

Upper Beeding Parish Council

For the Parish of Upper Beeding, Edburton and Small Dole

Newsletter Winter 2018

Website: <http://upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk/>

Chairman's Message

Hello and welcome to our Winter newsletter.

Previously I had to announce the retirement of our clerk, Steve Coberman. After ten years he's now left us to pursue a life of leisure. Happily we had the good fortune to be able to appoint Celia Price, an experienced clerk who has worked in Ashington and Lower Beeding previously. Celia is fully qualified and came highly recommended so I'm delighted to be able to welcome her again through this newsletter.

At the time of writing the issue of development plans in Pound Lane has arisen again. Among issues raised by members of public, the possibility of traffic problems in Hyde Lane have been of major concern. This has led me to think more broadly about traffic issues.

The Parish Council has been working with our County Councillor, David Barling, on various traffic matters for some time. With his help we had the 20 mph zone set up in Beeding village. We hope we might soon see the speed limit on the Henfield Road in Castle Town reduced to 30 mph. We want to get the same along the stretch from the Rising Sun to High Trees roundabout, especially as there is a children's nursery there now. Our requests have been rejected as they don't fulfil the criteria set out by WSCC Highways, the responsible authority.

One thing we know is that traffic volumes are predicted to rise. My concern is that the current criteria set by WSCC for considering changes in traffic regulations and the effect of housing developments will no longer strike the necessary balance between the needs we have as motorists and those we have as residents.

The Parish Council has been pressing for a review of the WSCC Highways criteria for some time. If you share our concerns please let us or Councillor Barling know, public pressure should help us to achieve the sort of changes we want.

On a different topic, you will see we have our regular features from local groups such as the Local History Society. If you organise or are part of a group that might be suitable to have a feature in our newsletter please get in touch, we would like to have more varied content that reflects what's happening in the parish.

I'll sign off by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Simon Birnstingl

Chair, Upper Beeding PC

Village Hall News

Autumn has again been a busy time for the village hall volunteers. Many thanks to everyone who has helped however small the contribution.

A special THANK YOU goes to the Camera Club who put on a stunning exhibition over the weekend of November 3rd and 4th. It was well supported by villagers and Steyning residents who enjoyed two relaxing days viewing the exhibits. Monies raised for the village hall funds exceeded £300. A special thank you to Rosemary Goodwin who donated a number of prizes and stepped into the breach when we were short of volunteers.

We hope you will plan to support our next Christmas Event:

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND CAROLS WITH "LANCING BRASS" Thursday December 20th 7.30-9.00pm

Tea, coffee, mince pies and soft drinks available together with a raffle. Adults £4, Children £2

We must thank all who willingly contribute prizes for the raffles held at these events, to date we have received prizes from the following to name but a few:-

Simms Garage Steyning, Waitrose Storrington, Wickwoods Country Club, H.J. Burt, Marks and Spencer Holmbush, Squires Garden Centre, Rushfields Plant Centre, Hair Voucher from Alison Pink of Pinks in Henfield, Voucher from Steyning Butcher, Tollgate Lunch or Dinner for two, Bloomsbury Clinic food sensitivity voucher, A Star Autos donated Champagne, Panettone, and auto lubrication service.

Without the generosity of these and others who have donated prizes our raffles would not be so popular! so a BIG THANKS to all.

The Village Hall survives so successfully because of the volunteers that give so much of their time and none more so than Sue Plassing our Treasurer. She is planning to retire soon so we are looking for her replacement. If you feel you would like to know more about the task and are interested in joining the team, please get in touch with us either via the website or contact the secretary at bjcwalnut@btopenworld.com

The next **Council of Management Meeting** is on Monday January 21st 2019. This is open to visitors so do come along and see what we get up to!

Full coverage of all our activities can be found on **the website:** www.beedingandbrambervillagehall.org.uk

Beeding & Bramber Local History Society Programme for 2019

All meetings start at 7.45pm in Beeding and Bramber Village Hall, High Street, Upper Beeding, BN44 3WN. All welcome, non-members £3 entry.

Wed. 9 January, Alan Barwick: Bramber Museum (mainly Potter's Museum of Curiosities)

Wed. 6 February, Geoffrey Mead: The Adur from Source to Sea

Wed. 6 March, Annual General Meeting, followed by Phillip Paulo from the SDNPA: The Truleigh Hill Landscape Project

Wed. 3 April, Matt Pope and Garrett Sheehan: "The Upper Beeding Anglo-Saxon execution burial and other discoveries from the Rampion Cable Route"

The Society has produced books about the history of Bramber and Upper Beeding, and about WW1 and WW2 in these villages – including Botolphs, Small Dole and Edburton. All the names of the Fallen on the war memorials have been researched, as well as many of those who served and survived. Copies are available in Steyning Museum and Steyning bookshop and by contacting pjnightingale@outlook.com

A Welcome

Hello; I'd like to introduce myself as the newly appointed **Clerk to Upper Beeding Parish Council**.

I started work on the 8th October and am settling into my new role following the retirement of Steve Coberman who was Clerk for over 10 years.

It is already clear to me that your parish council has very enthusiastic and committed councillors; I am looking forward to being part of the team.

