

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 December 2007 – March 2008

Mon 3 Dec	Planning	Mon 11 Feb	Planning
Mon 3 Dec	Allotments	Mon 11 Feb	Allotments
Mon 17 Dec	Finance & General Purposes	Mon 25 Feb	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 17 Dec	Planning	Mon 25 Feb	COUNCIL
		Mon 25 Feb	Planning
Mon 14 Jan	Planning		
Mon 14 Jan	Finance & General Purposes	Thurs 6 Mar	Leisure & Recreation
Mon 28 Jan	Finance & General Purposes	Mon 10 Mar	Planning
Mon 28 Jan	COUNCIL	Mon 17 Mar	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 28 Jan	Planning	Mon 17 Mar	COUNCIL
		Mon 17 Mar	Planning
Thurs 7 Feb	Lighting & Amenities		

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.

Citizens' Advice Bureau

The Council provides a facility at the Village Information Centre for the Citizens' Advice Bureau to visit on a Tuesday morning. Appointments must be made in advance through the Littlehampton Citizens' Advice Bureau office (Tel: 01903 724010).

Sussex Police 'Drop-In' Surgeries

The Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) will be holding 'Drop-In' Surgeries at the Village Information Centre in the Churchill Car Park from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm on the following Saturdays:-

15 December 2007
19 January 2008

A new initiative by the PCSOs, namely Mobile Surgeries, will also be taking place at various other locations in the Village, including the Somerfield Store and the Library, over the next few months. Details of these will be advertised on Notice Boards and on the Council's Website.

Your Councillors

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Clerk of the Council	Mrs Carole Ward	34 Woodlands Avenue, Rustington BN16 3HB	Tel: 01903 786420

Councillors' Surgeries

The Council is continuing to hold its Bi-monthly Surgeries, to enable members of the local community to have the opportunity to meet with a Councillor to air their views in respect of the way in which the Parish is managed, maintained and enhanced, as well as any other issues of interest or concern.

The Surgeries are held at the Village Information Centre in the Churchill Car Park from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, and the dates for the remainder of the current Council Term are:-

6 December 2007 2 February 2008 5 April 2008



Rustington-In-Bloom



At the Annual Awards Ceremony for the South and South East in Bloom Competition in September, Rustington was presented with not only a Gold Award for this year's entry, but also the Category's Overall Winner Award. What a great achievement!

The Woodlands Recreation Ground was presented with a Silver Gilt Award in the Parks (Recreation/Small) Category.

The Judges Special Discretionary Award for Community Involvement, across the entire Competition, was made to the Church Farm Gardens Estate, in the centre of the Village.

Certificates of Excellence were also awarded to 1st Rustington Scout Group, Arun U3A (Beach Wardens), Church Farm Gardens Ltd, Georgian Gardens Community Primary School, Mr B Lee, Little Explorers Pre-school, Overstrand West Estates, Rustington-In-Bloom Committee, Rustington Methodist Church, Summerlea Community Primary School, The Oak Community Project, Mrs S Weston, The Windmill Inn, Youth Offending Team and Zachary Merton League of Friends, for their most important contributions towards the success of the Rustington entry.

The In-Bloom Committee, in partnership with the Parish Council, organised the 2007 Campaign with the support of the Arun District Council Cleansing Department, West Sussex County Council Highways Department and individual Officers from the District Council. Special mention must also be made of Ferring Nurseries, without whose service and dedication, this success would most certainly not have been achieved.

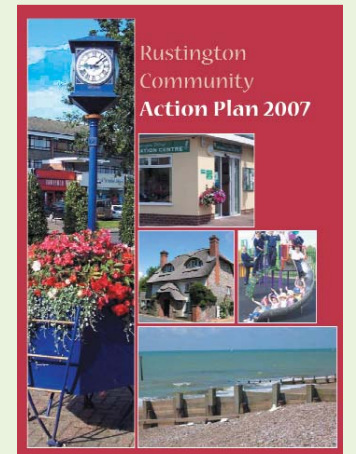
Rustington has recently been invited to enter the most prestigious Britain in Bloom Competition in 2008 as one of the entries from South and South East in Bloom. This invitation has been accepted by the Parish Council, and the In-Bloom Committee are already moving forward with the arrangements for next year's Campaign.

