

“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives.”



Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 17th May 2013

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 17th May 2013 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA’s information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre. SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Since 2009 we have raised over £20,000 and it has become our flagship community fundraising event. We want to raise £10,000 from this event in 2013 we can provide more support to spinal cord injured people. The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support

to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives.”

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

BMW Group

Views from Three Villages

Spring 2013

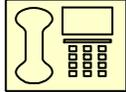
Planning news inside!

For up-to-date news on all information in the area, including information about planning matters and up-to-date news on all information in the area, visit our website:-
<http://westhampnettpc.co.uk>

What do you want to see in our area?

If you have any stories or photos to include, events to publicise or matters to investigate, contact a parish council member or Claire.mcleish1@gmail.com

Useful contacts



Please remember that members of the Parish Council can always be contacted on the telephone if there is anything going on in the Parish that gives you concern:

Henry Adams	01243 773513
Peggy Wood	01243 782596
Jean Hardstaff	01243 773485
Caroline Moth	07850 595532
Bob Holman	01243 774381
Claire McLeish	01243 779553

Clerk

Erika Adams 01243 823520



The Revd. John Dane (Parish Priest)
j.dane@chi.ac.uk

Neighbourhood Watch 0116 2710052 www.neighbourhoodwatch.net
Chichester District Council 01243 785166/www.chichester.gov.uk
West Sussex County Council 01243 777100/www.westsussex.gov.uk
Police: Non emergencies 101 Community messaging service 15p charge
www.cdnwa.org.uk - Chichester & District Neighbourhood Watch Association
www.chichester.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=5282 - Chichester Careline & Keepsafe 01243 778688
www.crimestoppers-uk.org/ - Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
Goodwood complaints- control@goodwood.com 01243 775162.



Cycle Path

We asked WSCC to review the possibility of making the Path along the length of Stane Street a dual use Pedestrian Path/Cycle Path. This is currently being surveyed to see if this is possible. We hope the cycle path will extend the current cycle path that stops at Jewsons, will be continued up to Rolls Royce.

Double Yellow Lines

Following consultations with local residents and WSCC it has been agreed that **double yellow lines** will be painted along the Westhampnett end of Stane Street. This will cover both turn-ins for The Grange and Tilemakers Close and extend along Stane Street towards Claypit Lane.



Village Entrance

In addition to the safety measures being put in place as detailed above, we have also been in discussions with WSCC around the village entrances and providing improved signage and village entrance markings. We hope to link this with the work of the Active Community/Volunteer group being created to improve the appearance, welcome and safety of the Villages in the Parish.

If you require any further information, or would like to raise issues that you would like us to bring to the attention of WSCC please contact us on StaneStreet@Gmail.com, or via phone on 07850 595532.

Caroline Moth

The Stane Street Action Group

Following a number of meetings held with local residents and West Sussex County Council highways over the past 6 months we are now in a position to give an update on our progress.

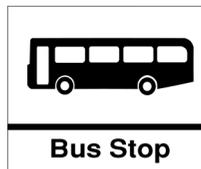
30 mile Speed Limit

All residents of Westhampnett and Maudlin were petitioned last year on the on whether they wanted Stane Street to become a 30 mile speed limited road. The overwhelming response to this was a **YES**. We presented this petition to the County Council at a meeting in June and this has subsequently been agreed. The 30 mile speed limit will cover the length of Stane Street from the Hotel round-about through to just past the mini round-about at Maudlin. It will also cover all of Claypit Lane, Coach Road and Madgewick Lane just past the final residential dwelling.

At our most recent meeting with WSCC we also discussed the possibility of reducing the speed limit in parts of Westerton. We will have more information on this in the coming months.

Bus Stop Pull-ins

Both bus stops in Stane Street, near the junction with Claypit lane, will be having dedicated Bus Pull-in markings to ensure that buses can safely pull up outside the bus stops to allow passengers to alight and board buses safely without causing unnecessary danger to passengers or other road users.



Spring edition Chairman's jottings

Anything I had intended to say will probably be duplicated by others so I will stay quiet this time!!!

Henry Adams



Action

WESTHAMPNETT PARISH COUNCIL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012) came into force in April 2012. These set out the process that Neighbourhood Planning Forums should follow to create a **Neighbourhood Development Plan or Neighbourhood Plan** for short.

