

Parish Councillors:

(Please contact through the Parish Office)

- John Lowman (Chairman)
- John Wilkinson (V-chairman)
- Sue Bourn
- Rosemary Burns
- Greg Driver
- David Evans
- Stephen Hand
- Rodney Jackson
- Susanna Kemp
- Neil Milton
- Bob Sampson
- 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
- Deputy Clerk – Jo Kearns
- Assistant Clerk – Roberta Taylor
- Assistant Clerk – Charlotte Kempson
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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:

10 May, 14 June, 12 July

COMMITTEES:

Planning & Environment:

24 May, 21 June, 19 July,
16 August

Services: 7 June, 2 August

Community Affairs: 31 May,
26 July

Hanging baskets sponsored by the Parish Council



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Neighbourhood Plan

We are continuing with our Neighbourhood Plan for the future development of the whole Parish.

Over the last few months we have been distributing questionnaires, holding public meetings, and listening to ideas on a whole range of issues, from new housing, to protection of the countryside, the need for amenities and future employment and businesses. We want to decide on those things that the local community should preserve and those things which it wants to change for the better.

At the moment the Parish Council believes that between 160 and 200 new homes should be built in the Parish area between now and 2031. That is an average of slightly less than 10 a year. The majority would be in Hurstpierpoint with the rest in Sayers Common.

We have received proposals from developers and landowners for 15 or so alternative sites across the Parish, which we are now assessing.



We expect to be publishing our proposals in the Autumn, but meanwhile please watch out for posters on our noticeboards and information on our website.

If you would like to receive information by email then please contact us on: **Hurstpierpoint.pc@btinternet.com**. Please follow our website section on 'NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN' **www.hurstpierpoint-pc.org.uk**

Annual Parish Meeting
7.30 pm Tuesday 15 May 2012 Village Centre, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint
 All residents of the Parish are welcome to join us for this public meeting. We are required to deal with some of the formal business of the Council, but we hope to devote most of the time to giving an update on our Neighbourhood Plan and our investigations into the traffic and pedestrian issues in the High Street in Hurstpierpoint. There will be an opportunity for questions, but please come along even if you just want to listen.

High Street traffic

The traffic congestion and pedestrian safety problems in the High Street, Hurstpierpoint, have been consistently one of the top issues in our community. The Parish Council have appointed experienced specialist consultants, Stilwell Partnership, to carry out a feasibility study and come up with some possible improvements. We have an 18th century street with 21st century traffic, so there is unlikely to be a simple fix. But we hope that there are some things that can be done to make walking and driving through the Street a less stressful experience. We will be making a public presentation of the proposals in the Autumn.



PLANNING

LAND NORTH OF HIGHFIELD DRIVE, HURSTPIERPOINT- APPEAL DISMISSED:

Following the public enquiry on 8 – 10 February this year, and the opposition mounted by the Parish Council and others, the Government Inspector has said that planning permission should not be given for 51 houses on this site. The Council is delighted with this decision and thanks all those that joined us in opposing this development.

New play equipment for Sayers Common

The Parish Council is installing new toddler play equipment and outdoor gym facilities in the Reeds Lane Recreation Ground. We asked the local community what sort of equipment they wanted and we look forward to it being in good use this summer.



Councillor vacancies

We are sad to lose two Councillors who have each recently stepped down from the Council for personal reasons. Malcolm Heather has been a strong voice for the community of Sayers Common, promoting the idea of a village shop and contributing to local planning issues from the perspective of his village. David Jeanes has also represented the views of his Hurstpierpoint community and served on both our Planning and Services committees. Their contributions will be missed.

The law requires us to offer both these vacancies for an election but, no 'petitions' have been received so the Council is now looking to appoint two new councillors, one representing the Sayers Common ward, and one for Hurstpierpoint. If you would like to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council, or would just like to find out more, then please contact the Clerk at the Parish Office.

Diamond Jubilee 'picnic in the park'

If you are wondering how to celebrate the Jubilee, why not bring your friends and family and picnic along to the Recreation Ground ?

**Sunday 3 June 2012
From 12.00 noon
South Avenue Recreation
Ground, Hurstpierpoint**



Council Tax

We have made no increase in the Council Tax we raise from the Parish (the 'precept') for 2012/13. Because there are actually slightly fewer households paying tax this year, the Council Tax for some properties might have increased by a few pence for the whole year. A typical Band 'D' property pays just over £60 a year or £1.15 per week, for the Parish Council services. Over the last 4 years the typical Band 'D' tax has risen just 1.75% or 2p per week.

Just some of the services the Parish Council provides:

- Recreation grounds and play areas
- Village Garden
- Street lighting
- Dog bags and bins
- Cemetery
- Allotments
- Grants to local groups
- Preparing the Neighbourhood Plan
- High Street traffic feasibility study
- Reviewing planning applications
- Local information service at the Parish Office

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – THE BACKGROUND:

Our local District Council (Mid Sussex) is following the Government's new planning guidelines, by producing its own District Plan and encouraging local Parish Councils to produce their own 20-year Neighbourhood Plan. We will be using the District Plan as a guide for some of the suggested policy statements we will be putting forward. Our surveys and public consultations in 2010 and 2011, and our two Parish Plans (Community Life and Village Development) published in 2011 have helped us to think about some of these issues, and we will be drawing on these to help us create our new Neighbourhood Plan. The new 'Localism' Act gives us the opportunity to have a stronger say in planning the future of our community. Putting time and effort into this new Neighbourhood Plan will mean that we will all have a much greater say over what happens in our area.