

Meetings

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the fourth Monday of each month (apart from August and December) commencing at 7.15 pm in the Roger Montgomeri Room, The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue (via Council Offices' entrance). All members of the public are welcome to attend these Meetings and time is set aside before each Council and Committee Meeting commences (7.00 pm), to give members of the public an opportunity to pose questions. A copy of the Agenda for each Meeting is displayed at the Public Library, on Notice Boards around the Village and on the Council's website.

Council and Committee Meeting Dates September – December 2007

Mon 3 Sept	Planning Committee	Mon 5 Nov	Planning Committee
Mon 17 Sept	Planning Committee	Thurs 8 Nov	Leisure & Recreation Committee
Mon 24 Sept	Finance & General Purposes Committee	Mon 19 Nov	Planning Committee
Mon 24 Sept	COUNCIL	Mon 26 Nov	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Mon 24 Sept	Planning Committee	Mon 26 Nov	COUNCIL
		Mon 26 Nov	Planning Committee
Mon 8 Oct	Planning Committee		
Mon 8 Oct	Allotments Committee	Mon 3 Dec	Planning Committee
Thurs 11 Oct	Lighting & Amenities Committee	Mon 3 Dec	Allotments Committee
Mon 22 Oct	Finance & General Purposes Committee	Mon 17 Dec	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Mon 22 Oct	COUNCIL	Mon 17 Dec	Planning Committee
Mon 22 Oct	Planning Committee		

Blood Donor Sessions

Regular Donor Sessions are held at the Village Memorial Hall and posters are displayed on Notice Boards throughout the Village.

Please come along and support this worthwhile cause.

News from the Village Information Centre



Just a reminder that the Village Information Centre, located adjacent to the Public Toilets in the Churchill Car Park, is open from Monday - Saturday, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. There is a wide range of information available for everyone, ranging from a free car parking disc to a leaflet on cheeses produced in the South East of England!!

So, if you're looking for any type of information, please feel free to pop in to the Centre where Angie, Emma or Julie will be only too happy to assist you in any way that they can.

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Councillors' Surgeries

Councillors' Surgeries are held at the Village Information Centre, Churchill Car Park, to give members of the community an opportunity to meet with Councillors and air their views in respect of the way in which the Parish is managed and maintained, as well as any other issues of interest or concern. Future Surgeries will be held from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm on the following dates:-

Saturday 13 October 2007
Thursday 6 December 2007

Saturday 2 February 2008
Saturday 5 April 2008



Chairman's Message



It does not seem three months since the Local Elections and, as your new Chairman, I would like to say how honoured and privileged I am to have been elected by my fellow Councillors. I follow in the footsteps of Graham Tyler, who has worked tirelessly over the last three years, helping to lead the Council successfully, with many challenging situations and projects. On behalf of my fellow Councillors, I thank him for that. Graham continues to be a Parish Councillor, as well as being Chairman of the Arun District Council, and I am sure you will all join me in wishing him well in that role.

During my time in Office, I would like to think that I can build on the good work already done in previous years. I have particular interest in seeing the Church Farm Cottage Project progress. More information on that later. I also would like to assist in taking forward the Community Action Plan, and encourage more members of the community to take part. Rustington, like many other communities, is becoming more congested and seeing more development. Whenever possible the Council will resist further inappropriate development in order to maintain a balanced Village environment. This, however, is often very difficult based on Central Government recommendations.

The youth of the community are also very important for they are our future generation. Their voice will be listened to, and I encourage them to come forward with any ideas they might have to improve facilities for the young.

Many of you will be aware that Rustington, once again, entered the South and South East In Bloom Competition this year and the judging was held on 3 July. The rain held off for most of the day and the judges seemed most impressed by not only our wonderful floral displays, but also with the Schools, the Allotments and individual Gardens. I would like to say a big thank you to the In-Bloom Committee, the Council's personnel and everyone else in the community who worked so hard to make the Village look so wonderful on the day.

