



**Parish Councillors:**

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- John Wilkinson (Chairman)
- Stephen Hand (Vice-chairman)
- Sue Bourn
- Rosemary Burns
- David Evans
- Rodney Jackson
- John Lowman
- Judith Marsh
- Bob Sampson
- James Smith
- Matthew Stokes
- Julia Shorrocks

**Mid Sussex District Councillors:**

- Simon Banham
- Jack Callaghan
- Colin Trumble

**West Sussex County Councillor:**

- Peter Griffiths

**PARISH OFFICE:**

- Clerk to the Council – Stephen Hoyles
- Assistant Clerk – Roberta Taylor
- Assistant Clerk – Charlotte Kempson
- Maintenance Officer – Cliff Everest
- Cemetery Manager – Richard Lechmere

**COUNCIL MEETINGS**

(All meetings are at 8.00 pm at the Village Centre, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint, unless otherwise stated. Members of the public are welcome to attend.)

**COUNCIL:**

- 12 September 2013
- 17 October 2013
- 12 November 2013

**COMMITTEES:**

- Planning & Environment:**
- 19 September 2013
  - 24 October 2013
  - 14 November 2013

**Community Affairs:**

- 26 September 2013
- 21 November 2013

**Services:**

- 3 October 2013
- 5 December 2013

**Website:**

Please go to our website for the Council's published information and latest updates:

[www.hurstpierpoint-pc.org.uk](http://www.hurstpierpoint-pc.org.uk)

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**St Lawrence Fair 700th Anniversary Commemorative Sculpture**



Moe Shanahan from Cuckfield Road was at the unveiling of the new sculpture at the Village Garden on 29 June 2013. (with permission: 'Claire Goldsmith Photography')



**The 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary St Lawrence Fair took place on 6 July 2013 on the South Avenue Recreation Ground in Hurstpierpoint**

## **Parish 2031** Neighbourhood Plan **PROGRESS REPORT**

The Parish Council completed the consultation period on the draft Plan at the end of May and number of people made helpful suggestions for modifications. The next stage would be for the Council to produce its 'Submission' Plan to the local planning authorities (Mid Sussex District and South Downs National Park) for their consideration.

However, meanwhile, two large planning applications affecting Hurstpierpoint were appraised by Mid Sussex District Council at their July Planning committee, and decisions were made which cut across the proposals in the draft Neighbourhood Plan. The proposal for 157 houses at Little Park and Highfield Drive, together with a new 40 acre country park, was rejected, but permission was agreed for 81 houses at College Lane. The developer for the Little Park/Highfield Drive proposal has lodged an appeal, which is expected to be heard in December, so the outcome for that development remains uncertain.

Another appeal is due to be heard in October this year, on a 120-house development in Sayers Common, which has been opposed by both the Parish and District Council. The Parish Council have employed professional town planners to present our opposition at the hearing.

The Parish Council have therefore decided that it will continue to progress work on the PARISH 2031 Neighbourhood Plan, including assessing the effects of possible outcomes the large development planning appeals, and maintaining its strategic objectives:

- By keeping the village-feel and sense of place in existing settlements
- By protecting and enhancing the countryside
- By containing new development to a manageable and sustainable level in the villages
- By working closely with the local Planning Authorities and the Highway and Education Authority West Sussex County Council, to achieve a positive outcome for our community.



Summer view from Tott Lane

## **Traffic and parking problems....**

Hurstpierpoint is a lively and vibrant village and we are grateful for the wide range of shops, businesses and facilities in the community. The unfortunate consequence is the growing levels of traffic and parking congestion.

The Parish Council has very limited authority to change things, but we can try and influence the Police, the Highway Authority (West Sussex CC) and the enforcement authority (Mid Sussex District) to take some action. We have formed a Working Group to investigate these issues and make suggestions to these agencies. In particular we are aware of congestion on sections of the following roads:

**Albourne Road**  
**Cuckfield Road**  
**Brighton Road**  
**Trinity Road**



## **Watch out for elderly or infirm neighbours....**

The recent heatwave has focussed attention on those who might find it difficult in more extreme weather conditions. Please remember those around you who might be having difficulty and try and check that they are OK.

## **South Avenue Play area:**

The Parish Council has replaced and upgraded some of the childrens' play equipment.



## **Councillors retiring:**

Council Members Susanna Kemp and Neil Milton, both from Hurstpierpoint, have announced their retirement from Council following a number of years of service. Both were elected in 2011 and had taken a particularly keen interest in planning issues affecting the Parish. Susanna has retired due to the demands of her increasing workload, and Neil has moved to Scotland to be near his family. The Council expressed their sincere thanks to Neil and Susanna at its July meeting.

## **Councillors joining:**

The Council has just co-opted three new councillors, all for Hurstpierpoint ward and living in the village:

**Allan Brown**  
**Tony Lank**  
**David Sharp**

We welcome them on to the Council and look forward to their input over the coming years.