It is obviously even more important now for as many local Groups, Clubs, Businesses, Residents Associations and individual members of the local community to become involved with the 2008 Campaign, to ensure that not only is the 2007 level of achievement retained, but that it is improved upon, if at all possible.

Community Action Plan

In this issue of the Newsletter, you will find your copy of the Community Action Plan. This booklet has been produced following a year of work by residents of the Village, who volunteered to join the Focus Groups, and consult with the wider community. You may remember completing the questionnaire which was included in the Spring Edition of the Newsletter, or possibly giving your views at the Carnival in June or at one of the other consultation events during the year. The findings and issues which were raised have all been included in the Plan.

We hope you enjoy reading the booklet and find the information of interest, but the work doesn't end there... It has been named the Community Action Plan, and the next stage will be to implement the actions identified where possible and to look at issues raised which may need lobbying actions. This is where you can help. There will be an official launch of the Community Action Plan on Saturday 16 February 2008 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm at The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue, and at that event, the partnership will be formed. Everyone is welcome, so please either come along, or for more information on how you can become involved, please contact Rowena Tyler of Action in Rural Sussex, on 01798 344612.



If you do not have a copy of the Community Action Plan in your Newsletter, please contact the Parish Council's Offices.



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Parish News....

Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service and Presentation Evening

The Parish Council's Annual Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday 16 September at St Joseph's Catholic Church. The Service was conducted by Father Brendan Burke. Following the Service, a Reception and Award Ceremony was held at The Woodlands Centre, where presentations were made to various members of the community, both for outstanding flower displays in private front gardens and business premises and also for excellently cultivated allotment plots.



One of the highlights of the evening was the Presentation of the Parishioners' Award, which this year was awarded to Mrs Lynette Nicholson, in recognition of her unceasing and outstanding public service to the community of Rustington.



Rustington Museum at Church Farm Cottage

On Monday 5 November, the day finally arrived when Phase 1 of the Rustington Museum Project at Church Farm Cottage in The Street, commenced.



This phase encompasses the complete renovation of the Cottage itself, to facilitate the new Museum which, it is anticipated, will open in the Summer of 2008. The funding for this phase was achieved as a result of a partnership between the local community, the Parish Council and the Rustington Heritage Association.

The second phase, which will include the Craft Workshop, Café and Community Garden, is still being progressed, and the Parish Council has recently learned that its grant application to the SITA Environmental Trust has been short-listed. It is anticipated that the outcome of this grant application will be known by the end of December. If the application should prove to be successful, then the entire Project could be completed before the end of 2008.

Tree Planting Scheme

The fourth phase of the Tree Planting Scheme on the Woodlands Recreation Ground will be taking place on 5 December, with 16 new trees being planted at various locations.

It is proposed that the final phase of this particular Scheme will take place next year on the North Field of the Recreation Ground. Members of the local community are again invited to donate a tree at a cost of approximately £60 which will include a commemorative plaque. For further information please contact the Council's Offices or visit the Village Information Centre.

Public ★★★★★ Conveniences - Churchill Car Park

The Parish Council was delighted to receive notification recently, that the Public Conveniences in the Churchill Car Park had again been awarded a 4 Star Grading in the 2007 Loo of the Year Competition. The Public Conveniences in Broadmark Lane also achieved a 3 Star Grading for their first time entry.

With the highest Grading being a 5 Star, it is considered that Rustington has fared very well this year. Let's hope we can retain these standards next year, or maybe even improve on them! We will certainly keep you informed.

Christmas is coming

The Rustington Chamber of Trade and Commerce will be holding its Christmas Shopping Event on Saturday 8 December from 12.00 noon to 6.30 pm.

Music will be provided by a Fairground Organ, with local School Choirs performing throughout the event. There will be a full range of entertainment on offer. With the success of Santa's Grotto last year, the children will have their own "Little Lapland" in Sea Lane hosted by John Cooper Joinery. There will also be food and drink stalls for the young and the 'young at heart' to enjoy. The shops will provide a backdrop with dressed windows in a Lapland theme.

