

# **NEWSLETTER**

Autumn 2016

#### Parish Councillors:

(Please contact through the Parish Office)

Stephen Hand (Chairman)

Allan Brown

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Colin Trumble

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Anthony Watts Williams

#### **West Sussex County Councillor:**

Peter Griffiths

#### PARISH OFFICE:

Clerk to the Council – Stephen Hoyles Assistant Clerk – Roberta Taylor

Assistant Clerk - Charlotte Kempson

Assistant Clerk - Paul Mayne

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:

22 September 2016

27 October 2016

**SAYERS COMMON** 

24 November 2016 15 December 2016

#### **COMMITTEES:**

#### Planning:

1 September 2016

6 October 2016

3 November 2016

1 December 2016

#### **Community Affairs:**

15 September 2016

17 November 2016

#### Finance + General Purposes:

8 September 2016

13 October 2016

10 November 2016

8 December 2016

#### Website:

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

www.hurstpierpoint-pc.org.uk

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## HURSTPIERPOINT SAYERS COMMON

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# **South Avenue Play Area Opens**

We are delighted that the children's extended play area has been opened, just in time for the summer holidays.



HURST HERITAGE TRAIL... The Parish Council is starting to

plan a new trail around the village. This will encourage residents and visitors to take a close interest in the village and its surroundings. The trail will join up and explain places of local and historical interest, as well as pointing out conservation projects and aspects of the natural world around us.

This is going to take some time to design and we are keen to involve local expertise and knowledge. If you think you can help then please let us know. We would be pleased to hear from you.

# New Parkland 'Hurst Meadows' ....

The new parkland areas around Highfield Drive and Little Park Farm are moving closer. We are now making arrangements for the land to be taken over by the Parish Council and hope to be starting some of the preparatory works by the end of this year. The parkland will be around 50 acres of meadow and woodland, to be used as informal open space for conservation and enjoyment.

We are pleased to report that the first meeting of the Parkland Advisory Board took place in July. The 15 members are drawn from local residents, councillors and specialists in nature and conservation. The Board will be overseeing the preparation and management of the parkland areas.

# New Streetlights..

We are shortly starting to replace the 140 or so old streetlights around Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common, with new LED versions. We will be using 'heritage' style columns (as in the High Street) in selected 'conservation' areas. and slimline style in others. This project follows the replacement last year of those lights owned by West Sussex County Council. The project is being financed by a £165,000 loan from the Public Works Loan Board, repaid over 20 vears. We have calculated that the cost of the loan will be more than offset by the costs of maintenance and electricity use with the more efficient lights.

The photo shows a typical 'Heritage' style.



## Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Wanted

Neighbourhood Watch aims to prevent crime, reduce the fear of crime and improve safety. There are about 25 coordinators covering the Parish but more are needed, particularly for the western side of Hurstpierpoint.

It is not time consuming but access to email is important to pass on messages from the police about crime and safety to your scheme members. Promotional material is also provided to help residents.

Please contact us for more information.



Long time resident of Hurstpierpoint and Parish Councillor Matthew Stokes has stepped down from the Council after nearly seven years service, including as Chairman of our Community Affairs Committee. Matthew holds strong links both as school governor and teacher in local schools, and has brought us welcome expertise over the last few years.

### Hello to Councillor......

We are delighted to welcome Hurstpierpoint resident Amanda Geel to the Parish Council. Amanda has valuable experience in guiding small businesses to develop, and has been a Prince's Trust Mentor since 2012.

## Play Equipment in Sayers Common ....

The older wooden play equipment in Reeds Lane Recreation Ground has sadly deteriorated beyond economical repair, so we will shortly be removing it. We will take this opportunity to ask residents, and the children, for their ideas about any replacements, so please watch out for our survey in the coming months.