

Ford

Parish Council

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Dear Councillor

I hereby summon you to attend a parish meeting of Ford Parish Council. Meeting to be held on **Tuesday 19th March 2019 at 7.30pm** in Yapton and Ford Village Hall, Small Hall.

Morgan Taylor
Clerk to the Council & Responsible Finance Officer

Ford Parish Council Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Members are reminded that they are required to make a declaration in relation to any item on this agenda in which they may have any personal or prejudicial interests
3. **Minutes from January meeting** – To agree the minutes of the last meeting as a true and correct record
4. **Police Report** – Update from Cllr J Merritt
5. **Finance** – to receive a report on the Councils financial position and authorise payments. In connection with the audit arrangements for local councils and the Annual Return must be completed by the Parish Council.
6. **County Councillor report** – County Councillor J Pendleton may be present to give a report
7. **District Councillor Report** – District Councillor S Haymes and D Ambler may be present to give a report
8. **Chairman's update** – Cllr Trevor Ford
 - a) Update from ADALC

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9. **Memorial & Allotment Garden** – Update from Cllr D Smith.

10. **Community Resilience Plan** – Update from Cllr Ford

11. **Planning Applications**

a) F/4/19/PL

b) F/3/19/PL

12. **Report on Village Hall Management Committee meetings** – Cllr D Ambler
may be present to give a report

13. **Footpath Report** Cllr D Armstrong

14. **Correspondence**

None

15. **Requests for Donations** –

a) **Home start** - £100

Meeting Closed.

OPEN FORUM

N.B. any matters arising will be noted and added to agenda for next meeting to discuss

1. **Matters Arising** – None

NEXT MEETING:

Ford Parish Council – 16th May 2019 at 7.30pm, Yapton and Ford Village Hall, Small Hall

WSCC : Middleton Division

County Councillor Report for Jan/Feb/Mar 2019

IPEH

The Integrated Prevention and Earliest Help (IPEH) service was set up based on a preventative focus, to deliver better outcomes for children, young people and families, particularly those people who were finding difficulty in managing their lives. After 2 years in operation, and in the face of rising demand, it has been decided to undertake a review and potential redesign of the service benchmarking, financial data and best practice from other local authorities rated good and outstanding by Ofsted. The review should deliver improved outcomes, reduced demand for children's social care and more effective use of available resources. Any agreed proposals will start to be implemented in the Spring and phased throughout the rest of the year.

Community Initiative Fund Budget

This fund is proposed to reduce from £280,000 per year to £140,000 per year the budget subject to a review of County Local committees (JWAAC in our case) due to be carried out later in 2019 by the WSCC Governance Committee. It is also proposed that any in-year underspend of CIF will not be rolled forward into next year.

Community Hubs : Public spaces for the Future

WSCC are planning to put public buildings at the heart of the community. The plan is to create community hubs, transforming buildings into modern spaces where a range of services will be provided and local people can meet, learn, take part in community activities and access the services they need. £5m has been earmarked for the community-led project which aims to safeguard the future of library services and children and family services. The plan is to look at moving key services for people of all ages under one roof in new, engaging public spaces which should result in saving money and protecting the future of much of our community assets.

The first of the community hubs to get the go ahead is in Worthing which will see the children and family services, registration services and library services based out of what will be the redesigned site of Worthing library. WSCC will now identify possible locations for future community hubs by engaging with local communities in order to

develop a bespoke community hub that reflects the views, ideas and needs of people in that area.

A259 Preparation works starting soon

Preparation work starts soon ahead of a major improvement scheme for the A259 to the East of Arun.

The clearance of vegetation and trees will start on the Angmering stretch of the project, between the Haskins Garden Centre roundabout and Station Road, around the middle of February. Following that, pipework and other utilities will be moved and protected as the road scheme progresses. Minimal traffic control will be used resulting in little impact on traffic flow. Vegetation clearance, between the Body Shop roundabout and Highdown Drive, will be announced later at the end of the bird nesting season.

The main phase of the project will widen approximately 2km of existing single carriageway to dual carriageway in the Angmering and Littlehampton sections and is expected to start later this year.

£6million improvements boost for West Sussex highways.

The extensive programme of highways maintenance, funded by the Department for Transport's £6million capital injection announced last year has started across West Sussex. It includes:

- Surface treatments to improve roads and footways
- Improvements to highway bridges
- Vehicle safety barrier upgrades
- Some drainage improvements

This is not the same as the Pothole Action Fund and is to be used for a range of local highway maintenance. Some of the money will be used to treat and repair surfaces to tackle and prevent potholes. Other areas include safety barriers, highway bridge maintenance and some drainage improvements.