When adopted, they will have the same standing as the Local Authority's Local Plan and will determine where development is possible, where green field are to be protected and influence the appearance of new buildings where there is a local character to protect.

Chichester District Council recently set out their thinking on potential numbers of houses that could be built in each settlement area for the period upto 2029. For Westhampnett Parish, they are proposing a natural growth of between 25-50 homes, **and in addition 500 to 1500 homes on Old Place Farmland**, designated as north-east Chichester in their proposals, however the majority of land falls within Westhampnett Parish. Your Parish Council has already formed an Action Group to fight this proposal, contact W.PHarding@btinternet.com for further details. The Action Group will also provide supportive information for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Work has started on the preparation of your Neighbourhood Plan. A good deal of work has already been done in the form of the Village Design Statement that was produced in 2006. If this document is updated and incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan, it gains strength by becoming a full blown 'planning guideline' and not just a 'material consideration'.

An important part of the process is to demonstrate that the Neighbourhood Plan accurately reflects local views and needs. The initial stages of the Neighbourhood Plan have been undertaken. Some of you have already submitted your views and ideas; these have been noted and will also form part of future considerations. We now need your input and will shortly be inviting ALL parishioners to complete a Questionnaire which will then be analysed and working groups formed to consider your responses and prepare proposals for:-

Planning development: housing/types of housing.

Education & training.

Health & well being.

Transport: community & public transport, roads, footpaths, cycle routes etc.

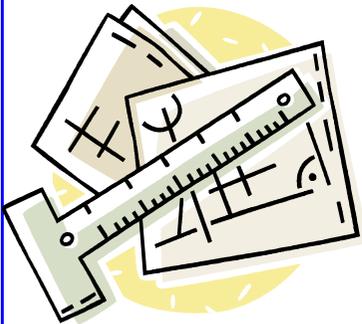
Social & recreational needs: village facilities such as, community Hall, play grounds, playing fields.

Employment.

Environment.

Other, e.g. Provision of allotments.

This will form the *Draft Plan* and be submitted to Chichester District Council Local Planning Authority for review. After which a referendum of all residents, paid for by CDC, will be called and subject to your agreement, the Plan will then be approved and adopted.



Jean Hardstaff February 2013

Quite obviously, there has to be a certain amount of training required by those leading such a volunteer group. Councillor Caroline Moth and I go on a first aid course in early March followed by risk assessment, health and safety etc before we can officially call the group operational. Details of insurance the use of equipment are also to be discussed with Dan Sanders and his boss at a meeting in late February.



The tasks I envisage the group undertaking will vary according to the time of year, from cutting of footpaths and road verges, hedge trimming, litter picking, keeping village signs cleaned (we should be getting new ones in the not too distant future) cutting back brambles, nettles etc from footpaths and making the three hamlets pleasanter places to live in.

So far we have seven people who have expressed a wish to be part of the volunteer group which is very encouraging so if you have an interest in your village and its environment why not come and join us.

Bob Holman



Update of volunteer group

The idea behind the volunteer group came about from an observation that Stane Street was looking shabby, the footpaths were not cut back, hedges were over grown and in some cases were blocking footpaths, the Westhampnett sign was skew-whiff, litter was scattered along the whole length of the village and there was dog mess on the pavements. WSCC are cutting back on maintenance staff as well as frequencies of visits because their budgets are under attack from central government. The parish council can barely afford the cost of maintaining footpaths it is responsible for let alone paying contractors fees for those it is not. So, why not have a volunteer group of local people who would undertake some of this work on a more regular basis, hopefully enjoy themselves and benefit the whole community.

As this concept was taking shape a sub committee of the parish council, THE STANE STREET ACTION GROUP were in discussion with Mike Hall our WSCC county councillor and Dan Sanders WSCC Highway dept on ways to improve Stane Street. During one such meeting Dan Sanders outlined a scheme being developed by WSCC where a budget allocated for use within the village would be transferred to the parish council on condition that it undertook the work itself or hired contractors thereby achieving what our political masters would say The Big Society in action.

