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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:

**13 March 2014**

**10 April 2014**

**22 May 2014**

**12 June 2014**

### COMMITTEES:

#### Planning & Environment:

**20 March 2014**

**24 April 2014**

**15 May 2014**

#### Community Affairs:

**27 March 2014**

**29 May 2014**

#### Services:

**3 April 2014**

**5 June 2014**

### Website:

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

[www.hurstpierpoint-pc.org.uk](http://www.hurstpierpoint-pc.org.uk)



## PARISH 2031 Neighbourhood Plan

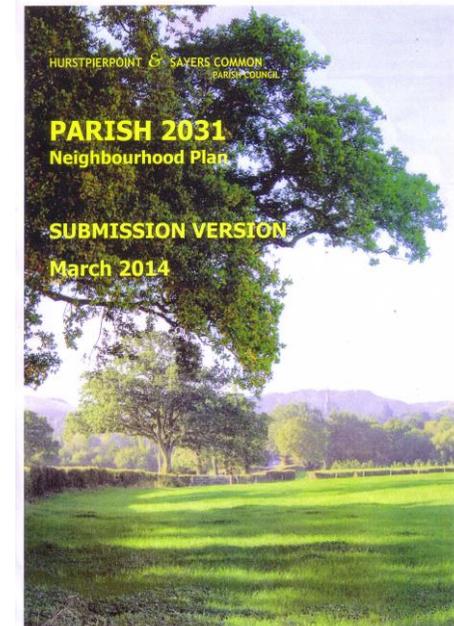
The Parish Council has now lodged its SUBMISSION VERSION of our Neighbourhood Plan to Mid Sussex District Council and South Downs National Park Authority. This follows our review of the responses to the public CONSULTATION DRAFT of May 2013. We are amongst some of the first parish councils in the country to reach this significant stage of the planning process.

The Plan allows for between 282 and 292 new homes in the Parish over the next 20 years. Hurstpierpoint would take 252 homes together with some 40 acres of parkland and woodland. We also address the issues of employment, transport and schooling. The village of Sayers Common would take between 30 and 40 new homes.

The next stage is for the Planning Authorities to validate the Plan. There will then be a further period of public consultation before the Plan is put to a public referendum in which all local electors can vote.

The Parish Council believes that this Plan provides the best balance between conserving the quality of our villages and countryside, and meeting the longer-term needs for future development.

Copies of the Plan are available from the Parish Office or can be downloaded from our website (see back page for details).



**COMMUNITY GROUPS OPEN DAY**  
**Saturday 28 June 2014 - Village Centre, Hurstpierpoint**

See inside for more details →

## Parish 2031 PLANNING UPDATE

As we reported in our Winter 2013 Newsletter, there are three significant planning applications for new houses in the Parish. The current position is:

**Kingsland Laines, Sayers Common** (120 houses): The Parish Council presented our opposition to this proposal at the inquiry last October. The application has been 'called-in' by the Government's Secretary of State for the Environment.

**Little Park/Highfield Drive, Hurstpierpoint** (157 houses): The public inquiry took place last December and, again, the application has been 'called-in' by the Government's Secretary of State.

**College Lane, Hurstpierpoint** (81 houses): A public inquiry is due to take place in April and the Parish Council will present its opposition to the proposals. Once again, the Secretary of State has 'called-in' the application.

**In all three cases the Secretary of State has said that he will announce his decision by August. The Parish Council hopes that the decisions will support the proposals set out in our Neighbourhood Plan.**

For more information on local planning, please follow our website:  
[www.hurstpierpoint-pc.org.uk](http://www.hurstpierpoint-pc.org.uk)

## Budget for 2014/15 and Council Tax

The Parish Council has set its Budget for the new financial year. In doing so we have decided to:

- continue to upgrade public seats, playground equipment, noticeboards and streetlights
- press ahead with the High Street Improvements Scheme
- support local groups and organisations through small grants
- keep 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 Village Centre)
- work strongly to protect our environment through the planning process

We have had to take account of reducing income from some of our services and the loss of a grant from Mid Sussex District Council, as well as absorbing increased costs, and with the benefit of having paid off a loan for the extension of the Village Centre.

We also feel the need to keep some funds in reserve in these uncertain times, and to help with more projects in the future.

The Parish Council 'precept' will rise by 2% which means that a typical Band 'D' household will be paying an extra £1.17 per year, or about 2p per week. The total cost of all the Parish Council's services is now about £1.18 per week for a typical household, which we strongly believe is good value for money.

## Sayers Common Community Shop

Weather permitting, work on the Village Hall should be finished in time for Sayers Common Community Shop to open mid to late April. It will be a convenience store owned by, staffed by and serving the community and also a place for local workers to buy take-away snacks and drinks. The focus will be on local produce as much as possible.

Find out more at:  
[www.sayerscommoncommunityshop.org](http://www.sayerscommoncommunityshop.org)

## Streetlights being replaced:

About half the lights in our Parish are owned by West Sussex County Council, and they are starting on a comprehensive replacement programme. Other lights are owned by the Parish Council and we are steadily replacing the older ones with more efficient and safer versions.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS OPEN DAY

Saturday 28 June 2014 - Village Centre, Hurstpierpoint  
10.00am to 4.00pm

*open to everyone !*

*Looking for something new ?  
FREE entry  
All ages*

This is a great opportunity to see the work of your local volunteer groups and societies. Around 30 local groups will be presenting their activities and giving you the chance to join.

Whether your interests are sporting, talking, singing, or you have a special interest, this is for you.



## Do you need money?

Are you a local community group in the Parish who needs money? The Parish Council has grants, from £50 to £500. For more details please contact the Parish Office or look on our website.

## New seat...

The Parish Council was delighted to receive a donation of £809 from the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church to purchase a new bench, now installed at the top of Orchard Way. The Church's Peter Holding (left) is seen with our Maintenance Officer Cliff Everest.