To find out what works have been scheduled under this DfT Additional Funding programme, use <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/roadworks-and-projects/road-projects/better-roads-road-funding-information/>

Next Steps Agreed for A27 Chichester By-Pass

A disappointing letter has been received by WSCC from Highways England. Rejecting both 'Build A Better A27' (BABA27) concept options for the A27 Chichester, including the preferred mitigated northern route and the mitigated southern route. Both WSCC and local MPs all agree on the importance of securing Government support for a sustainable long term solution for the A27 that has the support of the community and have asked for further information from Highways England regarding their reasons for turning down the BABA27 schemes and a meeting is being sought with Jesse Norman MP, Minister of State for the Department for Transport, to ask for funding from the Government's next Roads Investment Strategy programme (RIS2: which covers the period 2020-2025) to undertake further technical work to improve the A27 Chichester.

New emergency mobilising system for West Sussex Fire & Rescue

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service is to move to a joint 999 mobilising system with Surrey Fire & Rescue Service following a full assessment of the options available for alternative mobilising systems with other fire and rescue services. Command and mobilising systems are used to dispatch fire and rescue service resources to emergency incidents and these new arrangements should ensure the safety of residents in West Sussex by enabling the fire service to mobilise quickly and effectively. Migration to the new system will start in mid-February 2020.

WSCC Annual Report on Sustainability

The County Council's Annual Report, is now available on the website.

Highlights from the past year include:

- 17% reduction in our carbon emissions - a 45% reduction from our original baseline set in 2011/2012.
- Electricity consumption decreased by 5% since last year, reflecting the continuing investment in energy efficiency measures and renewable energy installations.
- Gas consumption increased by 6%, due to the colder winter we experienced in 2017.
- Generation of our own clean renewable energy - our renewable energy projects currently generate 23,350 MWh per year on average, which exceeds the 14,000 MWh on average that we use at our main sites.

- Reducing plastic pollution - decreasing reliance on single use plastic drink bottles.
- Joint Air Quality Plan – a partnership approach to improving air quality in West Sussex, is now available on the County Council’s website.
- Energy switching – council-backed energy supplier is successful in getting residents to think about their energy costs, switch and save money.
- New energy storage sites – battery storage at Westhampnett, new proposals for energy storage at Halewick Lane, Sompting, to be used to absorb and store grid electricity when it is in surplus and cheaply available and release it to the grid during peak periods.
- Solar schools – solar panels on more than 70 West Sussex schools fitted and maintained by the County Council with the schools purchasing the clean electricity generated on site at a reduced rate.
- 4,000 residents switching to ‘Your Energy Sussex’ (run on a not-for-profit basis) for competitively-priced gas and 100% renewable electricity, where surpluses are used to build a Fuel Poverty Fund for residents who are struggling to pay their energy bills.
- Electric vehicles – The County Council has begun its trial of ultra-low emission vehicles with the installation of three charging points at County Hall, Chichester.
- Renewable energy for some business parks
- Low-energy LED lighting upgrades in libraries, combined Heat and Power (CHP) systems in some corporate buildings, low-energy lighting upgrades at County Hall, fire stations, highways depots and a number of additional libraries.
- Hydrogen demonstration project – bidding with the University of Chichester for funding to develop the market for hydrogen as a low-carbon fuel for transport.

Sustainability and Energy Locally

Westhampnett solar farm was connected to the national grid in October and it is now producing enough green electricity to power the equivalent of 2,400 homes. It features large, grid-scale batteries that store surplus electricity and release it to the grid when needed. The additional income generated by the batteries means that Westhampnett is the first, publicly-owned solar farm that is not reliant on government subsidies (feed-in tariffs) to be financially viable. It is built on a closed landfill site with little alternative use for the next 25 years due to the presence of methane gas.

Combating loneliness and accidents in vulnerable adults

An initiative to help keep elderly frail and vulnerable adults out of care homes and hospitals and in their own homes is being developed. The aim is to help local communities support their own people with local support groups for visiting and befriending and to encourage holding and attending events such as lunch clubs, arranged locally in pubs, cafes, village halls, etc. Links will be created between doctors' surgeries, social services and local support groups to focus on support in the home, not removal to care.

It is planned to hold 'Talk Local' sessions to find out what works locally and what needs to be achieved to deliver support. Questions being asked will include:

1. How can you see this working in your local area with your local community?
2. What assets are available for use and what potential issues do we need to be aware of within the local area and from a community perspective?
3. Are there any particular local community leaders that we need to engage with?

The intention is to take a collaborative approach to making changes through working together to identify solutions.

Slipper Swap initiative

WSSC is hosting its first Slipper Swap during the month of March. Ill-fitting slippers, or those which are beyond their best, have been shown to pose a real risk of causing a fall. The plan is to help prevent slips, trips and falls by elderly residents, who are being invited to trade in their old slippers for a brand new pair, free of charge.

New figures released show that during 2017/18, in West Sussex there were:

- 4,772 emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people aged 65 and over
- Treating hip fractures as a result of a fall is estimated to cost our local NHS more than £20 million a year.

Risks following a fall include:

- loss of independence
- impact on confidence
- increased social isolation.

