

# Rendezvous ....

September 2016

Issue 22

.... with East Dean and Friston Parish Council

## Hello and Welcome

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

**1 Sept** - *Parish Council Meeting* starting with the public session at 6.30pm

**20 Sept** – *Rights of Way* starting with the public session at 6.00pm

**20 Sept** - *Planning Committee* starting with the public session at 7.00pm

**29 Sept** - *Council Surgery* at the Village Coffee Morning at 10am

## Village Design Statement

The VDS has passed its 'cooling off' period, and now carries the full weight of a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The SDNP, as the Planning Authority, will be using our VDS in decision making and their officers will direct any potential developers to the VDS. We, too, will refer to it when commenting on planning applications and we will send copies to local architects. The VDS can be accessed from the Planning page on the Parish Council's website.

## Footpaths/Bridleways

The Parish Council looks after over 30 footpaths and bridleways within the parish boundary. These are shown on the Definitive Map which the East Sussex County Council has a duty to keep up to date, and which is shown on their website. Although the rights of way are not owned by the Parish Council it does have power to provide an oversight role and arrange maintenance works as required, including strimming and the laying of bark-chips in the spring and autumn. Each Councillor has agreed to walk a selection of footpaths on a regular basis and provide feedback to the RoW Committee, indicating areas of any further required maintenance. We are often asked to trim back hedges along the footpaths but the hedges tend to belong to neighbouring properties, so if your property is next to a footpath/bridleway it would be appreciated by users if you would kindly cut back any overhanging growth along the route.

## Public Seats

The Parish Council owns 32 public seats around the village, many of which are memorial seats, and the weather has taken its toll on a number of them. We are therefore in the process of determining a rolling maintenance schedule of (say) 6 seats per annum so all seats will be inspected and renovated (if necessary) every 5 years. Work should shortly begin on the first batch of seats.

## Litter Bins

After a detailed review of the litter and dog waste bins in the parish, and taking account of residents' comments, we have asked Wealden DC to remove two bins at Friston Pond, one in the Downlands Way precinct, one outside The Fridays, and one at the recreation ground; the latter to be replaced with the green-lidded bin from Downlands Way. Two new waste bins with flapped openings will be purchased to replace the two concrete bins in the village car park. All other remaining bins will be maintained with lids provided where missing. Two new green dog bins will be purchased for the village car park and the recreation ground.

## Did You Know?

Past copies of *Rendezvous*, from launch in November 2012, are available on our website. This edition is issue 22, so there's a lot of info available.



## War Memorial

Remedial work on the Monument is scheduled to commence in September. Cracking was noted around the base owing to the downward pressure of the weight of the structure's main body. There has been some settlement of the core and moisture has found its way in. Although there are no concerns about the structural integrity of the monument in the short-term, engineers' reports recommend early remedial work. A part of the works will include making the names clearer on the monument.

## Beachy Head Lady

This plaque was presented to the Village at the Village Fete to commemorate the historic find of this Roman resident in the area. The BBC were filming on the day and this will form part of a forthcoming BBC Two series on Black British History, in Late Autumn. The plaque is displayed on the Village Green.



## Playground Upgrade

Discussions have been held with local play area developers, and useful ideas collected on site design, accessibility, cost and durability. The relative merits of suppliers has also been discussed, and initial quotations have been received. Questionnaires were issued and collected at the Village Fete, the Barn Stores, and the Village Hall. Findings are now being assessed and a detailed report will be going to the October Council. Overall the cost could be in the region of £60k, so the next step will be finding sources of funding.

## Recreation Ground

The East Dean Cricket club has Saturday and Sunday fixtures on the ground throughout the season - the last three home matches this year will be on 3, 4



and 18 September. Why not pop along and give them your support? The East Dean Geebros Stoolball Team used the ground for the first time this year as their home ground. The stoolball season runs from April to July, and home fixtures are played on Tuesdays. Do make a note to come

along and support them in 2017. Fixtures for both sports will be on the PC website. Do you want to hire the pavilion for a half day/full day for a party or social? Give the Parish Clerk a call for details.

## Charitable Support

Each year the Parish Council selects a 'charity of the year' which will benefit from any fund raising activities we undertake, together with a donation at the year-end. Last year it was the Royal British Legion, and the two years before - St Wilfrid's and Multiple Sclerosis. This year we are pleased to be supporting the Beachy Head Chaplaincy (see our article in the September Parish Magazine). We also support East Dean Responders and Community Watch. The Parish Council helped start both organisations as they were both launched following Public Meetings organised by the Council - January 2009 (EDR) and November 2011 (CW). To this day they each carry out a first class role in supporting our village; we are very proud of them. To read more about the EDR and CW take a look at their pages on the PC website.

## National Number for Power Cuts

On 6 September a new national phone number '105' will be launched by electricity network operators for customers to call should they need to report or get information about a power cut in the area. Dialling 105 will put you through to the local electricity network operator – the company that manages the cables, power lines and substations that deliver electricity into homes and businesses in the area. Use 105 no matter who you buy your electricity from, and use it if you spot damage to electricity power lines and substations that could put anyone in danger. If there's a serious immediate risk, you should call the emergency services. And '105' is a free service for people in England, Scotland and Wales.

## Council Website

Use the address below or google "east dean friston council". Also take a look at the Village Hall website; the PC is custodian trustee of the Village Hall

[parish-council.com/eastdeanandfristonparishcouncil](http://parish-council.com/eastdeanandfristonparishcouncil)

[edfvillagehall.org.uk](http://edfvillagehall.org.uk)

## Your Parish Council

### Parish Councillors

Stewart Fuller (Chair)	423710
Ruth Maxwell (Vice Chair)	423397
Jane Branson	07855791558
Ian Haydock	423920
Phill Hill	423990
Amanda Hookham	422180
Michael Keller	422091
Jen Sargent	422326
Paul Seeley	422361

### Parish Clerk

Katrina Larkin

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### Parish Council Meetings

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

**1 September and 6 October**

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

### Standing Committees

#### Name

Planning	Mike Keller
Rights of Way	Paul Seeley

### Finances for year to July '16

Receipts	£26,677
Payments	£17,134
Cash in Hand	£45,679

### New Councillors

We are pleased to announce the appointment of two new councillors. Paul Seeley joined us in June after an engineering career with SE Water, starting as an apprentice and ending as Operations Director. He immediately accepted the Chair of the Rights of Way Committee. Then Amanda Hookham joined us in July. Currently studying mathematics, she has ambitions to join the Navy. Amanda brings a welcome and long overdue younger persons perspective to the Council.

### Email Register

There are over 500 addresses on our email register. To be included simply send an email, with your name and address in the subject line, to:

[edfpc1@gmail.com](mailto:edfpc1@gmail.com)