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closed until further notice and officers
are sometimes working from home.

Contact can be made by email, or leave
a message on the landline and we will
respond as soon as possible.

01798 873532

clerk@pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

Forthcoming meetings 2020/2021

Full Council

(preceded by short P&S meeting)

26th November 2020, 21st January
and 18th February 2021

Planning & Services Committee

5th November and 3rd December 2020,
7th January and 4th February 2021

Recreation & Open Spaces Committee

12th November 2020, 14th January
and 11th February 2021

Finance & Policy Committee

19th November 2020, 28th January
and 25th February 2021

All agendas are published on the
Parish Council website, [www.](http://www.pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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 are taking
place online and scheduled meetings
may be cancelled or changed. Please
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Members of the public can still join
online meetings – details will be on
the meeting agenda.**

Parish Councillor Vacancies

The Parish Council currently has one
vacancy 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?

Co options to fill this vacancy 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 clerk@
pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk**

From your Parish Council

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



I hope this report finds
everyone well in this
continuing difficult time.

Since the conclusion
of the Neighbourhood
Plan Reg 14 public
consultation at the end

of August, work has been ongoing to
analyse representations made. It is hoped
that very shortly the final version of the
Neighbourhood Plan will be ready to
submit to Horsham District Council for
the next round of public consultation.

The Council has also been looking
at the Government consultations
for proposals to change the current
planning system. It's pleasing to note
that Neighbourhood Plans still have a
role to play in the new proposals; but it's
of great concern to also learn about the
impact these changes will have locally
on Horsham District Council regarding
the proposed number of new houses
which will need to be built each year.
Our representations to the Government
consultations will object strongly to the
proposed number of new houses, and I
am conscious that other organisations,
including Horsham District Council and
the Campaign for the Protection of Rural
England (CPRE) are also objecting.

Representatives from the Parish
Council have been involved in discussions
regarding the A29 in Pulborough in terms
of volume/type of traffic and vehicle/
non-vehicle user issues generally. A
list of priorities for potential projects
of improvements has been drawn up,
putting major priority into Swan Bridge
and Corner as well as Pigeon Gate Bridge.
We are working with West Sussex County
Council to identify how projects can be
taken forward and funded.

A pre-application planning proposal
has been submitted to Horsham District
Council for the sports pavilion rebuild/
refurbishment project and we have also
finalised a business plan document for the
project.

Our Finance and Policy Committee is
starting work on our budget and precept
for next year. We will budget for all the
services which your Parish Council is
responsible for delivering and has taken
upon itself to provide as a service to our
community. These services include the
provision of Neighbourhood Wardens and
Community Youth Worker, playground
and outside gym equipment (and
their safety inspections/maintenance),
floodlight and enclosed sports pitch
(suitable for 5 a side football and netball),
a groundsman to keep all council owned
land maintained, grass cut and strimmed,
and sports pitches prepared, allotment

provision and maintenance, cleaning of
bus shelters and street furniture.

This current year's budget has included
the provision of Christmas trees in
December for many of the Lower Street
and Station Street traders. The businesses/
premises signing up to the scheme make
a small contribution but the overall cost to
the council is much higher – we hope that
this scheme for the community helps to
bring some cheer and encourages people
to shop in Pulborough.

You may like to know about the
Government's new Rural Gigabit
Broadband Voucher Scheme. The scheme
allows a joint application for multiple
users, eg a group of neighbours, to apply
for a voucher to pay local suppliers up
to £4,000 per household. The deadline
for applications is 31st March 2021.
Further details are available from Cllr Paul
Clarke, Horsham DC Cabinet Member for
Economic Development, or from Gregory
Merrett at West Sussex County Council, or
from the links below:

WSSC site: [www.westsussex.gov.uk/
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in-west-sussex/gigabit-capable-
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voucher-scheme](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/business-and-consumers/broadband-in-west-sussex/gigabit-capable-broadband/#rural-gigabit-broadband-voucher-scheme)

DCMS site: [https://gigabitvoucher.
culture.gov.uk/](https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/)

In other news around the parish, the
culvert on the WildArt Trail is now repaired
and the trail is fully open again.

