

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Summer Parish Council Newsletter. The forefront of our minds at UBPC has been the Neighbourhood Plan. We are at the stage when public engagement is crucial. If we do not have enough interest in the plan then it will not be approved. Such a failure would mean that we would miss the chance to have greater influence on the development of the Parish with respect to housing, business, the local economy, recreation and environment. We would also lose potential financial benefits that would allow the council to improve things in the Parish. If you have an interest in helping please get in touch. We will be out and about at public events, so if you see us come over and let us know what you think.

The Annual Parish Meeting in April was the best attended for years. Thank you to all who came along and especially to those who helped set everything up. The main topic was the Neighbourhood Plan with speakers from Horsham District Council and South Downs National Park. We had a public Q&A that was lively and useful. For the council we heard a lot of your thoughts on local matters: The cement works is something many people would like to see improved, there are concerns about rumoured plans for housing on Pound Lane, the drainage and sewage system in some parts of the village is inadequate.

The cement works may be an eyesore but there are a lot of small businesses using it that could grow and benefit the local economy with jobs and skills. To remove it will be complicated with issues of asbestos etc. and the site has many important wildlife habitats. Council discussions with representatives of the SDNP indicate that they see the future of the site as being a visitor centre for the National Park. The PC would like to consider more ambitious plans that would offer more than just a few jobs in the hospitality sector. The Eden Project was made on a similar site, could we do something similar?

The problems with our waste water infrastructure are becoming critical. Currently HDC is consulting over a draft schedule for the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) that lists charges for developers, including those for improvements in water infrastructure. We have written expressing concerns that our drains and sewers need upgrading to deal with current demands and that wetter weather and more houses will swamp the system. The people who already suffer from sewage issues have had enough, we need to fix the system and improve it for the future,

The Parish Council would like to be doing more but we are short handed. We have 4 vacancies in Upper Beeding and 1 in Small Dole. We could do so much more if we could fill these vacancies. It's not about party politics, parish councils are all about the local community, we are the most accountable and approachable level of public office. Contact Steve Coberman if interested.

As Chairman I would love to have people with different viewpoints to add to our debates because it helps us to make better decisions. Come along, you might like it!

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Send any feedback on the Newsletter to Sean:

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For latest news and updates: http://upperbeeding-

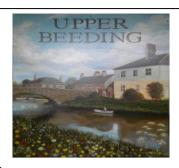
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Upper Beeding Parish Neighbourhood Plan Including Small Dole & Edburton

The Localism Act has changed the Planning System and gives local people more control. As a resident or business in the Parish we need your views, ideas and opinions to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) of what we want, need, or even do not want in the next 20 years for the Parish.

We have a huge opportunity to generate a robust plan for now and our next generation.

Why bother?

No plan could mean higher risk of development where we do not want it. We will also be in a stronger position to get facilities we need and more money from Horsham District Council. We could also run a local enterprise, like a shop or pub

Neighbourhood Plan so far....

We have a small Team, we have grants, we have an agreed designated Area. We have tried to engage the community but only 10% of you responded to a recent questionnaire. Your Top Issues were-

- The condition of the redundant Upper Beeding Cement Works Site
- Perceived average speed in the villages
- The lack of activities for the youth of the villages
- Insufficient public transport and affordable housing

The small team is divided into focus groups to handle areas of concern. We would welcome more people to join and help in any way, we are not experts, we just live here like you!

1. Environmental & Countryside

built and natural environment, open spaces, conservation areas, allotments and community gardens/open spaces.

2. Community & Infrastructure

existing facilities and assets, new facilities, centres, health, education, roads, utilities, IT, social and leisure.

3. Local Economy

employment, retail, businesses, tourism, sites and locations.

4. Transport & Traffic

public transport, parking, cycle paths, footpaths, bridleways.

5. Housing & Development

mix of housing, design control, potential sites, land,

What next?

