



Parish Councillors:

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Stephen Hand (Chairman)
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2 VACANCIES

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Colin Trumble
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West Sussex County Councillor:

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PARISH OFFICE:

Clerk to the Council – Stephen Hoyles
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Assistant Clerk – Paul Mayne
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Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common
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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:

28 September 2017
26 October 2017 (Sayers
Common Village Hall)
23 November 2017
14 December 2017

COMMITTEES:

Planning:

7 September 2017
5 October 2017
2 November 2017
30 November 2017
21 December 2017

Community Affairs:

21 September 2017
16 November 2017

Finance + General Purposes:

14 September 2017
12 October 2017
9 November 2017
7 December 2017

Parkland Advisory Board

14 November 2017

Website:

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

www.hurstpierpoint-pc.org.uk

'Hurst Meadows'

country open space

The first part of the Parish Council's public open space has now been acquired and work has begun installing access gates and paths. Nine acres of meadow land north of Highfield Drive in Hurstpierpoint will soon be open for the enjoyment of residents. The Parkland Advisory Board is overseeing its management, to ensure that there is a good balance between public access and conservation of wildlife. A further forty or so acres of meadow and woodland will follow in the next few months. Please go to our website for more information.



Future housing development

District Plan latest

see inside



Parish Councillor Surgery 9 September 2017

There will be a Parish Councillor Surgery on Saturday 9 September 2017 from 10:00 am - 12 noon, in the Conference Room, Village Centre, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint. Would you like to have a chat with a Parish Councillor about any issue or idea that you have? The Parish Council hold monthly Surgeries in Hurstpierpoint or Sayers Common where two Councillors are available.



Farewell to Cliff

Our popular Maintenance Officer Cliff Everest has hung up his high-viz jacket for the last time and retired after nearly seven years in the job. Cliff has been well-known in the community and has played a big part in our well-kept villages. We wish him every success for the next phase of his life and will miss him greatly. We have been advertising for a replacement and expect to be making an appointment very soon.

Grass verges

Within its budget constraints the County Council manages to cut the grass verges around our Parish 6 or 7 times a year. Also, in many areas local residents undertake further mowing outside their home and for neighbours who are not able to. The Parish Council has decided as a trial this summer, to carry out three additional cuts in high visibility areas which are not fronted by homes, in Trinity Road and Cuckfield Road. If this seems worthwhile, then we will continue the additional cutting next year. Meanwhile, thank you to those residents who tend the verges outside their homes – it helps to care for our community.

Future housing development – Mid Sussex District Plan

Mid Sussex District Council have continued with the public examination of their District Plan for the whole of Mid Sussex. This sets out the development proposals, including business parks and amenities, but mainly housing, for the period up to 2031. The issues are complex, balancing the need for further housing with the conservation of countryside and communities, and managing within the constraints of infrastructure. The Parish Council set out its plans in our Neighbourhood Plan in 2015, overwhelmingly supported by residents in the poll, and confirmed by independent Government examiners. The subsequent District Plan examination has imposed some changes in the parish area between Gatehouse Lane and the A2300 near Burgess Hill, where housing is now proposed in place of employment development. The Parish Council did not support this and is looking for further safeguards to prevent future long-term development 'drifting' south from this area. For more information check the Mid Sussex District Council website:
Planning Policy – District Plan.



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DOGS !

We provide plastic bags (for a small donation) so your owners can put your waste in the red dog bins.

Please send your owners to the Parish Office in Trinity Road to collect packs of the bags.

PLEASE make sure your owners DON'T put the bags in hedges or leave on the ground. Unfortunately, some livestock have been found eating the bags and coming to serious harm.

**THANK YOU and
happy walking!**

Poo-bags also available at Sayers Common Community Shop

The Clerk to the Council

Cuckfield Road

Following extensive lobbying by the Parish Council, Cuckfield Road has now been resurfaced and is no longer the washboard surface that we have been experiencing. Thank you to West Sussex County Council for undertaking the work, and thank you to local residents who put up with the temporary inconvenience while sections of the road were closed.



Councillors' farewell....

Sayers Common councillor Judith Marsh has stepped down after five years service on the Parish Council, and we join local residents in thanking Judith for her time and commitment over these years.

Unfortunately Richard Barker resigned shortly after his appointment in May, due to a change of circumstances.

Councillor vacancies..... Therefore we now have two vacancies on the Parish Council, which we will be filling by co-opting residents from the community. The closing date is 18 September 2017 so there might still be time to apply if you are interested. Please contact the Council Office.