

Parish Councillors:

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Stephen Hand (Chairman)
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Mid Sussex District Councillors:

To be confirmed

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Joy Dennis

PARISH OFFICE:

Clerk to the Council – Stephen Hoyles
Facilities Manager – Nick Sinclair
Assistant Clerk – Helen Valler
Assistant Clerk – Paul Mayne
Assistant Clerk – Barbara Scorer
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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:

16 May 2019 AGM
27 June 2019
25 July 2019
26 September 2019

COMMITTEES:

Planning:

28 May 2019
20 June 2019
18 July 2019
22 August 2019

Community Affairs:

30 May 2019
5 September 2019

Finance + General Purposes:

6 June 2019
11 July 2019
8 August 2019

Hurst Meadows Management:

4 July 2019

Village Centre Committee

11 June 2019

Court Bushes Hub Committee

4 June 2019
30 July 2019

Website:

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

www.hurstpierpoint-pc.org.uk



COURT BUSHES COMMUNITY HUB

The community building reconstruction is now finished and we are preparing the surrounding site and taking delivery of the equipment and fittings. We expect to be formally collecting the keys from Mid Sussex District Council during May and we thank them for their help and guidance in getting the project to this stage. We are already making arrangements with local groups, including a nursery, which will operate weekdays for 51 weeks a year, a community café, young and old peoples' groups, and other local services. We are now accepting bookings from interested local groups.

For more information about the facilities and hire rates:
www.hurstpierpointvillagehalls.org.uk



Come and see....
Hub
OPEN DAY

Saturday 1 June 2019
Everyone welcome!
Willow Way BN6 9TH

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

7.30pm Tuesday 21 May 2019
Village Centre, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint

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Hurst Meadows news

Easter Monday guided bird walkabout

Around forty adults and children enjoyed a sunny walkabout around Hurst Meadows on Easter Monday, led by our local amateur ornithologist and expert in all matters avian, Tom Flower. Tom helped us to identify the many bird calls that we heard, including Skylarks, Chiffchaffs and Blackcaps and shared lots of interesting information about the birds including describing the lively love life of the Dunnock!

If you missed this Hurst Meadows walk, Tom will be leading another one on 18 September as part of the Hurst Festival – look out for it when the brochure is published!

Claire and Helen (Hurst Meadows Advisory Board)

Apple Orchard.....

A new orchard of 40 Sussex species of apple tree has been planted at Buckwilly Field at the Highfield Drive end of the Meadows. Special thanks to local expert Martin Sadler for guiding us through this project.



Tom Flower and family



Budget and Council Tax for 2019/20

The Parish Council has set its Budget for the new financial year. We have completed a number of significant projects in the last 3 or 4 years, including:

- acquiring and preparing the 50 acres or so of the new Hurst Meadows parkland areas
- installed 8 new 'gateways' at the entrances to Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common
- substantially rebuilt the South Avenue childrens' play area
- replaced 140 of our streetlights with high efficiency LED versions
- upgraded public seats, noticeboards and playground equipment
- supported local groups and organisations through small grants
- worked strongly to protect our environment through the planning process.

At the same time we have kept in place all our current services (maintaining our recreation grounds, playgrounds, the cemetery, public toilets, village garden, our maintenance service and help-point at the Parish Office in the Village Centre)

We will continue to maintain our services and develop similar projects for the community, but our main work in the coming year will be the launching of **COURT BUSHES COMMUNITY HUB** in Hurstpierpoint. (See front page for more details). We are investing around £50,000 to prepare and equip the Hub. We will be charging fair hire rates to local groups, which will help with the running costs, but we also expect to contributing to much of the day to day upkeep.

The Parish Council is confident that this is a worthwhile project, providing much needed facilities in the north of the village. For this reason the Council have decided to increase the **parish part of council tax by 5%**. (Our annual precept has increased by 7.8% to £218,602).

We do not receive any grants from central government or District or County Councils for our day to day operations, and all money has to be raised locally.

The total cost of all the Parish Council's services is now about £1.38 per week for a typical household.

Community Highway Scheme:

The Parish Council, with the support and guidance of our local County and District Councillors, has submitted a scheme to the Highway Authority (WSCC).

This is a list of minor changes to parking and traffic management, particularly in Cuckfield Road and the High Street. The next stage will be some public consultation so watch out for more news.

Cllr Amanda Geel

It is with considerable sadness to report that Cllr Amanda Geel died in December. Amanda had been a strong and energetic member of Council since 2016 With a particular enthusiasm for the environment and countryside. She will be greatly missed.

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7.30pm Tuesday 21 May 2019

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Key topics for discussion.....

- **Court Bushes Community Hub**
- **Hurst Meadows parkland**
- **Community issues**

This is an opportunity for all local residents in the Parish to come and meet their Parish, District and County Councillors. Residents are given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss matters of local interest.

everyone is welcome...



AGENDA

1. Introduction by the Chairman
 2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22 May 2018
 3. Annual Report of the Council - presented by the Chairman
 4. Financial Report of the Council - presented by the Clerk
 5. Discussion topics and open forum for the public
- Closing remarks by the Chairman

Farewell to Councillors.....

Councillors Rosemary Burns and Steve Whitehead did not stand for re-election in May and we thank them for their commitment during their time of office and wish them success in their future plans.

New Councillors.....

Following the uncontested elections on 2 May 2019 we welcome returning councillors and new councillors Duncan Ranger, Seth Jee and Michael Avery to the Parish Council.

New Council staff.....

We are pleased to welcome Assistant Clerk Barbara Scorer and Maintenance Officer Hamish Raby to the team.