The team will be attending community events to spread the word and get your views/ideas/concerns

- The Upper Beeding School Fair 21st. June,
- The 3Bs Fete 12th. July
- Small Dole Summer Show, 16th. August
- Rising Sun Beer Festival, Aug Bank Holiday
- Pub Quizzes, etc...

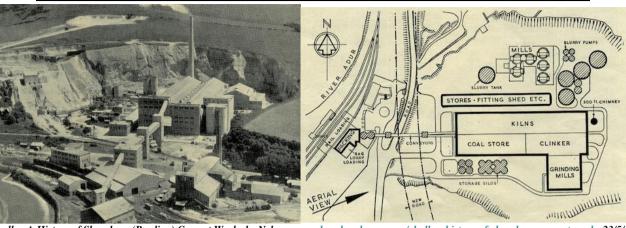
(Early next year we may have a plan to share but it might not happen if YOU don't engage)

If you wish to get involved, have an idea for community engagement or ideas/concerns to offer any of the focus groups please contact **Sean Teatum on 07795981969 or teatum@btinternet.com** or via the Parish Council website. Find out more details on http://upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/





A LITTLE HISTORY ON THE OLD BEEDING CEMENT WORKS



(Reference: Chalk – A History of Shoreham (Beeding) Cement Works by Nelson www.shorehambysea-com/chalk-a-history-of-shoreham-cement-works 23/5/14.)

Known to many as Shoreham Cement Works the site is actually midway between Upper Beeding and Shoreham along side the River Adur. A chalk pit existed there since 1725 and probably long before. Lime burning had been carried out throughout the country for many hundreds of years but the need for sufficient supplies of coal and clay in the larger scale processes meant that lack of adequate transportation made this impossible until the industrial revolution. Coal and clay was then shipped in to Shoreham and onwards upriver in barges to the quarry kilns. By 1814 a large and successful trade in lime existed which was carried upriver for use on the land and almost certainly downriver to Shoreham and beyond as a constituent for lime mortar.

During the 19th century demand for cement as a more durable construction material increased. Even Shoreham had its own 'cement house' and 'cement mill' that ground lime clinker from the quarry. There was ample wharfage along the riverside between Shoreham and Kingston for storing materials such as chalk or lime for export.

The early years of the twentieth century saw the works grow considerably in size when new buildings and chimneys were built on the west side of the road. As the cliff face was gradually ground back and further from the kilns a tramway was used to convey the chalk for processing

As cement production grew a nearer source of clay was discovered during the start of the 20th century at Horton. This was purchased by the cement works, dug out then transported down river in barges to the works. This was later pumped in slurry form from Horton in a large pipe - the resultant clay pit west of the road before you enter Small Dole is where the Viridor infill site is.

After an intermittent production period during WWII and under its later name of 'Blue Circle' the plant was completely rebuilt from 1948 to 1950 mainly on the cleared ground east of the road. Considered at that time to be state of the art, Shoreham was the first to use the latest Vickers Armstrong kilns. One of the earlier kilns was retained to supplement the others but was labour intensive, expensive to run and shut down in1967. The Vickers Armstrong kilns, whilst highly successful and much copied originally were converted to filter cake feed in 1983 with a filter press. As it turned out though, this arrangement was ultimately, found to limit production due to its high dust loss and was one of the reasons responsible for the plant's closure.

All the new buildings in the plant were made of pre-cast concrete blocks. In addition the conveyors and supporting towers were clad in asbestos cement sheet and the claim at the time was that the effect of all this made the presence of chalk dust virtually unnoticeable.

During the 20th century Shoreham cement was used in huge quantities for many major construction projects all over the UK, as well as becoming the most commonly seen cement bag on building sites, the bags with the Portland Cement Company's Blue Circle logo. The plant employed 250 personnel in 1968 and rose to 330 by 1981. After achieving a production rate of 250,000 tons of cement a year at its zenith during which it ate away a whole hillside, the works finally closed down in 1991.