I save the best for last. As you will all know by now the Church Farm Cottage Project is well under way and it is hoped that work will commence on the Cottage in September with a view to having the Museum opened by Easter 2008. Thanks to all who have donated money personally, or who have organised fund raising events for the "Raise The Roof" Fund. Obviously, more funding is required not only for the restoration work of the Cottage, but also for the Café, Garden and Craft Workshop, and work continues for fund raising. I am, therefore, delighted to inform you that as a result of a meeting Graham Tyler and myself had recently with Store Property Investments Limited, the majority Freeholder of the Shops in the Village, they have most generously decided to make a charitable donation of £100,000. This will be an enormous help in providing the much needed funds to proceed with the Project. I am sure you will join me in thanking them most sincerely for their generosity.

I look forward to updating you all on progress being made in future Newsletters, but in the meanwhile I thank everyone in the community who is helping to make Rustington such a wonderful place in which to live and work.

Rustington Museum at Church Farm Cottage



The Tender process in respect of the renovation works required to facilitate the Museum is well underway and, by the time this Newsletter reaches you, it is anticipated that a decision will have been made by the Council as to the successful Contractor and, when the works should commence. Obviously, it is hoped that this can be as soon as practicably possible to enable the Museum to open its doors to visitors some time in the first half of 2008.

The "Raise the Roof" Campaign is proving to be extremely popular with, not only local Groups, Organisations and Businesses, but also with individual members of the local community. The total funds raised currently stand at some £3,500, and it is hoped that donations will continue to be received. As a gentle reminder, everyone is invited to purchase bundles of reed at a cost of £50 per bundle, to help with the cost of re-thatching the roof. All donors will be acknowledged on a Commemorative Board which will be on permanent display either in the Museum or its grounds. So, if you would like to 'do your bit' and play a part in providing this great facility for Rustington, its future, the local community and the many people that visit each year, please dig deep into your pockets and make a donation to the fund. For further details, please contact the Parish Council's Offices or the Village Information Centre.

As far as the next phases of the Project are concerned, namely the Café and Craft Workshop, a grant application has been submitted to the SITA Environmental Trust's Community Challenge Fund. A final decision will not be made by the Trust Board until 11 December. However, if the application is unsuccessful, the Council will need to consider other ways in which to complete the Project.



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Parish News.... South and South East in Bloom

The Rustington entries in this year's South and South East in Bloom Competition were judged on the morning of 3 July. Luckily, the weather just held up for both the two hour judging tour in the morning and the judging of the Woodlands Recreation Ground later in the afternoon.



Thanks to the hard work and efforts of the Rustington In-Bloom Committee, the Parish Council Members and Personnel, together with the local Schools and Pre-Schools, Scouts, Methodist Church, Residents' Associations, The Oak Community Project, Zachary Merton League of Friends, Beach Wardens and many other members of the local community, the judges' feedback in respect of both entries was extremely encouraging.

Special thanks and appreciation must also go to Ferring Nurseries, the West Sussex Youth Offending Team, Arun District Council's Cleansing Services and Parks Departments and the West Sussex County Council Highways Department, for ensuring that the Village really did excel on the day. And last, but certainly not least, to The Windmill Inn for its hospitality and generosity in providing a delicious lunch for all involved at the end of the Village judging tour.

As always, the In-Bloom Committee's key words were "community involvement", and this was certainly the case this year, more than ever before. This was duly noted by all of the judges on the day.



Once again, the trepidation will continue until 5 September, when the results will be announced at a special Awards Ceremony in Crawley – Details of Rustington's success in the Competition will be included in the next issue of the Newsletter - Optimistic as always!

In addition, Georgian Gardens Community Primary School entered the South and South East in Bloom School Grounds Competition. The School was extremely successful receiving a Bronze Certificate. Congratulations must go to everyone involved - Keep up the good work!

Christmas Lighting

No-one in the Village during the Festive period could have failed to notice the newly installed Christmas Lighting Scheme. The lamp-post features, wall mounted Christmas Tree and the individually lit trees in The Street provided a subtle, but most effective, piece of Christmas 'spirit' for all to enjoy!!

