

May Parish Council meeting

Mid Sussex District Council will begin to inform and consult on their parking strategy at the end of May. It is important that the Parish Council understands the views of businesses on the High Street as well as residents about these proposals. This is so our approach to these consultations is clear at an early stage. It is proposed that this is completed through a questionnaire (attached) in the first instance.

This information will be used to help inform the PC input to the development of the MSDC parking strategy. It was agreed that this exercise will be managed by the Parish Strategy Working Group and report its findings to the June Council meeting.

The April Parish Council meeting highlighted concerns about raising expectations and the drafting of the questionnaire. The introduction and the questionnaire have been re-drafted. This is attached below for consideration.

There is no cost to the Parish Council or use of officer time, apart from the copying of the questionnaire (65).

Recommendations:

- 1. It is recommended that the Parish Council agree the approach outlined in this paper.**
- 2. It is recommended that the Parish Council approve the questionnaire.**
- 3. It is recommended that the findings of the survey and any subsequent suggestions about next steps be reported to the Parish Strategy Working Group and the Parish Council.**

Thank you for your time

Hurstpierpoint High Street Business Questionnaire

The Parish Council wants to see Hurstpierpoint High Street continue to thrive and can help (with others) to create an environment in which your business can flourish.

Many of the issues that your businesses faces are external and driven by national trends and events. For example, at a local level, next year, Mid Sussex District Council is planning to introduce of parking charges (2025) in the Hurstpierpoint car parks. Mid Sussex District Council is proposing the introduction of charges at many of the village car parks to pay for their maintenance.

Your Parish Council wants to know what you think, what issues you face and how we can help, so that we can advocate on your behalf. **Your answers are confidential.**

We have also included additional questions to help us better understand the wider issues that your business faces.

Whilst we do not have responsibility for decision making on issues such as parking charges (that is Mid Sussex District Council) and the roads, on street parking and traffic management (that is West Sussex County Council) we do have the ability to advocate on behalf of our community to these bodies. Thus, we want to hear what you have to say about these potential changes.

Please bear in mind, when you answer the questions, that the Parish, District and County Councils are limited in what they can do. So, we cannot change national government policy, the rate of VAT or other taxes or change national HR/health and safety regulations.

Hurstpierpoint High Street business questionnaire

Business Name:

Address:

Email contact:

What does your business do?

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Thank you for your time

CAR PARKING				
Are you aware that Mid Sussex District Council plan to start charging for parking in the Hurstpierpoint car parks in 2025?				
Yes		No		
How concerned are you about the introduction of car parking charges in Hurstpierpoint?				
Not at all concerned	Not very concerned	No opinion	Concerned	Very Concerned
If your staff park, how many of them use the car parks in Hurstpierpoint (on an average day)?				
Trinity Road Car Park		Brown Twins Car Park		
How many of your staff park on the surrounding roads now?				
Would the introduction of parking charges have an impact on your business?				
Trinity Road Car Park		Brown Twins Car Park		
Yes	No	Yes	No	
If you answered yes to either please answer the next questions. If you answered no to both, please move to the next page.				
What would the impact on your business be if long stay and/or short stay parking charges were imposed in the Trinity Road car park?				
What would the impact on your business be if long stay and/or short stay parking charges were imposed in the Brown Twins car park?				
If Mid Sussex District Council reduced the number of long-stay spaces and increased the number of short stay spaces, would this be positive for your business?				
Yes		No		
What would be an acceptable charge, for an hour's parking in a car park, for customers using the High Street (if one was introduced)?				

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Thank you for your time

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES		
What are the biggest opportunities your business faces?		
1.		
2.		
3.		
What are the biggest challenges your business faces?		
1.		
2.		
3.		
What could Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council do to help you and other businesses on the High Street thrive?		
<i>We are asking this as the Parish Council can liaise with you and advocate on your behalf to these Councils, as part of our wider representation of residents.</i>		
The Parish Council supports (directly or financially) a number of events on or near the High Street (Santa Sunday, Hurst Festival, St. Lawrence Fair). Would you like to know more about these and how they can benefit your business?	Yes	No

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ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS (So, we can estimate the economic benefit of the High Street businesses to Hurstpierpoint)		
How many people do you employ (including yourself)?		
If you add up all the hours and divide by 37, how many full-time equivalent posts are there (including you)?		
What % (approximately) of your staff live: • In Hurstpierpoint • Within 5 miles of Hurstpierpoint • Within 10 miles of Hurstpierpoint • Over 10 miles from Hurstpierpoint		
Would you be willing to answer some more detailed questions either individually or as part of a group?	Yes	No

Please return this to:

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