the council to other bodies.

Can I stand?

There are only a few rules to stand for election. You must be:

- A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union;
- 18 years of age or older;
- Live in an area that is served by a local council.

How can I get involved?

To find out more, contact Horsham District Council at elections@horsham.gov.uk or Pulborough Parish Council at clerk@pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk, telephone 01798 873532, or visit www.nalc.gov.uk/elections

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community projects – enabling them to make better provision for themselves and their communities. In 2015-16, cocoa farmers earned around £22 million in Fairtrade Premiums and almost a quarter was invested in supporting farming families to meet their daily needs.

Where to buy Fairtrade Chocolate in Pulborough

These success stories, sadly, remain the exception and not the rule. Only eight percent of UK chocolate bars are Fairtrade certified but if you ask for Fairtrade wherever you buy chocolate that could increase!

You can already buy Fairtrade chocolate in Beneficial Health, Dyke Farm, Pulborough Stores, the RSPB, Sainsbury's, Tesco's and the Fairtrade Stall at Pulborough Village Markets.

Read more about cocoa farming and how Fairtrade is making a difference by visiting www.fairtrade.org.uk

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Hopefully you've all recovered from the festive season and are planning ahead for spring! We're holding some free fun half term sports sessions on Monday 18th and Friday 22nd Feb in the village hall – come along for some badminton and dodgeball. Although the evenings are lighter now, don't forget to use your light timers and keep an eye on your sheds and outbuildings as this is a prime time for opportunist burglars to help themselves to your lawnmowers and power tools. Are you noticing anti-social behaviour in your area? Are you telling the Police? We're encouraging residents to report anything of note into the Police so that they can help tackle these issues. If they don't know then they can't help! You can report online via www.sussex.police.uk or call them on 101. We can then work with the Police to help resolve anything reported. Don't forget our usual contact details – you can call us on 07584 337475/6 or email us on Pulborough.wardens@horsham.gov.uk Follow us on twitter too at @horshamwardens

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The Year 3 topic of Predators and Prey has begun with a visit by "Hawking About". The children were treated to a wonderful display of Birds of Prey. They were able to see

owls, hawks and falcons flying in the school hall and everyone was incredibly sensible as these amazing birds soared overhead. The children heard how the Barn Owls, Kestrels & Peregrine Falcons are adapted to hunting and what sort of prey they hunt. The children also had the opportunity, if they wanted, to handle the birds and examine their pellets.

Ancient Greece is the focus of year 5 this term and in order to launch the topic an exciting day full of all things 'Greek' took place in early January. During this wonderful day the children prepared and sampled various Greek foods; such as: pitta bread, tzatziki, pork souvlaki (kebabs), halloumi (Greek cheese), and Greek Salad. They learnt about Greek crafts and listened to Greek music. They also produced their very own St Mary's Olympics!

As a school we are very lucky that many amazing educational venues are so near to us such as the South Downs, the River Arun, Parham House and the RSPB Pulborough Brooks. At the beginning of February UK and Austria visited the RSPB and had an exciting day of activities including pond dipping and a sensory walk. Undaunted by the weather the children were fascinated by what they found in the pond and are eager to see if any of the same creatures can be found in the school wildlife pond.

These visits show the importance of a rich and varied curriculum and how learning takes place not just in the classroom. I would like to express my thanks to all the parents who help with these events and enable the children to experience such a diverse range of activities.

We always warmly welcome visitors to school to see what we are about, so if you are looking for a school place for your child, please contact us on 01798 872007 to arrange a visit.

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In Pulborough the convoy will arrive at about 11.40 am at the Lower Street car park and stay there until 12.25 pm when it will depart for Storrington. Pulborough Community Partnership will be marshalling as usual and the car park will be closed from early Sunday through to 1 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and see the wide variety of vehicles but please, if possible, walk to Lower Street as you well know what car parking is like!

The tour will finish at Leonardslee Gardens, which will have a variety of activities running all day, where there will be an afternoon tea for the drivers.

Horsham District Council is working collaboratively with our colleagues across the towns including the Parish Councils, Community Partnerships, local businesses – Premier GT and Pilgrim Motorsports and enthusiast groups including SADCASE (Storrington and District Classic and Sports Car Enthusiasts) and Oddballs, to make the tour the biggest, boldest, brightest and most fun ever.

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Church services over Easter in Pulborough are as follows:

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Starting at St. Crispin & St. Crispinians RC Church

Maundy Thursday – 18th April – 7.30pm

Sung Eucharist of the Lord's Supper followed by 'The Watch'

Good Friday – 19th April – 3pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Eve – Saturday 20th April – 8pm

The Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter

Easter Day – 21st April –

8am – The Holy Eucharist (Said)

10.30am – The Sung Eucharist

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Good Friday – 19th April – 10.30am Communion Service

Easter Sunday – 21st April – 10.30am, Family Worship Service.

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Passion of Christ, St Gabriels (Billingshurst)

Holy Saturday – 20th April

Easter Vigil Mass, St Gabriels (Billingshurst)

Easter Sunday – 21st April

8.30am – Mass, St Crispins, (Pulborough)

10.30am – Mass St Gabriels, (Billingshurst)