



TOGETHER



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND PARISH COUNCIL

NEWS

The Parish **you** live in needs your help

As you have read there are many uncertainties and challenges out there.

Some other local parish councils who were already under threat set up fighting funds a while ago. We have now set up our POP Fund and hope that you will help contribute. We hope to build this up to around £20,000 as quickly as possible.

The Parish Council have made the decision to increase our precept this year. The Parish precept for an average Band D household will increase in April by £8.12 pa – only 68 pence a month. This will cover the loss of some government funding and the rest to be placed in POP to protect our Parish.

So we need your help

Every pound counts no matter if it's £10, £100, £1,000 or more.....

HOW TO DONATE

1. Cheques made payable to *Walberton Parish Council*.

Deliver to: Parish Council Office,
The Pavilion, The Street, Walberton

Walberton Post Office

Fontwell Village Stores

Black Horse Pub, Binsted

or POP it in to any Parish Councillor.

2. Bank transfer to "Walberton Parish Council" account

NatWest Sort code: 60-05-24

Account no: 24326186

Please quote your name and reference POP so we can ensure your donation goes into this special reserve fund.

Tough Times Ahead!

Welcome to the first combined Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan NEWS. We are pleased that so many of you have read and commented on previous issues. The NEWS will continue after the Neighbourhood Plan has come to fruition.

We wanted to keep you in touch with what is happening in and around our villages and hope that you enjoy reading this and will let us have your thoughts.

We will all continue to work hard and fight on your behalf to defend the village environment in our Parish.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and contacting us.

Andy Siragher

Suzanne Clark

CHAIRMAN – WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Good news – Fontwell Meadows – Dandara site – Secretary of State has "called in" the application.

This means an Inquiry will be held in the late spring, on which we will need to have professional help. Since half the site is in the parish of Eastergate we are doing this jointly with them, but we must secure funds to pay for such things. After all, we have other battles to fight too - see right.

Our argument is that Arun District Council should not have tried to give permission because the Neighbourhood Plan for Barnham and Eastergate and our own Neighbourhood Plan say no development here.

The case is really about two separate government policies being in conflict - the policy to build many more houses and the policy to give residents a say in where buildings go. But there are other issues too and altogether these make Fontwell's case unusual, so that's why Nick Herbert MP managed to get the Minister interested in it.

Known threats, challenges and dangers

• Dandara.....400 homes and a factory as left.

• Tupper's Field stretches across between Tye and Yapton Lanes and down from the golf course to the playing fields. We believe that two developers are interested.

• A 29 – The latest proposed route will be very close to the southern part of Choller Farm which stretches from Eastergate Lane all the way down to Barnham. West Sussex County Council own this land and might possibly be interested in selling to a developer.

• A 27 - Who knows where this will be placed?

Traffic increases – our villages cannot take any more, never mind the HGVs

We all believe that it's important to maintain village life. Big developments do not belong in our villages. POP (Protect our Parish) can help us ensure we keep our villages' identities.

CONTACT US...

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Surname _____

First name _____

Please add my contribution to the Protect our Parish fund cheque enclosed
£10/£25/£100/other _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

Signature _____

Parish Council

We have been able to start POP with £5,000 from existing reserves. A good start we're sure you will agree - but we need much more.

The Parish Council now has a full complement of councillors but we are always on the lookout for anyone who is willing to be co-opted to help with specific projects.

Andy Siragher - Chairman, Suzanne Clark - Vice Chairman & Chair of General Purposes, Edmund Camerer Cuss - Chair of Planning, Angela English, Richard Moores, Jenny Parsons, Bob Rogers, Richard Strickland, Sue Wallsgrove

So what have we been doing?

✓ *Grants* – working hard over the last year we've secured in excess of £10,000 and this has helped us keep previous precept taxes to a minimum. This money has funded various projects such as 2 defibrillators, refurbishing the phone box in Fontwell, a new bus shelter (coming shortly) and flood defence work in Barnham Lane with more grant applications in the pipeline.

✓ *Cycle path* – asked for by



POP "Protect our Parish"

Unlike other local parishes Walberton has been relatively free from threats from developers over the last ten years or so. Now this has changed and we need to pull together and raise funds so POP – "*Protect our Parish*" has been set up as a fund.

many of you is now open and being well used.

✓ *A Community Orchard* at the back of The Green with benches we hope will be set up this Spring.

✓ *Speedwatch* – There are now 12 accredited volunteers and suitable locations for checks have been agreed with the police.

✓ *The Solar farm* at the bottom of Yapton Lane is being built and the Parish will benefit from some funds. This will help pay for new heating for the Pavilion and an all weather surface for a play area.

✓ We helped fund the revamp of the old Walberton web site and we now have a 3 villages site which is being run by volunteers. Have a look and see what you think.

www.walberton.org.uk
www.binsted.org.uk
www.fontwell.org.uk

Would you like to see anything else on there?

Are you on our email list? Why not email us at havemysay@wbf-neighbourhood-plan.org.uk or fill in your details on the back page and help us to keep you in touch with what's happening.

Neighbourhood Plan Public Hearing Wednesday 16th March at 10 am

Our independent examiner has called for a public hearing which will be held in the Pavilion. We hope that those of you who are able to will come along and support us. The examiner sets the agenda and your Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will endeavour to answer all his questions. However this means that our Referendum will be much later in the year.

Walbinfont Weekend

Saturday & Sunday 16th/17th July

Put the date in your diary – There is something planned to suit everyone. All profits from the activities will be split between Sussex Snowdrop and POP

SATURDAY

- Afternoon - Summer Fete, afternoon teas. Learn more about your local clubs, societies and organisations
 - Evening - Willie Austen Band
- Bring your own picnic dinner and come and dance the night away on the playing field

SUNDAY

- Combined churches service on the playing field
- Big Picnic lunch - bring friends and neighbours
- Sports afternoon

- Good old fashioned races, cricket nets and a tennis competition, stoolball, short mat bowls and something in the Hall for those less able bodied
 - We'll be rounding the day off with more music
- There will be a mobile bar on site all weekend.

Are you willing to help with the advance organisation and / or over the weekend?

Do you have a marquee or large gazebo we can borrow? Any other ideas? Please contact Suzanne Clark (01243 543766)

We need raffle and tombola prizes. Contact Sue Wallsgrove (01243 545003) or Andy Siragher (01243 555062)

Watch out for more information.



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