I am a CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) qualified officer and a principal member of SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks). I will be working for 30 hours per week, predominantly from the Parish Council Office at the rear of Hyde Square. Wednesday will normally be my day off but there may be exceptions. Whilst at work I may be out of the office at various locations around Upper Beeding, Small Dole or Edburton, so if you want to visit the office please telephone first (01903 810316), to be sure I will be in, but, you can just pop in. Alternatively, you can email clerk@upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk (please note the new email address).

I love this part of the country and have lived in West Sussex all my life, in Ashington for the past 11 years. I have good local knowledge, having worked with many of the clerks in the area, as well as Horsham District Council and West Sussex County Council, I am sure these contacts and experience will be very helpful in the role as your Clerk!

Upper Beeding Parish Council meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm, usually in the Beeding and Bramber Village Hall. All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and everyone is very welcome. There is always a public adjournment for you to comment on agenda items or raise questions for future meetings.

I look forward to meeting everyone; do please come and introduce yourself. If you are unable to attend a meeting, but you have a question, concern or comment, please contact me so that any issues may be addressed; and your views can be shared with the Council.

If you are interested in possibly becoming a Parish Councillor, please let me know.

Finally, do please keep an eye on the website www.upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk and the noticeboards around the villages, where agendas, minutes and further information is displayed and regularly updated.

Best Regards

Celia Price

I'm a Lumberjack...

Tottington Woodlanders are Coppicing in the Tottington Wood again this winter new volunteers always welcome.

We meet in the wood from 9.30 through until about 1pm. We work every Sunday weather permitting until March with a short Christmas break.

All abilities welcome no expertise required training and tools provided. All you need to bring is suitable clothing and food wear and a mug if you want a cup of tea/Coffee.

For more information call Malcolm or Helen 01273 493316.



Upper Beeding Primary School
Reception Class Diwali

Truleigh Hill Landscape Project

This exciting new project will provide an opportunity for local residents and stakeholders to work alongside the National Park Authority to create a future vision for Truleigh Hill, which will safeguard this special part of the South Downs National Park, while enriching educational and engagement opportunities for visitors to this part of the South Downs Way.

Truleigh Hill is a high point on the South Downs (216m). It was used for radar defences during WWII and there are 4 tall (47m) telecommunications towers around the hill which were originally part of the radar station at Truleigh. These towers are highly visible as 'eyesore' landmarks for many miles in all directions and in many skyline views of the wide and open downland.

The newly installed wind turbines of the Rampion wind farm now also break the horizon in views over the coastal plain from Truleigh Hill, further adding to the detrimental and incongruous influence of infrastructure on this part of the National Park. In addition to the impact of large scale industrial infrastructure on the wider landscape, the industrial scale clutter associated with the telecommunications towers e.g. security fencing; porta cabins; industrial buildings; electrical equipment; generators and hard surfacing are seen next to the South Downs Way.

Through funding provided by the Rampion Mitigation Fund, the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) has recruited Phil Paulo as the designated Community Landscape Project Officer for Truleigh Hill, to deliver the '**Truleigh Hill Landscape Project**'. The SDNPA is committed to the investment of additional resource at Truleigh Hill over the coming years, to safeguard the landscape character of this special part of the National Park.

The project will revisit and build on an earlier Landscape Assessment of the area which was commissioned in 1995 by The South Downs Joint Committee (AONB Board). The current project will deliver a wider more comprehensive approach to the settlement, its people and the landscape which will unify the legacy of this earlier work. The Project will take a holistic and stakeholder-led approach to improving the landscape character of Truleigh Hill through consistent and appropriate landscape management interventions.

An important aspect of the project will be to link with surrounding schools and colleges in order to educate and engage with young people in the surrounding communities. It is hoped that through learning about the geography, history and evolution of the landscape they will treat it with regard in the future.

The first year of the project will involve wide engagement with local stakeholders in order to identify the issues and develop the integrated Landscape Plan for Truleigh Hill, which will include an Action Plan outlining physical interventions and project works. The second and potentially subsequent years will involve the realisation of the plan and the delivery of the project work, which will be a range of activities from chalk downland restoration and tree felling to interpretation, activity & educational events involving a wide range of the stakeholder groups from across the local community.

The SDNPA would be very interested to hear the views of members of the local community and visitors to Truleigh Hill, to assist us in shaping our plan and in ensuring that our proposals meet the needs of the community and site users. We will be holding a number of consultation events to share our vision and capture the opinions of local people, with the first open public consultation scheduled to run between **12.00 pm and 4.00 pm on Sunday 3rd March 2019**.

The event will run at the YHA Truleigh Hill and will be an opportunity for you to drop in, find out more about the project and to comment on our proposals and the developing plan. There will also be an opportunity for you to find out the different ways you can get involved and support the project.

We will circulate information about this event closer the time, but if you would like to find out more about the project in the interim, please do not hesitate to contact Phil to find out more.

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*Thanks to Phil for these photos of
Truleigh Hill*

Trees in the Parish.

