

.... with East Dean and Friston Parish Council

Hello and Welcome

..... here are some diary dates in December for meetings in the Village Hall:-

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

13 Dec - *Rights of Way* starting with the public session at 6.00pm

13 Dec - *Planning Committee* starting with the public session at 7.00pm

15 Dec - *Council Surgery* at the Village Coffee Morning at 10am

Sheltered Accommodation

We have set up a working group to undertake a preliminary investigation into i) the need for Sheltered Housing within the Parish, ii) the potential siting of such housing, iii) potential partnering arrangements with local councils, developers and related associations, and iv) further issues as identified by the group, which might include reference to fully supported accommodation. Initially the group consists of Cllr Ian Haydock (chair), Cllr Phill Hill, Maureen Honey, Tom Maxwell, Rob Page and our Wealden Cllr John Wilton; others may join later. The aim is for a report later in 2017 and a progress update will be given at the Annual Village Meeting in May (see separate article). In the meantime are you looking to downsize to a smaller property possibly within a sheltered housing scheme? Would you also support the village to get a Dementia care facility? Please let the Parish Council know your thoughts (see over for contact info).

Footpath Signs to/from Birling Gap

New signage is being pursued to keep walkers off the Birling Gap road especially in the area of the previous Sheep Centre. Subject to appropriate planning approvals one sign would be located at Birling Manor directing walkers to the coast at Belle Tout, and one at Birling Gap directing walkers to the village either via the Went Way or via Belle Tout. ESCC and the National Trust have been consulted and are supportive of our proposals.

Satellite Dishes

Normally you do not need to apply for planning permission to install a satellite dish on your property as long as there will be no more than two dishes (or one dish and a TV or radio aerial) on the property overall and the dish is not installed on a chimney, wall, or a roof slope which faces onto, and is visible from, a road; and is not higher than the roof line or chimney if present. For nearly all properties in ED&F this means that it should be possible to install a satellite dish unobtrusively without the need for planning permission. When talking to your dish installer



make them aware that National Park restrictions apply so they do not attempt to install the dish in an inappropriate position. For further details, including advice from SDNP, see our website under the *PLANNING* tab.

Airbourne

Temporary traffic lights were provided at Exceat Bridge this year and traffic flows through the village had been more acceptable than in previous years. However, this may have been partly due to a reduction in the number of visitors compared with 2015. Nevertheless, lights will be used at Exceat during future Airbourne events unless and until a new bridge is provided (est £2m).



Bonfire Night

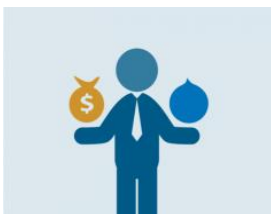
No Parish Council-arranged Bonfire Night was held in 2015 or 2016. This was primarily owing to the need for greater volunteer support to help manage the growth in attendees. During this year a number of meetings were arranged for residents to attend and offer their support for a 2017 event. Although some support was offered it was not as significant as had been hoped to ensure the safe and smooth management of an event next year. We therefore agreed that no Parish Council-arranged event will be held in 2017 but consideration will be given to a 2018 event around mid-2017. It was interesting to note the high level of hits on the PC website at the start of November - similar to past years - no doubt people checking for details of any Bonfire Event in East Dean.

Police Budget

The Sussex Police budget is mainly funded by Government grant and by the police precept which is part of the local council tax. The Police Commissioner is asking for views on around a £5 pa increase per household in the police precept to help raise funds for an additional 100 officers and specialist staff. These would cover Community Crime Teams, Youth Teams, Firearms Officers and Public Protection Investigators. Have your say via the Commissioner's website – the consultation period is open until January 2017: sussex-pcc.gov.uk.

2017/18 ED&F Budget

The budget and precept is set annually in January along with a review of the following three years. Two major projects currently being planned are the playground upgrade and Friston pond traffic management; both in addition to maintenance of the pavilion, recreation ground, public seats and other assets, and the mowing contract. Any potential shortfall in funds which may arise from a major scheme or asset maintenance programme may be met by one - or a combination - of tapping into reserves; debt financing; a precept increase; support grants; or a re-phasing of other major planned expenditure. The draft budget will be considered at our December meeting before being submitted for approval in January. Why not come along to one.



Annual Village Meeting

When the festivities are over, please make a note of the forthcoming Annual Meeting - **Thursday 11 May 2017** in the Village Hall. Clubs and Societies will again be invited to have displays on show before the formal meeting. Last time over 100 residents attended. It is your meeting so what would you like to be covered? Let's have some ideas, ideally by the end of January to allow us time to plan. Currently we're thinking of updates on 'sheltered accommodation' and 'local policing'. More details nearer the day.



Listed Buildings

Following a number of enquiries here is a copy of an article from the September 2013 *Rendezvous*. 'According to *English Heritage*, the Parish has some 34 listed buildings. Grade 1 are of exceptional interest, sometimes considered to be internationally important; only 2.5% of listed buildings in England are in this group and we have three - *Friston Place* and our *two churches*. Grade II* are particularly important buildings of more than special interest; 5.5% of listed buildings in England are in this category and we have two - *The Cottages to the North of Friston Place* and *The Dipperays and Gazebo*. Grade II are nationally important and of special interest; 92% of all listed buildings in England are in this class, and we have 29 in this group.' Take a look at *LINKS* on the PC website.

Recyclable Material Collections

Some of the recycling vehicles have a separate compartment for glass but once this compartment is full the crew have to put the glass into the second compartment which is normally used for mixed recycling. The older, and the smaller vehicles of the fleet, and sometimes hire vehicles, do not have a separate compartment so the glass & other recycling have to go in together. It is envisaged that all vehicles will have the two separate compartments at a later date. If waste streams are mixed at the time of collection, the glass is separated out at the *Materials Reclamation Facility* to ensure all materials go to the appropriate recycling route. There is obviously a cost associated with the separation of glass at the depot so please keep separating glass at your homes.



Website

Use the address below or google "east dean friston council". Our website is regularly updated with news items, the minutes and summaries of our monthly meetings, plus community issues. Is there any specific types of info you would like us to consider including? Do let us know edfparishcouncil.org.uk

Your Parish Council

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Parish Council Meetings

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

1 December and 5 January

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	Chair
Planning	Mike Keller
Rights of Way	Paul Seeley

Finances for year to Oct '16

Receipts	£51,861
Payments	£28,611
Cash in Hand	£59,386

Birling Gap Steps

Work should begin around mid-February and be complete by Easter. Signs will be placed advising beach visitors there will be no access/egress at Birling Gap during the work period.



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