Lindfield Parish Council

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Lindfield Parish Council Office is usually staffed five days a week and is open to the public on Tuesdays 1pm to 4pm, Thursdays and Fridays 10am to 1pm – when members of the public are welcome to come along to look at planning applications for Lindfield, obtain the codes for obtaining concessionary railcards, or simply seek advice on issues of concern. However, if you do need to speak with someone outside our normal opening hours, then please contact the Clerk who will be happy to make alternative arrangements with you.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Lindfield-Parish-Council/101095867968556

Parish Clerk:	Deputy Parish Clerk:	Responsible Financial Officer:	Village Orderly:
Mr Andrew Funnell	Mr David Parsons	Mrs Tracy Ely	Mr John Cunningham

Councillor profiles: Amanda Matthews and Val Upton

Cllr Amanda Matthews
Originally from Cambridgeshire our move to West Sussex was supposed to be temporary, until we were introduced to Lindfield. Lindfield has been our home for 20 years, moving here with my husband and young family. Both our children attended Lindfield Primary School and Oathall Community College. My mum also moved to the village five years ago. The village and village life has always had much to offer and I look forward to the cycle of events throughout the year.

I work at Mid Sussex District Council in the Customer Services Dept assisting residents with their queries. I also enjoyed eight years at Haywards Heath Sixth Form College working as a Learning Support Assistant. I am delighted the college will be opening once again.

You can usually find me pottering in the garden or on our allotment or walking our Border Collie around the village. I also enjoy watching local bands playing in the pubs on the high street or at The Lindfield Club.

I was co-opted on to the Parish Council in June and sit on the Planning & Traffic Committee and the Environment & Amenities Committee.

Cllr Val Upton
I was first co-opted onto Lindfield Parish Council in May 2003 and I am Vice Chairman of the Council and a member of all three main Committees. I have lived in Lindfield with my husband for the last 34 years, but have had connections here all my life as my mother was born in the village. I am a member of All Saints Church Lindfield, where I am involved in many activities including helping at Noah's Ark Tots group as well as helping at All Saints Kids on a Sunday. In 2010 I retired from a full time Nurse Practitioner and a part time Stroke Co-Ordinator post at the Princess Royal Hospital after working in the National Health Service for 44 years. I have returned to the hospital as a volunteer. I enjoy walking, Caravanning and swimming. I represent the Council at Mid Sussex Older Peoples Council (MSOPC); I am now Vice Chairman of MSOPC as well as a Trustee and Director. I am also the Chairman of the Lindfield Branch of the Royal British Legion.

Grants

The Council has agreed the following donations so far for the financial year 2019/20:

- Lindfield Branch of the Royal British Legion, £250 to enable a road closure on the 10th November 2019 for Remembrance Sunday
- Lindfield Bonfire Society, £500 towards the provision of first responders at this year's Lindfield Bonfire Night
- St Peters & St James Hospice, £250 towards patient transport services enabling people to attend the wellness centre so that they can enjoy a range of activities and therapies
- Lindfield Arts Festival, £250 towards the group's 10th year anniversary events
- 4 Sight, £200 towards outreach support for residents in Lindfield living with sight loss
- Victim Support, £100 towards the cost of recruiting and training volunteers who provide emotional and practical support and facilities to the victims and witnesses of crime in the Sussex Area
- Mid Sussex Older Peoples Council, £250 towards a Christmas tea and entertainment for older people in the King Edward Hall

New WSCC 'Road Safety' Facebook page

The Road Safety Team at West Sussex County Council has set up a new Facebook page to help deliver important Road Safety messages to its residents, as well as the wider public who also use the roads of West Sussex.

By creating this Facebook page, the Road Safety Team will be able to support their partners' campaigns happening throughout the country, write specifically about seasonally related topics, provide advice to support all modes of transport and much more – essentially delivering a whole wealth of important and much needed Road Safety information. Ultimately, the aim is to help reduce the Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI's) statistics on the roads of West Sussex (and beyond), as well as reducing all incidents and injuries which occur on a daily basis, by delivering as much information and advice as possible.

If you are interested in keeping up to date with Road Safety topics, or have any questions you wish to ask, please go to **https://www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyWSCC** and follow this page! Thank you for your support.

Parish update

Lindfield Parish Council has:

- Formally adopted a climate change policy. In order to help the Council meet the policy objectives a Working Group has been created that will report to the Environment and Amenities Committee. The policy is available to view at: **www.lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/_UserFiles/Files/Policies/ClimateChangePolicy14-11-19.pdf**
- Agreed to fund a replacement piece of play equipment in the Hickmans Lane playground, which is owned and maintained by Mid Sussex District Council
- Completed the remedial work on the welcome to Lindfield gate at the north end of the High Street
- Been considering its budget for 2020/21. The Council will submit its precept request to Mid Sussex District Council by the end of January 2020.
- Review its winter management plan. The plan seeks to help volunteers keep key footpaths open in the event of severe winter weather. If you would be interested in volunteering to help with snow clearance and gritting of footpaths please contact us. The plan is available to view on our website, use this shortlink: **https://bit.ly/2rLjQan**
- Agreed to launch a Facebook page for the Parish Council: **www.facebook.com/pages/Lindfield-Parish-Council/101095867968556**