It is due to the diligence and commitment of our valued Tree Warden Mrs Judith Steadman, that over the years we now have such an enviable collection of ornamental flowering and fruiting trees on the verges and open spaces within the parish. The street scenes of both Upper Beeding and Small Dole are greatly enhanced by the presence of trees along our road sides.

This is the time of year when we consider planting additional trees so if you think you have room outside your property and feel that a tree would enhance the area, and that you are willing to give it some TLC when needed, then please do let our new Parish Clerk Celia Price know, and she will pass the information on to Judith. It would be nice if any residents of Edburton feel there are any spaces that would benefit by the addition of a tree in that part of the Parish.

Judith has given much of her time in carrying out her task as Tree Warden but she has told us that she wishes to step down and asks us to try and find a replacement. So I have to say a huge public Thank You to Judith, on behalf of the Parish Council and all of the residents for time and effort that she has given over the past years.

So, if you have an interest in trees in general and some time to spare in looking after our valued stock then please contact the clerk with your contact details and we will give consideration to all interested parties. It is a voluntary role only but one that carries some responsibilities for the benefit of the Parish.

And finally; I also have to say a public Thank You to Steve Coberman our recently retired clerk. Steve has retired and has very kindly donated a London Plane tree which has now been planted on the green space in Small Dole which was where Steve suggested might be a suitable spot for it.

Many thanks

Chris Warren

Chairman Amenities Committee



December NP Update

As I write this update (late November) I was hoping to be able to tell you that our Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Regulation 16 had been submitted to Horsham District Council (HDC) for review. Alas unfortunately not, as usual we are dependent on other bodies to respond to questions following feedback on our Consultation. These are West Sussex County Council (WSCC) regarding access to the Pound Lane site and the Environment Agency (EA) regarding additional queries between them and HDC regarding the risk to flooding on the Riverside Caravan site. We hope to finalise these by the end of November so that we can submit the plan to HDC by early December (fingers crossed).

I would like to update you all on the final number of responses we received on the Draft NP. We received 81 responses (this is a higher number than that reported in the last Newsletter due to some late responses and a number of emails containing more than one response). This was just over 3% of our over 18 year olds in the Parish. Of those who did respond over 70% were against the plan due to the 3 proposed sites which make up Land East of Pound Lane (Policy 3). Of these 3 sites 2 are being represented by Rydons and one in Smugglers Lane is owned by WSCC. The NP Team met with Rydons, WSCC representatives and HDC to discuss the ongoing plans for this site. It was agreed that WSCC would work with Rydons to produce plans for the whole site in line with the NP's Policy 3. Unfortunately Rydons told us that due to commercial reasons they had to submit plans for their 2 sites prior to coming to this agreement with WSCC but would not progress these plans with HDC until the NP had progressed and with WSCC and NP Team involvement. This was not an ideal situation and because of it the NP Team recommended that the Parish Council object to these plans and reject them based on the following:

- 1. The NP Team support the Pound Lane site as described in the NP made up of 3 individual sites of which 2 are under Rydon and one under WSCC. These 3 sites should go forward as one individual site with one integrated plan. Currently this is not the case with Rydon having to submit their 2 sites prior to WSCC being involved.*
- 2. The Rydon Planning Applications(PAs) were made aware to the NP Team(that they were going to be submitted) but we have not had a detailed review or input with Rydon on what these sites will provide and how they will be integrated with the WSCC site. Therefore whatever is in these PAs is irrelevant.*
- 3. SDNPA have asked for a landscape led approach to the design for this site, informed by landscape evidence to ensure the design is contextual and responds to the cultural heritage associated with the site and the surrounding countryside. A standard suburban layout and typology will not be appropriate, this means generating the landscape evidence before any scheme design, building location, orientation, building sketches etc. are even considered. This evidence should include a thorough understanding of the historic evolution of the site as well as considering all the elements which contribute to character and those which support wildlife.*

We will continue to work on the NP for the benefit of all the community and insist that any development that goes forward for the Pound Lane site is sympathetic to the landscape and meets the needs of our Parish. We realise this will not suit everyone around Pound Lane but it is our intention to ensure we take forward the concerns of the local residents to improve access, school places, doctor's availability and that this housing (mainly affordable, sheltered as well as some market) is aimed initially at people / families with connections within the Parish.

We have to remember the Neighbourhood Plan is not just about Pound Lane and without an NP we will lose control of what developers can build in our Parish

Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a UBNP in 2019

Sean Teatum Chairman NP Team (teatum@btinternet.com)

Thursday Evening Ladies Club

Thursday evening Ladies Club meets alternate Thursdays at 8pm. £2.50 per evening with tea and coffee all are welcome.

Our activities are very varied to suit all tastes ranging from film night, quiz with fish and chip supper, talks and demonstrations on trug making, renovating a chateau, golden age of musical, a murder mystery evening, authors and an ex policeman here and there to keep us in line. Our doors are open to all ages and first evening will be **17th January**.

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Contact Sussex Police via the non-emergency number 101 to report an incident. **Call 999 immediately if** crime is being committed, the offender is still nearby, people are injured, being threatened or in danger.

THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS

Please send to the editor: editor@beeding.plus.com

Any article / contribution / questions by 15th February 2019 for our Spring Edition