Take Action if you want Superfast Broadband in Westhampnett

The Chichester exchange was enabled for Superfast Broadband 31st December 2012 and in some areas of Westhampnett, residents will still not be able to receive an improved broadband service.

There are a number of steps that you must take if you want this situation to change. This issue will not be resolved quickly if the demand is not known by the relevant decision makers.

The Communications Department of West Sussex County Council (WSCC) has responsibility for the project to bring better, faster broadband to West Sussex. They have an online form, on the link below, that they are using to measure demand in the county.

http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/living/better_faster_broadband/spread_the_word_about_better.aspx

According to a report on their site, they have only received 9 responses about broadband from the Westhampnett parish. You need to register in order to demonstrate that the parish wants to have a better service from technology providers

You should also contact WSCC switchboard, 01243 777100 and ask for the communications Department. They can check your postcode and confirm if you are in an intervention area to receive public funding to build the necessary infrastructure to deliver Next Generation Access (NGA) broadband services

Lastly you should keep pressure on BT Openreach directly by registering on their website <http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/where-and-when/>

If you want to find further information about broadband in West Sussex visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/broadband and sign up for updates.

If we all act, then together we can make a difference.

Ian Burborough



Housing proposals for Chichester and Arun discussed at meeting

A HEATED conference on Friday night saw district planners and residents come face to face. Also in attendance at the meeting, which took place at Tangmere Village Hall, was Arun and South Downs MP Nick Herbert.

More than a dozen parishes from the Chichester and Arun districts attended, and each made a statement about the issues affecting their area, and the problems of what they said was unsustainable housing plans.

Speaking afterwards, Nick Herbert said he felt the evening had been a great success, but also he felt similar issues were making themselves known, which needed addressing.

“We heard from planners which was helpful and the parishes clearly all had the same issues,” he said, before congratulating Tangmere Parish Council on organising the event.

Planners faced tough questions from residents, and were forced to defend their planning strategies. One of the key criticisms levied was that councils were ignoring the cumulative effects of the numerous housing proposals that had been approved throughout the area.

However, representing Chichester District Council, Amanda Jobling, director of home & community, said the council had no option but to consider each application individually. Karl Roberts, assistant director of planning and economic regeneration, represented Arun District Council.

There was virtually a unified call from the parishes to be able to complete their neighbourhood plans, something which Nick Herbert supported.

“I would strongly urge every parish to embark on the process of formulating a neighbourhood plan. It requires the community to come together and take decisions for themselves,” he said.

“It’s then the parish’s decision about where the parish goes. I’m quite cross with some of the district councils for not engaging with parishes to work on neighbourhood plans. I think we should be supporting parishes in this.”

For a full report of the meeting, including further comments from Nick Herbert, residents, and planners at Chichester and Arun district councils, see Thursday’s Observer (January 31).

In response. Bill Harding wrote the following:-

Key Dates

March - April 2013

Public consultation on the Local Plan Preferred Approach – Key Policies

October – November 2013

Public consultation on the Pre-Submission Local Plan

It is intended to submit the Local Plan to the Secretary of State in March 2014. This leads to the start of the public examination of the Local Plan. It is intended to adopt the Local Plan in October 2014.

For more information about the emerging Local Plan or to receive automatic notification of future consultations and planning policy documents, please visit our website www.chichester.gov.uk, email ldf@chichester.gov.uk or telephone 01243 534571.

Permission has been granted to advertise a proposed traffic Order to introduce lengths of double yellow lines on both sides of Stane Street Westhampnett.

As part of the legal process West Sussex County Council is required under the Road Traffic Regulation Act to undertake a formal consultation with you.

Have a look at the weblink. This will enable you to view:

- Plan showing the proposed waiting restrictions
- Statement of Reasons for proposing to make the Order
- Public Notice outlining the proposal that will be advertised in the Chichester Observer
- Draft Order

http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/living/roads_and_transport/roads_and_pathways/traffic_management/traffic_regulation_orders/live_consultations_for_tro.aspx#chi_south

Chichester District Local Plan

Chichester District provides a unique and rich experience to those who choose to live here or visit our many attractions. From the “jewel in the crown” of a city centre, with its stunning cathedral; nationally recognised cultural offer; and thriving retail opportunities to the sweeping downs and breath-taking coastline. Visitors and residents alike benefit from the unique overtures of our district.

