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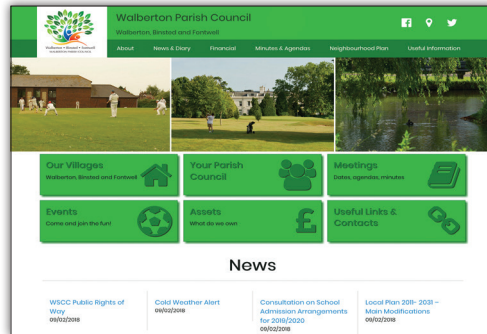
It's the only way to keep in touch with what's happening in and around our villages.

These emails are for residents of Walberton, Binsted and Fontwell and

businesses based in our villages. We don't bombard you but send a monthly update with items of local interest.

Did you know that there are almost a hundred business rate payers here?

Do you like our new email format? Find the content interesting and useful? Let us know if there is anything you'd like to see included.



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Diary dates

- Monday 10 December - Dementia Friends Information - Pavilion - 10 am to midday
- Saturday 26 January - Neighbourhood Plan Open Day
- Thursday 2 May - Local elections
- Tuesday 20 May - Annual Parish Meeting
- Sunday 23 June - Open Gardens
- Sunday 30 June - Walberton Cricket Club 150th anniversary match v MCC

Post office
Every Friday the Post Office opens in the pavilion from 10 am to 1230 pm. Note special extended opening hours on 30 November, 7, 14 and 21 December - 9 am to midday.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

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YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU...

Do you want to make a difference? – then put yourself forward as a councillor.

We enjoy our roles and many combine them with full time jobs and families.

Several councillors who have served many years will be retiring in May. Should we have insufficient volunteers then Arun District Council will appoint one or more councillors – not something any of us want.

Will you step up?

Contact any councillor or the clerk for a chat.

Dear all

What a lovely summer and autumn - we hope you managed to enjoy the weather.

Our WalBinFont weekend was a great success raising more than £6,000 which benefited local charity Just Different and our POP (Protect our Parish) fund. Over 400 of you enjoyed the Willie Austen band on Saturday evening and many of you braved the atrocious weather on Fete day!

We bid farewell and thank Richard Moores for his valuable input over the last 3 years, but are pleased to welcome Andrew Ratcliffe to the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan team.

There will be an Open Day in the Pavilion on Saturday 26 January from 10 am to 3 pm. Come and talk to us and find out about your Neighbourhood Plan review – more details inside. Time to "Have Your Say".

All councillors and the Neighbourhood Plan group join me in wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Suzanne Clark CHAIRMAN – WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL



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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

What's Happening and Why?

We have all wondered what has the Neighbourhood Plan done for the Parish? A good question.



On the positive side it brought the three communities that make up the Parish together.

But on the important issue of future development your views may seem largely to have been ignored. Permissions have been granted, such as on Tupperts Field and Barnfield House, on sites not included in the Neighbourhood Plan. Large sites - just what you made clear you did not want.

BUT it was not until July of this year that Arun at last got its own up to date Local Plan in place. Until that happened our Plan was also not considered up to date and developers could get round it because of the perceived shortage.

However, Arun has now started to refuse development on sites not in the Neighbourhood Plan BECAUSE of its policies - the Welbeck application on land in Wandleys Lane being the biggest so far.

We must update our Plan or we will again start to fall foul of these opportunist developers so we are reviewing our Plan. WE SHALL NEED YOUR HELP TO DO THIS.

The Parish Council is negotiating with Arun over a further 60 houses currently suggested. We have opened a good line of communication with them and hope to reduce that number.

We are asking for updates from those landowners whose sites you supported in the NP and following up some who have

subsequently contacted us regarding possible sites or have submitted applications.

Any Landowner who would like a site, not already in the NP, to be considered in the Consultation for the Review should send details, including the number of units proposed, to the Parish Clerk by 5 December.

Proposed sites will be put on display for consultation with the residents at an Open Day on 26 January.

- If you are a landowner - get in touch.
- Come to the Open Day - 26 January in the Pavilion.
- Look out for the Questionnaire - coming to you in the Spring.

Speeding - 20 mph

We are moving forward with a request for TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) for The Street in Walberton. This was one of your concerns in our Neighbourhood Plan survey. WSCC monitored traffic back in 2006 and speeds up to 68 mph were recorded!

We need your help with this though.....

Support from local residents must be evidenced. Will you sign a petition supporting this application? They are available in the Parish Office, Village Hall, St Mary's church and their office in Bookers Yard, The Black Horse (Binsted), The Holly Tree and Walberton Village Stores.

Or any councillor or neighbourhood plan team member.

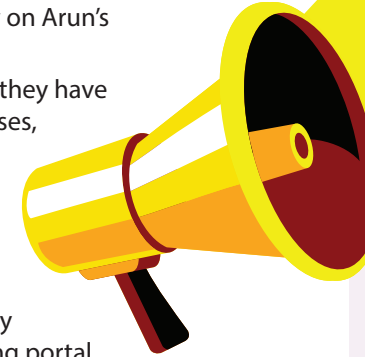


PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

Planning

Tupperts Field - Linden Homes start date for building looks like Spring 2019.

- The detailed plans are now on Arun's website under WA/95/18.
- We are pleased to see that they have only included 2 storey houses, plenty of parking and a variety of architecture not to mention the extra greenspace and tennis courts as promised.
- If you would like to give any feedback on Arun's planning portal would you please consider giving backing to the inclusion of tennis courts as it would help Arun know that we want this facility in our community.



Fontwell Meadows - Dandara hope to start next year.

A Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), allotments and the Bottle Store & Old Smithy converted in to a community building will be included.

Welbeck - Wandleys Lane - Fortunately, Arun rejected this 157-home development in support of our Plan. Unfortunately, the developers are appealing. Hearing dates in April.

The Parish Council will continue to oppose any applications not in the existing Plan but the Neighbourhood Plan steering group will consult with the residents on sites which are subsequently put forward for the proposed Review.

Infrastructure - Roads, schools, health services, water...

We are well aware of the shortcomings. Money has been contributed by developers - where has it been spent?! We are questioning authorities such as West Sussex (schools and roads), Southern Water, and the NHS.

A27 BY PASS Another Consultation...

- Following a series of significant changes in modelling data, environmental and traffic impacts, Highways England (HE) plan on a further public consultation in Spring 2019.
- They maintain their support for their preferred Option, 5a - highly damaging for ALL our villages.
- How can this offer any real solution to the problems of the original, flawed consultation?
- Both the SDNPA and Dr Tristram have now withdrawn their Judicial Reviews with Highways England agreeing to pay their fees so far.
- We were invited to attend an Elected Representatives' Forum at the end of November, so at last HE is recognising our existence!

We will be asking for your views on the A27 through the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire in the Spring.