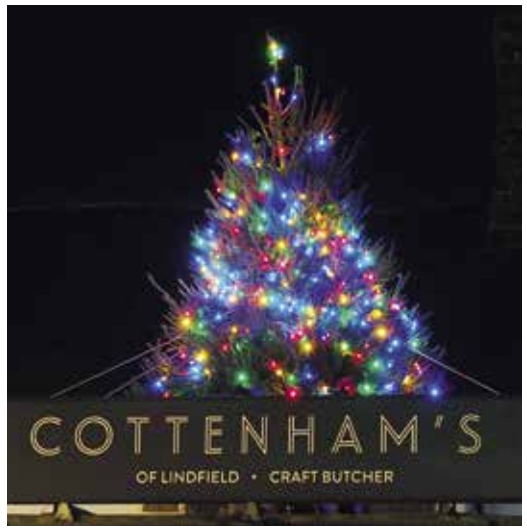
Members of Lindfield Parish Council: Members can all be contacted, in the first instance, via the Parish Office, or by reference to page 12 of the Lindfield Village Directory and Year Book, which contains Councillors' addresses and phone numbers.

Cllr. William Blunden (Chairman) · **Cllr. Valerie Upton (Vice Chairman)** · **Cllr. Linda Grace** · **Cllr. Stephen Henton** · **Cllr. Margaret Hersey** · **Cllr. Mike Leach** · **Cllr. Amanda Matthews** · **Cllr. Roger Pickett** · **Cllr. Ron Plass** · **Cllr. John Stevens** · **Cllr. Ian Wilson** · **Cllr. Cavan Wood**

Christmas Festival Night

The High Street was packed with people enjoying the lively atmosphere and festive cheer at our Christmas Festival Night on 3rd December. Thank you to all those involved in making the event a successful and very enjoyable family evening. The stalls set up by local charities and small businesses along the street offered a good range of gifts, cards, decorations and other items, food, hot drinks and entertainment. Many of the local shops were open during the evening and a great deal of effort had been put into dressing shop windows, which all looked fantastic. Lindfield is fortunate to have such a wide range of shops, and a variety of places to eat at the heart of our community. Mid Downs Radio added to the atmosphere with festive music to suit all tastes and conducted interviews over the loudspeakers. Father Christmas was greeted by a very long queue of children waiting patiently with their grown-ups to have a chat with him and receive a small present in the grotto, which was set up ready for him in the United Reformed Church. This year 98 children met Father Christmas. Lindfield Parish Council wishes to thank the many people on whom the success of this event depends, in particular: members of the United Reformed Church for making this vital indoor venue available and for providing refreshments and a warm welcome, Mid Downs Radio for festive music and announcements and Masters and Son for chauffeuring Father Christmas to his grotto in style. The evening could not go ahead without the cooperation of 6-10 Traffic Management, who set up and manned the road closure, and Event Medic Services - we are very grateful to them. Thanks also go to Tom Kidger from Goddenwick Farm for donating a Christmas tree for the village and to John Cottenham at Cottenham's of Lindfield - Craft Butchers, for letting us put it on the butcher's shop roof. As always we are indebted to the people who kindly provide the power for the High Street Christmas lights from their properties. Finally, thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy this community event. We hope that the village's local shops benefited from the evening, and that stallholders raising money for charity had a successful evening.

Father Christmas arriving after being chauffeured by Masters & Sons



Christmas Tree kindly supplied by Goddenwick Farm

Father Christmas and Mother Christmas

Christmas tree recyling

You can drop off your real Christmas tree for recycling at various points within Mid Sussex. Our local site is: Lindfield Common near the Bowling Green Car Park, Backwoods Lane. All real Christmas tree recycling sites will be open between Saturday 28th December and Friday 10th January. Further details can be found at: **www.midsussex.gov.uk/waste-recycling/christmas-tree-recycling-sites/**

Remember: Real Christmas trees can be composted in your garden waste bin. Just make sure the lid is closed.

Mobile Civic Amenity Collections

The refuse freighters will next be in the Tollgate car park on Sunday 12th January 2020, between the hours of 10am and 12 noon, for the collection of household and garden waste. Please do not leave rubbish in the absence of the refuse freighter.

Dates of the remaining collections for the current financial year are as follows – Sunday: 15th March 2020.

Please note that a number of items cannot be disposed of through the Mobile Waste Collection: electrical items, tyres, rubble and hardcore (eg. paving stones, gravel, concrete, bricks and tiles), items such as ceramic baths and shower trays, toilet pans and sinks, gas canisters and paint pots with any contents. These need to be taken to the Waste and Recycling Site and charges apply to certain items. There is a list of the chargeable items on: **www.recycleforwestsussex.org/recycling-sites**

Parish Council meetings

JAN - MAR 2020

Planning and Traffic (Full)	Monday 6th January	8pm
Finance and General Purposes	Thursday 9th January	8pm
Full Council	Thursday 16th January	8pm
Planning and Traffic (Plans only)	Tuesday 28th January	8pm
Environment and Amenities	Thursday 6th February	8pm
Planning and Traffic (Plans only)	Tuesday 18th February	8pm
Finance and General Purposes	Thursday 5th March	8pm
Planning and Traffic (Full)	Monday 9th March	8pm
Full Council	Thursday 12th March	8pm
Planning and Traffic (Plans only)	Tuesday 31st March	8pm

All meetings are held in the King Edward Hall, unless shown otherwise. Please check our website or the noticeboard in Denmans Lane for any additional meetings that may be called. All meetings are open to the public and there is a period set aside at the beginning of each meeting for public questions/comments, except at 'plans only' Planning and Traffic Committee meetings. At all meetings of the Planning and Traffic Committee, up to two people for and two against each planning application are allowed to speak, for a maximum of two minutes each, at the invitation of the Chairman.