The three-way partnership between the Rustington Chamber of Trade and Commerce, Store Property Investments Limited and the Parish Council, which provided the funding for the Scheme, is continuing. All parties are also committed to contributing a further £5,000 each annually for the next two years, to ensure that the Scheme can be extended and maintained.

Discussions are currently underway with a view to lighting extra trees and lamp-posts in The Street and Sea Lane and, subject to formal approval by the West Sussex County Council, there will be even more of a 'wow' factor for the forthcoming Festive season.

Details of the Chamber's Christmas Shopping Event, together with a progress report on the additional lights will be made in the next issue of the Newsletter, so watch this space....

Tree Planting Scheme

The Council will, this year, be continuing with the fourth phase of the Tree Planting Scheme on the Woodlands Recreation Ground. Fifteen donors have already indicated that they would like to participate, so no more donations can be accepted at this time.

However, it is anticipated that the final phase will take place next year, with trees being planted on the North Field of the Recreation Ground. Members of the local community are again invited to donate a tree at a subsidised cost of approximately £60, which will include a commemorative plaque.

For further information please contact the Village Information Centre or the Council's Offices.

Rustington Youth Centre

"A Message from the Neighbourhood Youth Worker"

The Centre now has a new session – for young people from the age of 12. All of the older groups have grown up and moved on leaving the Centre for the younger groups.

Membership has increased recently with new Club members, the majority of whom are aged from 12 to 13 years. The Centre is open on Monday and Thursday Evenings from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. A varied range of activities are on offer each week.

A number of activities have taken place during the Summer, including a visit to Thorpe Park, canoeing, climbing, raft building, swimming and ice skating to name just a few. You don't have to be a regular attendee of the Centre to join in with the Summer Programme, just ring our Youth Centre Office, which is situated in East Preston, on (01903) 772689 for more information on what is happening for your age group in your area.

Entry to the Centre on each evening is £1 and the first visit is free. If you bring a friend you will also get free entry! If you would like to visit the Centre and have a look around before we open, or if any parents would like to visit and talk to Youth Workers, please feel free to call the Office.

If you are a young person and you need to talk with anyone at any time, ring 'talktofrank.com' on 0800 77 66 00 or www.talktofrank.com (a totally confidential helpline for young people) – They can tell you what services are available in your area. Also, the Information Shop in Worthing on (01903) 210315 between 1.00 pm and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday.

Community Action Plan



The Community Action Plan really gathered momentum as Rustington residents completed the questionnaires enclosed with the Spring issue of the Newsletter. Each questionnaire had space for up to 3 people to give their views, on a variety of topics ranging from whether an employment notice board would be welcomed and how easy it is for people to recycle their waste; through to votes for (or against) a Street Market for Rustington. The responses were varied, and people clearly saw it as an opportunity to have their say. The Community Action Plan Group are hard at work analysing the questionnaires, which will help to gauge residents' views on Rustington now, as well as suggestions for improvements in the future.

At the Rustington Carnival on 23 June, the theme of "Have Your Say" was continued, as people visited the Youth Centre to air their views, or complete a questionnaire. There were a number of Community Action Plan associated displays, which included all the entries from local school children for the 'Design a Logo for Rustington' Competition. The winner was selected by a trio of eminent judges, Mary Taylor, local Historian and published Author, Jackie Mallinson, local Artist and Hannah Ridley, Proprietor of Ronald Edwards Stationers. Although the winner, Charlotte Snewin was unable to attend on the day, her sister gladly collected the prize for her. She is pictured above with the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mike Warrington. As well as prizes, shields were awarded for the best three entries.

On Saturday 4 August, members of the group joined the Viridor Recycling Bus outside Woolworths. Viridor staff were available to talk about recycling issues. Children enjoyed using the interactive computer and other games. For Rustington residents, a photograph quiz designed to test people's knowledge of the Village proved most popular, with prizes for all children who entered.

The Community Action Plan Group always welcomes volunteers. The Steering Group has a new Chairman, John Ceirlog-Hughes. So you can either contact him for more information via the Parish Council Offices, or the Action in Rural Sussex Co-ordinator, Rowena Tyler on (01798) 344612.