Finally, I was pleased to be invited to
the recent launch of the slide display
exhibition on the history of Pulborough
Railway Station.

Ian Hare, Chairman

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With the continued uncertainty, these businesses need your support now more than ever. So why should we ditch the online shopping and visit our local towns and villages?

1. **Improved local economy:** Research has shown that for every £10 spent in an independent shop it provides a further £50 to the local economy by the fact that local shop owners and their employees spend their money at other local businesses – thereby creating a sustainable local economy.

2. **Local jobs:** An active and thriving town or village increases the opportunity for new businesses to open up and therefore increase the local job opportunities for people of all ages.

3. **Personalised shopping:** Local businesses are more passionate about

finding out what you want to buy and get to know you as individuals – they love feedback as it only helps them to improve their service next time.

4. **Local produce:** Local shops enable local producers – be it food growers or crafters to find a platform to sell their creations.

5. **Better for the environment:** If you live within walking distance of the village then by not using the car there is a reduction in air pollution.

6. **Helping local charities:** Local businesses are usually the go to when schools and other organisations need support with raffles or local fundraising efforts.

So next time you shop, consider whether your purchases can be made locally.

We are delighted to report that the monthly Pulborough village market is back with lots of wonderful stalls plus the cafe is open selling hot and cold drinks, cakes and breakfast rolls. Face coverings to be worn, social distancing and track & trace in cafe. Next event: 28 November



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PULBOROUGH SCARECROW COMPETITION WITH A DIFFERENCE CELEBRATES LOCAL LOCK-DOWN HEROES

Scarecrows celebrating individuals such as the village wardens, Saagar the owner of Pulborough Stores, a friendly postman and Dr Tim from Pulborough Medical Group were entered alongside broader representations of the NHS, fire service, police and refuse collectors in this year's competition.

Whilst the Harvest Fair, like many other events couldn't go ahead as this year, the Fair's Scarecrow competition continued with a twist. Scarecrows popped-up at homes and on street corners around the village, with judging taking place in front gardens.

Paul Latter, Leader of The Pulborough Harvest Fair Organising Committee said, "After a few requests on social media from people who miss the fair, we are very pleased we could still organise something for local families to get involved in safely. Thank you all for the great scarecrows and bringing a smile to everyone at this challenging time. It's been a great way to celebrate the village's lock-down heroes.

We look forward to next year and the return of the Pulborough Harvest Fair!"

The winning scarecrow is "The Operation" by Rex & Ella (pictured below).

Runners-up included Fireman Fred by Hugo, Friendly Postman by Rosie & Teddy and Pulborough Village-Preschool's Policeman Richard. (pictured next page)



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CHURCHES IN PULBOROUGH

Churches in our area are getting back to some form of normality in terms of weekly services while adjusting to current regulations. Details of main weekly services in Pulborough area are as follows:

Baptist

www.pbbaptist.co.uk
Sunday: 10.30am
Previously held in the Village Hall, but currently held via Zoom, please contact andytwilley@gmail.com for access details

Church of England

Parish Church of St Mary, Pulborough
www.stmaryspulborough.org.uk
Sunday: 8am The Holy Eucharist
10.30am The Parish Eucharist

Copy of the Sunday service with hymns can be downloaded from the website or Facebook page

Roman Catholic

St Gabriels, East Street Billingshurst,
01403 782128
<https://stgabrielsbillingshurst.org.uk>
Sunday: 8.30 am & 10.30am
The 10.30 service is streamed via the Parish's YouTube account, see website.

