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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:

17 May 2018 (AGM)
28 June 2018
26 July 2018
27 September 2018

COMMITTEES:

Planning:

24 May 2018
14 June 2018
5 July 2018
2 August 2018
13 September 2018

Community Affairs:

19 July 2018

Finance + General Purposes:

10 May 2018
7 June 2018
12 July 2018
9 August 2018

Parkland Management:

21 June 2018
16 August 2018

Website:

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

www.hurstpierpoint-pc.org.uk



Hurst Meadows open to the public.....

Nearly 50 acres of meadowland has now been acquired by the Parish Council, for access by the public and for preservation of the natural countryside. This is part of the Council's Neighbourhood Plan which was approved by over 90% of the community in our referendum in 2015.

The area is north of Trinity Road, west of College Lane, and east of Iden Hurst and Fairfield Crescent, with points of access currently from the Millennium Garden (Trinity Road), Highfield Drive, Latchetts Lane and St Georges Green.

Over the coming months and years we will be introducing new planting, to reinforce the indigenous species, introducing a community orchard, improving access and adding noticeboards and maps to help everyone understand and enjoy the areas.



Members of the Parish Council and Hurst Meadows Advisory Board on a recent 'walkabout'

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

7.30pm Tuesday 22 May 2018

Village Centre, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint

All are welcome

See inside for details



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

7.30pm Tuesday 23 May 2017
Village Centre, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint

Key topics for discussion.....

- **District Plan issues**
- **Hurst Meadows parkland**
- **Court Buses Community Hub**

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.

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AGENDA

1. Introduction by the Chairman
2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23 May 2017
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
6. Closing remarks by the Chairman

Farewell to Roberta ...

Councillors and the staff team said farewell to Roberta Taylor at the end of April. Roberta has worked as Assistant Clerk for 13 years in the Parish Office in Trinity Road and her friendly style and American accent was well known by many people in the area. We wish her every success in her retirement.

New Assistant Clerk....

We are pleased to welcome Rachael to the Staff Team, joining us from the library services team in Crawley. Rachael will be handling many of the general enquiries from the public and bookings for the Village Centre, as well as administering our press and social media.

New projects.....

We are starting to plan for new 'village gateways' in Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common, and for more play equipment at the Reeds Lane recreation ground.

We are re-thinking our previous suggestions of flower baskets on posts in the High Street, following some opposition to the ideas.

Budget and Council Tax for 2018/19

The Parish Council has set its Budget for the new financial year.

In doing so we have decided to:

- manage and improve the new Hurst Meadows parkland areas
- introduce new 'gateways' at the entrances to Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common
- develop a new Community Hub at Court Buses
- continue to upgrade public seats and playground equipment
- 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 Parish Office in the Village Centre)
- work strongly to protect our environment through the planning process.

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. To meet our plans we have **raised the parish part of council tax by 2%** for a typical 'Band D' household. (Our annual precept has increased by 4.6% to £202,602.).

The total cost of all the Parish Council's services is now about £1.31 per week for a typical household.

DISTRICT PLAN and future development

We are delighted that the Mid Sussex District Plan for 2016-31 has now been approved and adopted. Although not guaranteed, it gives us much greater confidence about which developments and planning applications will go forward, and gives much more weight to our Neighbourhood Plan.

However, Mid Sussex District Council as our Planning authority, have been told that they will have to plan for a faster rate of housebuilding beyond 2024 and have started the process of looking for possible development sites across the District. We intend to engage with them to try and safeguard our Neighbourhood Plan as much as possible.

Court Buses Community Hub

The community building on the recreation ground near Willow Way, Hurstpierpoint, is not currently in use and the Parish Council is working with owners Mid Sussex District Council to convert into a multi-purpose community hub.

We are talking to groups including Clarion Housing, The Point Church, the Ex-servicemens' Club, and others about offering a range of activities for all ages and serving the immediate community in the area. There is still much work to be done but meanwhile please let us know if you have ideas about the sort of activities could be provided by local people.