The Local Plan seeks to protect this environment and focuses on building upon the success we have experienced, ensuring that our communities are developed to retain local young people and deliver the facilities required to support both our existing and new communities as they grow. It is the elements we want to protect which constrain our ability to grow and develop. These often unique characteristics are an intrinsic element of our heritage and by protecting these we are ensuring that they will be enjoyed for many generations to come.

The Local Plan (formerly the Local Development Framework) is the document that sets out how we will shape future development in the District, excluding the area within the South Downs National Park, up to 2029.

It includes information on where development will go, contains policies against which planning applications will be assessed, and sets the overall development needs for the district by balancing the need to attract investment, with the protection of important nature designations, buildings and the wellbeing of local communities. It also contains housing targets and potential site allocations to deliver these targets

The Local Plan Key Policies Preferred Approach will shape the way we live in the district over the next fifteen years. We would like you to help with its creation. Consultation on the draft document will take place in the next few weeks. Further information will be provided on our website www.chichester.gov.uk nearer the time.

Perhaps it would be more accurate to say, every Parish spokesperson for Arun and Chichester that addressed the meeting, tabled the same points of concern, drainage or the lack of it and the inability of the existing foul water system to cope with demand.

Bill

**Harding's
reply**

Every attempt to seek comprehensible solutions to the profound drainage problems faced by residents of both Arun and Chichester Districts, fell on deaf ears. Let alone acceptance that proposed developments throughout the two districts will increase the problem exponentially.

For Amanda Jobling, director of home & community to say "the council has no option but to consider each development application individually" this is nothing short of irresponsible political speak for a refusal to face the real and immediate danger of over extending the failing drainage system, which will result in extensive flooding and given time outbreaks of sewage related disease.

If the existing failing drainage system is allowed to deteriorate further and have its inadequate provision irresponsibly exploited by continued over-development, who will be held responsible? You can be assured the 'director of home and community' will not admit the failure as being due to the long term effects of collective individual applications.

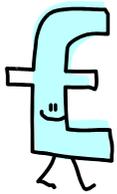
The Districts of Arun and Chichester should stop all housing developments and approvals until the rate payers have been assured the existing system can cope with current demand and the system sufficiently enhanced to deal with potential future requirements.

Government demands for more and more housing are not justifiable reasons for putting an established population at risk of health and financial loss. If a private company were to risk the health and financial security of its employees they would be rightly prosecuted, this is an elected body who are financially supported by the population they are putting at risk. Is it unreasonable to ask why?

The responsibility of Councillors and District Officers is to serve the community, their role is to identify solutions to problems and avoid exacerbating known short falls, not hide behind bureaucratic platitudes and look the other way when their areas of responsibility throw up very real problems for the population they are supposed to serve.

Bill Harding

DO YOU WANT TO SAVE MONEY????



Buying of Heating Oil Together in Rural West Sussex.

Interest in collective buying of heating oil is on the rise, as we become more aware of the need to be as efficient as possible with our energy. The concept is simply to buy heating oil together to achieve the lowest price for the community. Collective buying reduces the number of tanker journeys, bringing down delivery costs, also saving carbon and minimising wear on local roads. It also encourages rural villages to work together for communal benefit, and offers support and protection for more vulnerable residents.

This initiative has been promoted by Action in Rural Sussex, and the Community Development Officer offers guidance and advice in setting up these groups.

Should anyone be interested in joining such group and would like more details please contact me on

01243 788739 or e-mail at
andrewblanchard@talktalk.net



In December we had our Christmas party when we had invited two members from neighbouring institutes to join us so we had a very merry group! Father Christmas delivered a present for everyone and the business was kept to a minimum,

January started off with a talk by Graham Jessop of his memories of the Olympic flame where he was a steward and he showed slides of the Village and the uniform they wore.

February is our 34th birthday meeting and we have an audiologist to speak which will be informative as we have a few deaf and hard of hearing members.

We give an award to the person that the members feel has given the most to the institute in the past year, this is in memory of Shirley Russell who was our secretary for a few years and sadly died.

The dates for our meetings are March 21st, April 18th and May 16th at the March School at 7.30 pm. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

Pat Adams.