Nature restored the foliage of the countryside around it to a healthy green in a surprisingly short time. Amazing how the flora and fauna survived that choking dust. Once a busy and imposing industrial relic from an age when there was no statutory requirement to return the site to its natural state now stands slowly crumbling, ugly and vandalized. If you would like to visit the Beeding Cement Works, we are working with SouthernTransit Buses and Hargreaves to see if we can open up the Works for a Saturday in August with bus trips from Upper Beeding. Let us know if you are interested: Email Sean: teatum@btinternet.com





ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 24th APRIL

We had cake, we had tea, we had information on Neighbourhood Planning, we discussed the Cement Works, we had discussion on school paths and road crossings, we had concerns on developers around Pound Lane and sewage problems, we heard about possible closure of our PO, we had feedback and ideas but most of all I believe we had an informal meeting with lots of fun. Hope you all thought so to.....the real boring stuff you can see on our website. You can also follow what is happening with issues raised through the Council Minutes and through the Newsletter:



(Some pictures from Neighbourhood Plan Team at the APM)

DO WE REALLY WANT MORE DUMPER TRUCKS ON OUR ROADS

(The Possible Reopening of the Horton Waste Tip)

I write this as a long time resident of Upper Beeding and Small Dole. The views and opinions expressed here are personal.

By the time you read this Viridor will have held a consultation meeting in the Beeding Village Hall which some of you will have attended. They wish to promote their proposal to reopen the tip for a further period of 1 to 2 years in order to fill in a designated SSSI (Site of Significant Scientific Interest). This was originally demanded by 'Natural England' as part of the original planning permission to enable access to the gault clay that was the material which was used in the process of making cement until the works closed in 1991.

The design of the SSSI resulted in the exposed face of clay that was contained as part of what became a hole between the body of the tip and the road immediately to the south of Small Dole. The sides of the clay face are very steep and not easy for any student or archaeologist to access safely. My view is that 'Natural England' got it wrong and they should take some responsibility for their original decision. Now the tip has officially closed and restoration is nearly complete Viridor have been left with a hole in the ground that they have to maintain and empty of water from time to time. Their solution is to fill it with inert waste, meaning any waste that presumably does not result in water or air harming effluents.

Viridor wish to justify the proposal for safety reasons and that the erosion of the clay could be a threat to the adjacent A2037. The highways Dept. of the WSCC discounted this as a reason last year when questioned. It would suit Viridor to fill in this hole and there would obviously be significant revenue resulting from reopening the tip.

If West Sussex finally grants planning permission to any application then it means that Small Dole and parts of Beeding, Woodmancote and Henfield will be subject to the return of a daily stream of 20 ton tipper trucks driving through. We all know what that was like; the noise, dust, vibration and filthy roads especially now as the village has returned to normal traffic levels. If this was to happen would the Parish have renewed access to the benefit of the Landfill Tax? Who knows!

I think we have to decide as a community whether or not we wish to support the proposal and suffer the consequences should it happen. If it does, what do we as a community get in compensation because we need to fight for it now NOT after the event. If we do not want it under any circumstances then we need to say so individually and collectively and make sure that the appropriate authorities know of our wishes.

In order to gauge the majority of public opinion correctly should we consider a local referendum to take in the views of the residents of Small Dole and those affected along the route taken by the tippers along the A2037 from Beeding to Henfield? I propose we organise a meeting of the residents in early June to discuss the issue and plan the position we should take. Please let me know your thoughts, send me an email to Chris Warren:

