

Feedback from Hurst Society meeting on 4 September 2024

Finger posts

Hurst Society expressed concern about the poor state of repair of the finger posts around the parish, particularly opposite the end of Mill Lane and at Goddards Green. I explained that WSCC was no longer maintaining them, so it had fallen to the Parish Council. I also said that I thought section 106 money had been secured to repair these, but the work seemed to be low on the list for our estates team. They said that if the money has not been found from elsewhere then please come back to them, but if it's a capacity issue perhaps we could contact the Monday Group about doing the work, or find out who has been doing the work in other local parishes.

Planning enforcement

The Hurst Society is keen to chase up with MSDC about enforcement issues at 145 High Street and the large white tent at Hurst College. They asked whether the Parish Council would like to collaborate in a combined communication with MSDC.

Duck Pond

According to village gossip the duck pond has been sold by its previous owner to the owners of the flint cottage.

Methodist Church

They asked for an update on the Methodist Church, which I gave them as per Sarah's comments at the last Council Meeting I attended.

District Plan

Michael Nailard has been invited by Thakeham Homes to meet them on the site at the land North of Hurstpierpoint.

Lyn and Michael will attend the public hearings and may speak.

John said that if the Parish Council would like any details about how he did the traffic survey or other methods he found out about during his research, he would be happy to discuss.

Meadow

Hurst Society would like to report that there is a large ash tree in Ladies Walk which is suffering from ash die back.

They have noticed that there is a lot of ragwort in the meadow. Which although excellent for butterflies is poisonous to horses. I think they were concerned about where the cut grass is taken.

Museum group and the Village Centre

The museum group would still like to move their archive out of the chapel store in the cemetery because the conditions in there are no longer stable. Ideally they would like it to be somewhere publicly accessible, like the village centre!

They are currently paying for public liability insurance for their display cabinet in the foyer of the village centre. They wonder whether this is necessary or whether the cabinet is also covered by insurance held by the village centre association.