

**NEWSLETTER**

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From the Chairman

Since our last issue quite a bit has been going on in the Parish.

We have had County dealing with some of our flooding issues, not all done or done to perfection but we are on the case.

In Mannings Heath we have had the overhead electricity cables replaced with heavy duty cabling together with new poles, lets hope it will solve the issues with power cuts. West Sussex County Council have replaced their streetlights in Mannings Heath, the Parish Council lights will not be done under this programme.

The Major tree felling carried out in Monks Gate is an ongoing issue with the Forestry Commission.

The Neighbourhood Draft Plan as you will know had it's 6 week consultation, an amazing amount of work, time and effort has gone into its production and this is very much appreciated, my thanks to all those who have taken part. Thanks to all those who personally gave their comments they are a very important part of the plan. The Parish Council adopted the plan on 4th February, now it will be submitted to HDC. Our Parish needs this neighbourhood Plan, in order to control, any future development.

This year there will be Parish, District and Government Elections on 7th May so changes will happen. As far as we can see there will be a Parish Election, five Councillors have said they are not standing again, so if anyone thinks they would like to stand as a Parish Councillor now is the time to give it some thought. There will be more information given shortly, i.e. flyers, notice boards, Link and of course personal contact, the Councillors and I will always be happy to 'have a chat'.

The following information can be found on

www.nuthurst.parishcouncil.net/

- Parish Council meeting Agenda's and Minutes
- Document Archive
- Local Societies & Groups
- Events – where & when
- Local maps
- Local travel
- Weather
- Planning applications
- Neighbourhood Plan

The Website contains many links to organisations a few are mentioned below:

- Age Concern (uk)
- Check-a-trade
- Copsale Hall
- Horsham District Council
- Horsham Responders
- Neighbourhood Watch
- The Nuthurst Society
- The Trainline
- West Sussex Police
- West Sussex Police Community Officer

If you are unable to access the web site, require hard copies or more information please contact the Parish Clerk Mrs S Hall

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Become a Councillor; Make a Difference

If you would like to make a difference and be involved in shaping the future of the local community, why not stand for election?

Candidate information

The notice for parish elections will go up on Monday 23rd March 2015 and nomination papers will be available from early March from Parish Clerks and Electoral Services @ Horsham District Council.

Nominations can come in from Tuesday 24th March 2015 and **MUST BE HAND DELIVERED** to Horsham District Council, not necessarily by the candidate though, they cannot be posted.

Close of nominations will be **4pm Thursday 9th April 2015**

Close of withdrawals is also **4pm Thursday 9th April 2015**

Elector information

Last day for registering to vote is 20th April 2015

Deadline for applying for a postal vote is 5pm 21st April 2015

Deadline for applying to appoint a proxy is 5pm 28th April 2015

Poling day Thursday 7th March

**Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 11th March @ St Andrews School, Nuthurst
commencing @ 7.30 pm**

Overgrown hedgerows

As autumn is upon us we would again ask all parishioners to check their hedges and shrubs that maybe overhanging public footpaths and our lanes making it very difficult for pedestrians to walk safely without having to move into the roadway, and overhanging hedgerows and trees are restricting our lanes causing cars to be damaged. In the interest of public safety please review your boundaries.

Thank you to our residents and farmers that have already addressed this problem.

Rights and responsibilities of living by a watercourse.

**LANDOWNERS, RESIDENTS AND HOME OWNERS, ARE YOU AWARE
OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES YOU HAVE WITH REGARD TO DITCHES
AND WATER**

An invaluable leaflet has been produced with information under these sub-headings

- Roadside Ditches
- Critical Ordinary Watercourses
- Riparian Owner Responsibilities
- Riparian Owner and The Law
- Legislation
- Enforcement
- What is Watercourse
- Ordinary Water Courses
- Main Rivers
- Additional Sources of information
- Who is a Riparian Owner

A full cope of this leaflet can be downloaded from Horsham District Council's Website, see Flood information – Rights and Responsibilities of living by a watercourse

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN NEARLY THERE

The public consultation on our draft Pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan took place between 6th November and 19th December. We had responses from five Statuary Consultees, including Horsham District Council, two organisations of residents (Mannings Heath Action Group and Monks Gate Residents Association) and 375 individuals.

Residents were asked, "Would you vote for the Draft Neighbourhood Plan in a Referendum?" This is what you said.

70% supporting the draft plan and all the development sites is an excellent result and we thank you for your support.

All the sites remain in the Plan but we modified it to take account of some of the comments made by residents, by organisations and by the statutory consultees. For example we have included that developments in Monks Gate should not have any street lighting and we have included two more sites for protection under our local green spaces policy – the pond and surrounding area at Monks Gate and a strip of land on Gagglewood in Mannings Heath. However we couldn't take account of all of them. For example some residents wanted more detail on road safety but this is a matter for West Sussex County Council Highways.

The final Submission Neighbourhood Plan was approved by the Steering Group on 28th January 2015 and then by the Parish Council on 4th February 2015. It has been submitted to Horsham, District Council who will publicise it for 6 weeks and then decide whether to submit it for independent Examination. If it is approved by the Independent Examiner, the plan will be subjected to a public referendum. If a majority of the electorate of the Parish support it, the Plan will become law and this will protect us from unwanted speculative development.

You can see the Plan and all the supporting documents on the Neighbourhood Plan website – nuthurst.wordpress.com

Get Ready for Winter Guide

Topics that the guide covers includes

- Being prepared in severe winter weather
- Clearing snow – the snow code
- Keeping warm at homes
- Financial assistance to help warm homes
- Keeping safe at home – advice on burst and frozen pipes
- The Community Link Alarm Services
- Keeping safe on the roads
- Health and well-being advise

This guide can be downloaded for www.horsham.gov.uk - alternatively hard copies can also be picked up from Horsham District Councils reception area @ Park North and Horsham, Police Station.

Improved recycling for Horsham residents

Horsham District Council is calling on local residents to keep all their recycling clean, dry and loose in order to continue to improve recycling rates.

In order to improve recycling quality, the Council collection crew are currently checking blue-top bins and rejecting any that contain materials that can't be recycled. A blue hanger is being placed on bins to explain the problem and residents are asked to take out those particular items before their next collection.

Plastic fantastic – make a pledge today

Residents are being asked to make a pledge to recycle at least one more plastic bottle each week as part of the nationwide Pledge 4 Plastic campaign. Horsham District Council is backing this campaign in partnership with West Sussex County Council and all other district and borough councils in the county.

Buried in a mountain of decaying waste, unwanted plastic bottles may take years to decompose: Bottles from 40 years ago have been discovered in landfill sites and,

Unfortunately, they still look good for their age.

Help reduce the amount of wasted plastic in West Sussex. It's easy to make a pledge at www.pledge4plastics.co.uk/westsussex

Horsham Area Community Car Scheme – HACCS

This scheme has been operating since 1966 – run by volunteers with drivers using their own cars. The scheme is for people who owing to a disability or frailty are unable to use public transport but can still travel in a car with minimal assistance.

The operate over a wide area, enabling people to undertake shopping trips, visit to doctors, dentist, hospitals and many other places.

Charges may depend on the nature and distances involved and their charges are paid directly to the driver.

How to book over the telephone – just phone 01403 250202 between 9am and 12 noon, Monday to Friday. Trips can be booked weeks ahead and ideally not less than two days before you wish to travel,

Hdct – Horsham District Community Transport – 01403 754206**Mannings Heath Village Hall**

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