The new Lighting Scheme has been extended for 2007 and now includes the northern part of Sea Lane, and once again, has been provided as a result of a three way partnership between the Chamber of Trade and Commerce, Store Property Investments Limited and the Parish Council.

So, make sure you don't miss what promises to be a most impressive seasonal evening, which will ensure that Rustington gets off to a great start to the Festive Season - See you there!!!!



Photograph courtesy of the Littlehampton Gazette

Community Carol Concert

The Parish Council will, once again, be serving up a feast of festive music and frivolity at the Community Carol Concert in the Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue, on Saturday 15 December commencing at 7.30 pm (Doors Open at 6.45 pm). Entry is Free, as are refreshments and the Grand Christmas Raffle.

A varied programme has again been arranged with performances by the Littlehampton Concert Band, the Sussex West Guide Choir and the Friendship Singers, not forgetting the extremely popular Community Carol Singing.

As many of you will be aware, this Concert is a very popular event, and entry will be on a first come first serve basis.

Creating an NHS Fit for the Future - Consultation

Parishioners might be interested to see the Council's response to the recent Public Consultation on the West Sussex Primary Care Trust's proposals for future acute health care provision, as detailed in the 'Fit for the Future' Consultation Document. This was as follows:-

"The Council has considered this Consultation Document and feels most strongly that the status quo should be retained. The Council was most concerned to learn that this was not one of the options offered within the Consultation Document, particularly as this Consultation was supposed to have commenced with a shortfall of funding which, it has now been identified, is, in fact, not the case.

The Council is of the opinion that the existing facilities, the subject of this Consultation, should all be retained and upgraded to meet the needs of the increasing populations of the Towns, Villages and Cities within the catchment areas of all three Hospitals.

The Council is also extremely concerned that this Document was formulated prior to the next round of extensive building development proposals across the County of West Sussex. The road infrastructure will, most certainly, not be able to support the Emergency Services, should any of the three options contained within the Consultation Document be selected. This was evident at the Primary Care Trust's Consultation Meetings.

The Council's unanimous opinion is that Littlehampton should have a Community Hospital and, whilst it is understood from statements made at the Consultation Meetings that there will be a medical facility, Mr Wilderspin has strongly intimated that this will not include any bed provision. The Council would, therefore, strongly urge the Primary Care Trust to promote the retention of the facility which already exists at Zachary Merton Hospital, providing an excellent step-down facility.

The Council, which represents some 13,000 local residents, the majority of which concur with the aforementioned comments, sincerely hopes that the Primary Care Trust will listen to the majority voice of not only the people, but also the many like-minded General Practitioners and Consultants, who have great concerns in respect of all of the three options."

News from the Village Information Centre

On Thursday 25 October, the 10,000th visitor crossed the threshold of the Village Information Centre in the Churchill Car Park. Ms Valerie Ward was welcomed and presented with a bottle of champagne by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Mike Warrington, and Mrs Emma Neno, a member of the Centre's personnel.



Since its opening in February 2006, the Centre has proved to be a great success and is, most certainly, a valuable and extremely popular community facility.

Those visiting are able to access a comprehensive variety of information ranging from free car parking discs and bus timetables, to the services of an Adviser from the Citizens' Advice Bureau and the local Police Community Support Officers. The Centre is open from Monday to Saturday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm.

Rustington Youth Centre

The Youth Centre is open for youth/children's activities as follows:-

Mon	7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Senior Youth Club
Tues	5.30 pm - 7.30 pm - Youth Club for Young People with Learning Difficulties
Tues	8.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Wrestling
Wed	7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Under 12s Amateur Wrestling Club
Thurs	7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Senior Youth Club
Fri	5.15 pm - 7.15 pm - Under 8s Club
	7.15 pm - 9.15 pm - Under 13s Club
Sat	10.00 am - 12 noon - Wrestling



If you would like more information in respect of facilities available for hire, please contact the Council's Offices.