

.... with East Dean and Friston Parish Council

Hello and Welcome

..... here are some diary dates in October:-

2 Oct – *Parish Council Meeting* starting with the public session at 6.30pm

28 Oct – *Rights of Way* starting with the public session at 6pm

28 Oct – *Planning Committee* starting with the public session at 7pm

30 Oct – *Council Surgery* at 10am at the Village Coffee Morning

Community Dividend

A number of suggestions were received for bids under the Community Dividend scheme outlined in earlier editions of *Rendezvous* and Parish Magazines. The submissions were reviewed and eventually reduced to five applications which were then prioritised. On 8 September, Charles Peck, District Councillor, heard presentations from the Chairs of the three parishes in his ward area. The council is pleased that all proposals were successful in receiving a contribution from the Dividend fund. In ED&F the five applications were: additional kit for the Community First Responders; equipment for Dinky Deans; flagpoles for the Parish Council's open spaces; a stoolball starter kit; and a contribution towards the refurbishment of the Pavilion. Cuckmere Valley and Long Man Parishes received contributions towards defibrillators.

Parish Council Elections - 2015

You may have seen notices around the village inviting you to become involved with district council elections next year. Well, how about becoming involved at



the Parish Council level? In May 2015 all nine East Dean and Friston councillors stand down (but are eligible for re-appointment). Are you interested in becoming a parish councillor? Reduction in ESCC and WDC's funding may see services we take for granted reduced in the future and the Parish Council could step in and fill the void in our area. You could help contribute to the activities of the council and make a difference by being involved in shaping the future of the local community. To find out more about what we do come along to a

Council (or committee) meeting. The dates and times of the next meetings are in this edition of *Rendezvous* and are also on the council website. Alternatively, call the clerk or any councillor for further information (details over).

Cold Calling Sticker

There has been some concern about the correct number to use when calling trading standards. Although a new number has recently been introduced (03454 040506) the number on the sticker recently issued (08454 040506) is still in use and you will be redirected.

Friston Pond

Friston Pond held up well during the dry conditions experienced in June, July and August. Materials have now been purchased for the platform to help reduce the slippery surfaces during the winter months.



Village Action Plan

The full list of live items on the VAP is posted on the three council noticeboards within the village and is available in the on-line library of the council's website. Three particular live issues on the VAP are:-

lighting - the surveyor responsible for all WDC car parks is assessing the possibility of discreet lighting in the village car park

highways - we are meeting with ESCC in October to further review a refuge/crossing and speed limits on the A259, and a footpath from The Outlook to the A259. However, many highway projects look for financial support from parishes via the *Community Match Scheme* – and some projects appear cost prohibitive

young persons – a small working group from the council and village hall trust is looking at extending activities for youngsters in the village. If you would like to help the group please contact Lucy, Village Hall Manager, on 892999.

Village Fete

The 2014 fete arranged on the Greensward by the Residents' Association was a great success. The Parish Council supports the fete and would not like to see it lapse, even for one year, but has decided it would not be able to organise it in 2015. However, it is willing to help whoever does manage next year's event.

Cuckmere Bus



The ESCC review of bus services will not impact on our Tuesday and Thursday service 41 as it is sponsored by the Parish Council. The service is thriving with over 1,000 passenger journeys undertaken in the five months to August. Bus passes are accepted on the service and the bus will stop to pick up or set down wherever it is safe to do so. There are three return journeys from

Eastbourne to ED&F each day and timetables for all Cuckmere Bus services are on the buses, in the village hall and available via the council website.

Pavilion

Refurbishment work started in August and the external cladding has now been replaced and painted. Wall insulation has been fitted and a new window installed in the kitchen. A replacement boiler has also been provided. Unfortunately, during the work some rotten uprights were discovered which needed to be replaced resulting in an overspend against budget.

Playground

The annual RoSPA safety inspection report on the play area has recently been carried out and highlighted some areas requiring attention. The work will be scheduled during the forthcoming budgeting round.

Village Design Statement

The updated VDS is virtually complete and the latest draft is available for review during October. The document is on the council's website from where it can be downloaded; alternatively hard copies are available from the clerk. Comments on the VDS should be sent to the clerk in writing or email. The VDS has regularly been discussed at council meetings and will be finally approved for release to SDNP at our meeting on 6 November. All are welcome to attend.

Finances

It will come as no surprise that there will be continued pressure on our cost base over the coming years for existing and additional activities as ESCC and WDC continue to cut back on their service levels (eg verge cutting and strimming). During the coming budget round we will therefore need to consider not only a possible growth in the service levels provided by the parish council, but also a potential increase in the level of precept. As a broad guide, an increase of 25% in the precept would raise an average Band 'D' home contribution by only £1 per month, and even then the council's precept level would still be lower than the national average.

Recycling and Litter Bins

WDC will be removing the communal recycling bins in Downlands Way as households now have their own recycling bins. (The freed-up land is believed to be part of the council car park, but separated by concrete bollards). In addition, several issues have been raised recently about overflowing litter bins and poor collection services. WDC are reviewing whether some bins are actually needed in their present locations, and they have even suggested that parish councils may wish to invest in a new style of bin. However, we are currently of the view that it would be best to remove all (or most) litter bins in the parish. This should then encourage people to take their litter away with them; notices would be placed where bins are removed: *Please take your litter home*. We are reviewing all bin locations and will make a final decision at our October meeting.

<http://www.parish-council.com/eastdeanandfristonparishcouncil/>

Your Parish Council

Parish Councillors

Stewart Fuller (Chair)	423710
Phill Hill (vice Chair)	423990
Tim Bryant	422442
Dave Cooper	422486
Ian Haydock	423920
John Hine	422275
Simon Hunt	423669
Rob Page	423484
Jen Sargent	422326

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Parish Council Meetings

The next two Council meetings will be held in the Small Village Hall at 6.30pm on:

2 October and 6 November

Residents are very welcome to attend, observe and participate in the public sessions. The agenda and minutes are placed on Council noticeboards and on the Council website.

Standing Committees

Name	Chair
Planning	Tim Bryant
Rights of Way	Phillip Hill

Finances for year to August

Receipts	£22,192
Payments	£11,556
Cash in Hand	£29,996

Privately Owned Greens

The council has agreed they will enter the next budgeting round on the basis that they will carry on supporting grass cutting of all village greens, regardless of ownership, either by arranging the overall mowing contract or by making contributions to individual land owners.

Email Register

The Parish Council has an email register for use in sending out urgent or important items or where timescales are short. If you would like to be included on the register please send an email, with your name and address in the subject line, to:

edfpc1@gmail.com