chris cwarren@btinternet.com or call me on 01273 493456





NEWS & GOSSIP AROUND THE VILLAGES

- 20mph Zone. The proposal to set up a 20mph zone within the village from the boundaries of the Bridge in the High Street, the roundabout at the Rising Sun and the junction of Manor Road and Henfield Road and in Dacre Gardens, plus reducing the speed limit on the Henfield Road was accepted at the CLC meeting on 5th March. It doesn't mean its going to happen yet but will be reviewed and further consultation carried to move it forward. Small steps but unfortunately it all takes time.
- South Downs National Park Local Plan Options Consultation. Did you submit any views to the recent consultation: www.southdowns.gov.uk/planningpolicy There is a section on the Beeding Cement Works which reads: Shoreham Cement Works, Upper Beeding A large former chalk quarry and semi-derelict works in the ownership of a developer but leased to a waste operator and to various temporary users (west of the A283). This is one of the most prominent sites in the National Park, in a key location where the Park is at its narrowest. It is allocated in the existing Local Plans for employment use. A previous proposal for mixed-use development was rejected on appeal mainly because of the proposed housing content on the western part of the site. (You will have to go to the website to read the comments) You will see it's a key issue within our Neighbourhood Plan. Have you any ideas for the site Email teatum@btinternet.com
- Mindless Vegetables!! Please be vigilant, Upper Beeding has seen an attack on various flowering trees in the village. These had been planted with love and care for the benefit of the community and not for consumption; (it being better to wait for when the fruit has ripened in Autumn). Those who perpetrated these obscene actions must be some sort of 'vegetable' themselves because surely we cannot be harbouring vandals in our midst that would stoop so low as to break off young trees to prove something that is beyond normal understanding. These trees cannot be replaced now until next year, lets hope they will be left to grow and be a credit to the village. If you have any information on this act of vandalism please contact the PCSOs on 101 (ext. 584219) or the local Warden, Paul Conroy on 07734387889.
- Call 101 to help stop illegal off-roading in the countryside. People witnessing illegal or anti-social off-road driving on paths in the countryside are being asked to report it to the police using the new 101 phone number. Sussex Pathwatch is a special service set up to help protect the safety of everyone using rights-of-way, fields and woodland to prevent the damage that illegal off roading can cause. Call 101 or email contact.centre@sussex.pnn.police.uk. A recent success was a case of motor cycling on a Site of Special Scientific Interest near Small Dole. The site holds 3 nationally rare habitats and supports a rich community of rare butterflies and moths, was blighted by motorcyclists who had even brought in equipment to dig tracks. Following calls to Sussex Police they were able to catch and serve notice that if they reoffend in the next 12 months their vehicle will be impounded and possibly crushed. The activity has now stopped.
- **Best 6 Logos for our Neighbourhood Plan** will be voted on and the Winner of the Competition announced at the FUBS Summer Fete on 21st. June.
- A new Bus Route 3 (Adur Valley Line): The route is a special service operating through the Summer holiday weekends as a leisure & tourism service for the following towns/villages. Shoreham, Upper Beeding, Bramber, Steyning, Small Dole, Henfield, Shermanbury, Partridge Green, Littleworth, West Grinstead, Buckbarn, Southwater & Horsham. It will run up the Adur Valley, following the route of the former Shoreham Horsham Railway. More info will be provided on: www.southerntransit.co.uk.shortly.

SMALL DOLE TUESDAY CLUB

Welcomes new members and visitors to their once a month meetings, held at Small Dole Village Hall. Meetings start at 7.30 pm. Speakers for the following three months are:-

- June 24th The History of Henfield
- July 22nd A Talk About Bread
- August 26th Skittles and Pizza at the Bull Inn, Shermanbury.

For further information please contact Mrs Iris Woolven, telephone no: 01273 491574

BEEDING & BRAMBER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Beeding and Bramber Horticultural Society is a thriving local organisation, always willing to accept new members. Our membership of about 180 comes not just from Upper Beeding, Bramber and Small Dole, but also from other nearby towns and villages. To rent an allotment, contact the Parish Clerk, Steve Coberman on 01903 810316 or Email: upper.beeding@btconnect.com. For the Horticultural Society or the Allotment Holders Association contact Denise Rose on 01903 816199 or Email: denise.rose3@btinternet.com





BEEDING IN BLOOM SUMMER EVENTS

- SATURDAY 21st JUNE We have Plant Stall at School Summer Fete
- First 2weeks in July GARDEN COMPETITIONS JUDGED

You can enter your front or back garden in only one of the following categories:

"Newcomers", "Mainly Perennials", "Courtyard", "Hanging Baskets & Containers" or "Edible & Integrated". (Newcomers mean first-time entry) There are two categories for allotment holders.

