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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:

19 December 2019
23 January 2020
27 February 2020
26 March 2020

COMMITTEES:

Planning & Environment:

12 December 2019
16 January 2020
20 February 2020
19 March 2020

Community Engagement:

6 February 2020

Finance & Governance:

5 December 2019
9 January 2020
13 February 2020
12 March 2020

Estate & Facilities:

30 January 2020
5 March 2020
2 April 2020

Website:

Please go to our website for the Council's published information and latest updates:
www.hurstpierpoint-pc.org.uk



News & Updates

Village Garden

In the last newsletter we updated the community on changes we had made to the village garden. After feedback from residents we have since reviewed this and we are pleased to announce the new plans for planting: We plan to re-plant the two borders either side of the bus shelter with a mixture of shrubs and perennial plants including Buxus, Stipa Gigantea, Rudbeckia, Verbena Borensis, Penstemon, Geranium, Alchimilla Mollis and Heuchera. This will provide a beautiful display of colour all year round. Work will also be carried out to remove the dead tree in the walled bed which will be replaced with two semi mature shrubs. In May we have budgeted to introduce four new 'Fountain Planters' which will be full of summer bedding plants. We hope all these planned improvements will make a real impact on the Village Garden.



Bench in Memory of Rosalind Mead

Rosalind Mead made a huge contribution to the village and Hurstpierpoint Society. In order to commemorate her life, Hurstpierpoint Society has been working to place a bench in the village.

The bench has been funded by the Hurstpierpoint Society and her family with a small contribution from the Parish Council. We are pleased to announce that you can now see the bench in place on the grass behind the medical centre.



Thank you

We would like to thank all our residents for their consideration in keeping their hedges and bushes cut back this year, helping to prevent blockages to the pavements.

We would also like to thank residents for helping pick up any litter that has been dropped on the pavements and for all Sports Coaches and parents for leaving the sports grounds and pitches tidy and litter free after practice and tournaments.



The Councillors and staff wish all our residents and businesses a very happy Christmas and New Year.

This year there has been a change to the normal Christmas tree and lights in the Village Garden due to a substantial increase in the cost of harvesting and haulage of timber.

The decision not to have a Christmas tree was a very difficult one but the increase was so significant an alternative idea was found.

We hope everyone enjoys the new lighting display around the flag pole this year.

Parish Office Christmas Opening Hours:

Friday 20th Dec:	9:00-1:30pm
Monday 23rd Dec:	Closed
Tuesday 24 th Dec:	Closed
Wednesday 25 th Dec:	Closed
Thursday 26 th Dec:	Closed
Friday 27 th Dec:	Closed
Monday 30 th Dec:	Closed
Tuesday 31 st Dec:	Closed
Wednesday 1 st Dec:	Closed
Thursday 2 nd Jan:	9:30-1:30pm
Friday 3 rd Jan:	9:30-1:30pm

Coming soon...Sayers Common New Bus Shelter

The new bus shelter in Sayers Common has been approved by the Council for the west side of London Road near the existing bus stop.

The picture shows the design of the new bus shelter but will include a litter bin and side windows.



Hurst Meadows Update



Hurst Meadows has been a riot of colour this season; bluebells in Tilley's Copse, wildflowers and grasses in the Meadows and now the autumnal trees everywhere. Over the year, we have seen how the community enjoys the Meadows and recorded some of the plants and animals that live there. Cutting the fields was delayed until late September to provide wildlife with food and shelter for as long as practically possible. The fields were then cut, before the weather deteriorated, to promote plant growth next year. Uncut areas were left in both Edgerley Meadow and Buckwilly Field to provide over-wintering habitat for invertebrates (such as butterflies, crickets, grasshoppers and spiders) and in Edgerley, preserve a few oak saplings. The cuttings in Buckwilly and Bellow's Nose fields were collected to promote the regeneration of wildflowers next year and the cuttings placed in piles. Cutting management proved to be an issue, and so cuttings were not collected in Fifteen Acre, Walnut Tree and Edgerley Meadow.

Throughout the year we have developed our understanding of the Meadows; what is there and what is not and the challenges we face, both practically and financially. This knowledge will help inform the site management going forward. Watch this space for further updates!

New Year's Day Family Walkabout at Hurst Meadows

Blow away those cobwebs, burn off those mince pies and join us to explore beautiful Hurst Meadows.

This will be a guided walk which will be suitable for all ages. Dogs welcome.

Wednesday 1st January 2020

10:30am

Walk will last approximately 70 minutes

Please meet by the kissing gate which is situated at the Trinity Court end of the Millennium Gardens.

Please note this is not suitable for buggies or bikes.

Farewell to Paul Mayne:

At the end of December Paul Mayne will be retiring from his position of Assistant Clerk after five years of service. Paul will be very much missed and we wish him every success in his retirement.



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Preparing for WINTER...

We work with the other local councils to try and ensure the best arrangements with our limited resources, in dealing with any snow and ice that might come our way.

Main roads... When necessary, the County Council will grit these roads:

- Hassocks Road and the High Street to Albourne (the B2116)
- Albourne to Sayers Common and the A23 (the B2118)
- Cuckfield Road (from the High Street to Goddards Green and A2300)
- Brighton Road (the B2117)

In severe conditions the County Council enlist the help of some local contractors and farmers to clear, but not grit, some minor roads in Hurstpierpoint following heavy snowfall:

- Trinity Road, Western Road, Marchants Road & College Lane.

These have been chosen because of their particular location and where gradients can cause problems. If you live on any of these roads please try to keep your car off the road, to help the snow clearance.

Grit/Salt Bags... Wherever possible bulk bags of grit will be placed as follows:

- Western Road, in front of the allotments gate
- Blackthorns, corner of Willow Way
- Iden Hurst, corner of Cuckfield Road
- Marchants Road, corner of Cuckfield Road
- Charity Shop/Chantry Stables noticeboard
- Health Centre, Trinity Road, next to footpath/bench
- Cherrington Close, corner of Highfield Drive
- Village Hall, Sayers Common

These are available for nearby residents' use on pavements – but not for private use. Where possible our local maintenance team will be around to help organise this. **Please only lightly sprinkle the grit – otherwise it is wasteful and adds to water pollution.**

WANTED

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to be contacted during the winter period to help clear certain routes around Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common if we have heavy snow fall.

If you are interested please email:
hurstpierpoint.pc@btinternet.com
with your contact details.

Are you looking to hire a room for a party, meeting, event or class?

The Village Centre and Court Bushes Community Hub have several different rooms to hire Monday to Sunday. For more information about the facilities and hire rates please contact the Parish Council office on: 01273 833264, hurstpierpoint.pc@btinternet.com or visit our website www.hurstpierpointvillagehalls.org.uk