United Reformed Church

URC Lower Street
<https://pulboroughurc.co.uk/>
Sunday: 10.30am in the Church.
Also Sunday evening services on online Zoom service at 6pm – please contact Revd. Anne, 01798 872535, email minister@pulboroughurc.co.uk or Gerald Batt on 01798 872388, email secretary@pulboroughurc.co.uk for details.

The four Churches are planning services for the Christmas period, information will be announced on their websites when available.

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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- **wash hands** – keep washing your hands regularly
- **cover face** – wear a face covering over your nose and mouth in enclosed spaces
- **make space** – stay at least a metre away from people not in your household

If you are feeling unwell, get a test and do not leave home for at least 10 days.




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What a strange time it is! We are doing our best to make the school day as normal as possible for the children and they are adapting extremely well to the changes.

We were delighted that we were able to welcome Fr Paul, Mr Holloway and Mr Hancock into school for a socially-distanced Harvest Eucharist last month. Although we could only have a few children in the hall due to the restrictions, the service was live-streamed to all the classes so that they could take part. It was great to hear some singing again after all this time, the children in the hall sang and the classes hummed along quietly!

We are very keen that the children are able to take advantage of any good weather to get outside and exercise, so were very

pleased that the weather was good for our Invasion Games event. This was run by coaches from Horsham District Council with other schools due to compete over the coming weeks. With the dry weather and the field in perfect condition, the older classes completed a number of challenges in basketball, football, rugby, hockey and netball, practising the different skill sets associated with these sports. Great energy and enthusiasm was shown by all and a big thank you to the coaches from Horsham District Council for running the event.

We are hoping to run our next 'Virtual' event soon where the other classes in

KS2 and hopefully KS1 will be able to compete for the school. (see picture above)

Returning to the theme of music, Year 6 have begun their ukulele lessons, instructed by Mr Rogers. This is class tuition and they very much enjoy learning a new skill. Hopefully we will have our own ukulele orchestra before too long, with vocal accompaniment if we are allowed! (see above right)

Also in Year 6, as part of a collaborative photo-realism project, the children in SA class have produced an amazing portrait of Nelson Mandela in the style of Chuck Close. Each child worked on a small section of the picture, then all the pieces were put together to create the finished picture.



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

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www.westsussex.gov.uk/news

FRAUD ALERT

Elderly and vulnerable people across Sussex are again being warned to be wary of phone calls from fraudsters pretending to be from HM Customs and Revenue (HMRC).

Genuine authorities stress that people will never be texted or phoned out of the blue with requests to make payments, to log in to an online account or to disclose PIN numbers, passwords or bank details. Anyone receiving such contact is advised to hang up and report the call – preferably using a separate mobile phone or landline in case the criminals have kept the line open – to Police on 101 or Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040. Please ensure that any of your potentially vulnerable friends or relatives are fully aware and alert to the risks. For further advice, please visit the Sussex Police website. **www.sussex.police.uk**

TEST AND TRACE SCAM ALERT ISSUED BY COUNCILS

The Local Government Association says councils have received reports of fraudsters attempting to exploit the system through bogus phone calls, emails and text messages which ask for bank card details to cover the cost of the testing kit. The genuine NHS service is free.

SAFE SPACE FOR VICTIMS RELAUNCHED

Safe Space Sussex website is an online directory of local victim services, created by Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne. In response to the 'lockdown' and concerns raised around crimes like Domestic Abuse, this website has been upgraded and advice has been shared on social media (@SussexPCC) to help victims covertly reach out for help whilst stuck in isolation – search #SafeSpaceSussex. Safe Space Sussex has been equipped with a new search tool so that within 10 seconds, victims of any crime can find the service they need. It also has a 'leave site now' button that users can press to quickly exit the site.

Victims can also covertly let Sussex Police know they are in danger. The '55' technology is in place for those too scared to speak, to alert a call handler to the fact they need help by pressing 55 on their mobile phone once they've dialled 999.

www.safespacesussex.org.uk

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