• SUNDAY 20th JULY (2.30 - 5pm) CREAM TEA, PLANT & CAKE SALE AT FARTHINGS, HENFIELD RD. The winners of the Garden Competitions will be announced at 4 pm. No parking available in Henfield Road.

BEEDING & BRAMBER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY PROGRAMME FOR 2014

Meet on the **first Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm in the Village Hall**. (*See PC website for more details*) All are welcome and non-members can attend for £2. Membership of the Society is only £5 a year, or £9 for two people at the same address. Contact history.beeding@mypostoffice.co.uk. Read more about us on the Upper Beeding Parish Council website or that of Steyning Museum or telephone 01903812847 for further information from Pat Nightingale -

Wednesday March 5th AGM followed by Recent Excavations in Chichester by Diccon Hart

• Wednesday April 2nd Sussex in the Great War by Kevin Gordon

• Wednesday May 7th The Lost Village of Tidemills by Joanna Wilkins

(For more information about any of the above ring Tricia on 01903812366)

• Wednesday Sept. 3rd Movies and Memories by Matthew Jones

Wednesday Oct. 1st
 Steyning Grammar School, 400 years of Education by Janet Pennington

• Wednesday Nov. 5th Bonfire in Sussex by Sue Djabri

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY WORLD WAR 1 PROJECT

The 3Bs (Beeding, Bramber and Botolphs churches), the Local History Society and other interested people are studying the impact of WW1 on life in Beeding and Bramber.

We know the names of the servicemen who died, because their names are inscribed on the war memorials in Bramber, Beeding, Edburton and Small Dole. One of our members has researched all those people. We are now trying to trace their descendants, so that they can be invited to any events that are held, and to give us more information about them.

But just as important are those who went to war and survived. They are harder to trace, though we have learned of some. If you can tell anything about any of our villagers who served in WW1 and came home again, or if you can put us in touch with their descendants, we would be pleased to hear from you.

A display of our findings will be held in the Gladys Bevan Hall in November.

If you would like to help with this project, get in touch with the local history society on 01903 812847 or at history.beeding@mypostoffice.co.uk



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PC MEETINGS IN UPPER BEEDING VILLAGE HALLUNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

June	3rd	Planning Committee, Council
	17th	Planning Committee, Policy & Resources Committee
	24th	Cemetery Committee
July	1st	Planning Committee, Council
	15th	Planning Committee, Amenities Committee, Sports & Leisure Committee
Augu	st	No meetings
Sept.	2nd	Planning Committee, Council (at Small Dole)
	16th	Planning Committee, Amenities Committee, Sports & Leisure Committee
Oct.	7th	Planning Committee, Council
	21st	Planning Committee, Policy & Resources Committee
Nov.	4th	Planning Committee, Council
	18th	Planning Committee, Amenities Committee, Sports & Leisure Committee

THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY & GLORIOUS SUMMER

Please send Sean: teatum@btinternet.com

Any article / contribution / questions by 24th August. 2014 for our Autumn / September Edition



SMALL DOLE SUMMER SHOW
MACKLEYS FIELD 16th. AUGUST
Dog Show, Flower Show, Cakes & Lots more,

Dog Show, Flower Show, Cakes & Lots more, Be there or you'll Miss it!!





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Creative Art Club Small Dole Village Hall



Starting Friday 12 September 2014 10am - 12.30pm £4 per session including refreshments (paid monthly in advance)

We are non profit making and welcome adults, of all painting abilities who enjoy being creative using any media. Make new friends in a relaxed, informal environment.

For more information and how to join us, go to our website

www.creativeartclub.co.uk



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(Support UB Football Club)

Good Beer, Good Food, Good Music, Good Fun & Good Company Barry & Sue would love to see old friends & new, why not pop in or call 01903814424

http://www.therisingsunupperbeeding.co.uk/

August Bank Holiday,

Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday Beer & Music Festival, Live Bands, Hog Roast, BBQ & Lots of Fun. Come Along