Rustington Festival

A Message from the Littlehampton District Lions Club

First and foremost let us say a big thank you to all the Organisations, Associations, Clubs and just ordinary people who helped to make the Festival such a success. We hope everybody who got involved benefited from their efforts.

Carnival Day itself was a game of two halves. The Procession was magnificent and the Fete was a washout. However we are not downhearted and want to assure all parishioners that we will be back again next year. Please note Carnival Day 2008 will be Saturday 7 June.

This year's Procession Category Winners were as follows:-

Adult Decorative	--	Mod-Mums Coffee Club
Adult Walking	--	Silk Road Belly Dancers
Youth Decorative	--	Schools Together
Best Pom-Pom Troupe	--	The Regis Troopers
Best in Parade	--	Littlehampton Community School Steel Band

When you hear and read stories of people not getting involved and youngsters causing problems, it is a great credit to the Parents, Schools and Children themselves to produce such a wonderful Parade. The Rustington Princess and her attendant were beautiful and again a credit to the School and Parents.

Rustington's Primary Schools must take a lot of credit for the pupils who produced logos for the Community Action Plan, which were all on display in the Rustington Youth Centre on Carnival Day.

The Club's nominated Charity to benefit from the proceeds of this year's Festival was the Littlehampton based *HOMElink*. Despite the weather we will be able to donate £1,500 to assist in achieving the Charity's aim of helping homeless and jobless people in the locality. Special thanks must go to the Rustington Short Mat Bowls Club who donated £300 to our funds, as a result of a very well organised Tournament.

Finally if you would like to join the Littlehampton District Lions Club and become a member of the World's largest Service Organisation, please contact Don Rogers on (01903) 772691.

Gardens and Allotments Competitions

Following the judging of this year's Gardens Competition entries the results were declared as follows:-

Class 1	–	Window Boxes, Balconies and Patio Tubs etc. (Residential)
Winner		Mrs M Bartlett, 1-4 Arun Close, Woodlands Avenue
Runner-Up		Mrs M Barker, 2 Clipping Court, Rackham Road
Class 2	–	Window Boxes, Balconies and Patio Tubs etc. (Commercial)
Winner		The Windmill Public House, Mill Lane
Runner-Up		The Lamb Public House, The Street
Class 3	–	Front Gardens of Any Size (Residential)
Winner		Mr B Lee, 37 Knightscroft Avenue
Runner-Up		Mrs S Weston, 8 Ravenscroft, Sutton Avenue
Class 4	–	Front Gardens of Any Size (Commercial)
Winner		Rustington House (Hargreaves Properties Ltd.), Worthing Road
Runner-Up		Rustington Manor Hotel, Broadmark Lane
Class 5	–	Schools' Competition
Winner		Georgian Gardens Community Primary School, Guildford Road
Class 6	–	Community Gardens
Winner		Overstrand West Estates (Chanctonbury Road & Rackham Road)
Runner-Up		Bramber Square (Italian Garden), Church Farm Gardens

The judges also agreed that Certificates of Commendation should be awarded to a number of outstanding front gardens.

The judging of the Council's Allotments Competition took place on 2 July and the following results were declared:

Joint Overall Winner	-	Plot 8 Penfold Lane	-	Miss J Gibbs
	-	Plot 14 Worthing Road	-	The Oak Community Project
Site Winner - Penfold Lane	-	Plot 8	-	Miss J Gibbs
Site Winner - Conbar Avenue	-	Plot 7	-	Mr & Mrs J Donovan
Site Winner - Worthing Road	-	Plot 14	-	The Oak Community Project

The Cliff Pryor Cup for outstanding effort and achievement during the year was awarded to:-
Plot 8 Worthing Road - G Frostick

The Judges also agreed that Certificates of Commendation be awarded to certain plots on each Site.

All of the above mentioned winners will be presented with their awards at the Reception following the Council's Civic Thanksgiving Service in September.