WSCC have invested £750,000 (part of £3.3 m government grant for Adult Services) in deploying 'Falls Champions' and in partnership with health are seeking to help those most at risk of a fall.

If you are, or know somebody who is, at risk of falling arrange to pop along, with your old slippers, to an event being held at various libraries:

Goring, Friday 1 March (10am – 2pm)

Bognor Regis, Wednesday 13 March (10am - 2pm)

Durrington, Friday 15 March (10am-2pm)

Chichester, Thursday 28 March (10am-2pm)

Crawley, Friday 29 March (10am-2pm)

For more information visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/falls or contact the local Wellbeing Hub to find more ways to stay steady and keep active.

Jacky Pendleton

1st. March 2019

28th January 2019

Dear Ford Parish Council,

I am writing to ask for your support of local families to help give their children the best possible start in life. All families can experience challenges, such as mental health issues, a bereavement, a child's challenging behaviour, relationship breakdown or a parent/child disability. As an established grass roots charity of 18 years, Home-Start Arun, Worthing & Adur understands the challenges families can face in our communities. Our area of 3 districts has coastal deprivation and rural isolation.

When a parent suffers from mental health issues, they can feel isolated, have low self-esteem as well as disconnected from their child. Everyday tasks and activities such as leaving the house for appointments or school, outdoor play and caring for their child can seem monumental. Additional factors such as being remote from friends and family networks, a relationship breakdown or having limited financial and practical resources can exacerbate these problems and negatively impact the wellbeing of parent and child. Poor parental mental health was cited in 46% of referrals received in 2017/18, the effects of which leave children at risk of developing emotional, social and behavioural issues, with a significant negative impact on the baby or child's brain development and child/parent bonding.

Home-Start offer a home-visiting service, providing emotional and practical support to families. Our trained volunteers visit a family in their home for 2-3 hours a week for, on average, 6 months. Volunteer intervention has been described as a "lifeline". They give a listening ear and tailored support in order to help families overcome isolation, engage with their child's development, reach personal goals, improve their emotional and mental wellbeing and access of agencies. Support may include: creating routines, emotional support, school readiness and connecting them to other parents. As thresholds for statutory services constantly increase, families do not receive help from the state. If we were not able to provide this service, families would be left to struggle by themselves, not able to improve the situation for their children and resulting in children falling behind with personal, educational and social development. Through our work we empower parents to develop strategies to better manage their own lives, build resilience and prevent a state of crisis occurring.

Home-Start supports 145 families a year but cannot help 1 in 5 of our referrals; we currently have 22 families waiting for support. It costs £250 to train a volunteer. We are seeking £100 towards this cost.

For more information, please get in touch, look at our website www.home-startarun.org or Facebook.

Yours sincerely,



Anna Madge, Fundraiser

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Case Study

Looking back, I'd reached breaking point when I came across a link I'd saved on my computer to the Home-Start charity months before. Feeling so lost and in utter despair I sent a message to Home-Start, unaware of whether I was someone they would be able to help in my then devastating situation. In all honesty, I just needed someone, anyone to listen, hoping this would prevent myself from having a nervous breakdown and falling to pieces. Home-Start got in touch immediately and the pure care and compassion given, even from that very first conversation, brought me to tears, realising just how kind and caring they all are. I'll always remember being asked at the end of the conversation whether I wanted to stay on the phone to talk a little more as they were so concerned at how distraught I was on the other end. Words simply can't describe just how much this offer meant to me. It made me realise that there truly are warm, loving and caring individuals out there who care, from the bottom of their hearts, about others.



After this initial contact, an Organiser from Home-Start came to see me at home to talk and listen to everything and anything! She and all the team at Home-Start are incredible individuals, without whom I'd be completely lost. I've never had a single person do as much for me in the past 34 years of my life my Organiser has in the last few months! Without her one-to-one help, I dread to think where my daughter and myself would be today. She guided me through the hardest time of my life

and continues to go beyond my expectations. This not only included dealing with financial issues, sourcing activities and social clubs, but also emotional support and mental wellbeing. All of which were and are priceless in my eyes. From being forced to leave an abusive relationship as a single mum, with my confidence shattered, finances in ruin and essentially being unable to function as a basic human being, Home-Start have been there for me. I have no family support network of my own and it's almost as though Home-Start have stepped in to provide this and you know what, they've done a better job than anyone else I've ever known.

Home-Start's one-to-one support has enabled me to get back on my feet and tackle the issues I was left to face. One of which was being able to be the best mum I can be to my daughter and to begin to like myself again, if not for the very first time. I wholeheartedly cannot begin to put into words just how much everyone at Home-Start have helped me and will always mean to me. They've shaped our lives and I feel eternally grateful to have come across their webpage!

With this, I would like to say thank you for saving my life and for ensuring that my daughter can grow up to be the wonderful, happy and beautiful person I know she is.

