

Upper Beeding Parish Council

For the Parish of Upper Beeding, Edburton and Small Dole

Newsletter Summer 2017

Website: <http://upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk/>

Chairman's Message

17th May 2017

Welcome to the latest Parish Council newsletter.

At the time of writing we have just finished the County Council elections. Congratulations to David Barling, our re-elected County Councillor. Upper Beeding Parish Council looks forward to working with you in what promises to be interesting times.

Thanks to all who came to our Annual Parish Meeting in April. The meeting agenda was packed, with informative reports from EoN Rampion about progress with the wind farm and associated cable laying:

<https://www.eonenergy.com/About-eon/our-company/generation/planning-for-the-future/wind/offshore/rampion-offshore-wind-farm/building-rampion-onshore/construction-updates>

Horsham District Neighbourhood Watch:

<http://www.mynhwsussex.org/Horsham/Blog/>

the Neighbourhood Plan; the Neighbourhood Wardens; the Steyning Downland Scheme and the Twinning Group. More information can be found at our website <http://upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk/> (Apologies for the long links but you'll find them useful. Our newsletters are also on our website.)

In my welcome address I appealed for people to come forward to join the Parish Council. We currently have 8 councillors when we should have 15. We simply cannot carry out the work that the parish needs with such small numbers. What is more we aren't diverse enough, a council should look like the people it works for. If you've ever thought you might be interested please get in touch or come along to a meeting. We hold two meetings a month, usually the first and third Tuesdays. Councillors can

make a real difference to the community in which they live.

Recent works of note that the Parish Council has done include the annual maintenance of the Memorial Playing Field, one of the best in Sussex according to feedback from our sports clubs.

The council also signed off the works to improve the Small Dole skate park, though there are plans to install a grind rail in the near future. You might have noticed that our larger grass areas are now being mowed more frequently and that street signs are being cleaned. These works came about through the initiatives by councillors, or in the case of the skate park where councillors responded to members of public and worked together to create a great public amenity.

If you use social media you can follow Upper Beeding Parish Council on Facebook. You might also find Spotted, Upper Beeding & Steyning useful.

Enjoy the rest of the newsletter

Best wishes,

Simon Birnstingl (Chair, UBPC)

See inside for more information on this beautiful picture



Neighbourhood Plan Update Summer 2017

Wow!! What a lot has happened since my last report. You can read all the detail via our website <http://upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/upperbeedingpc/>.

I did present at the last Annual Parish Meeting on 27th. April which you can view on <http://upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/neighbourhood-plan-presentation/>

In summary we have had a number of issues over the last year which I have summarised below:

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| • Consultants rCOH delayed production of Draft Plan | April/May 2016 |
| • NP Team not satisfied with rCOH's reasons for delay/progress | May/June 2016 |
| • Consultants dismissed by AiRS & Allison Keech appointed | June/July 2016 |
| • Henfield NP withdrawn as Appeal Case won by Developers | Oct. 2016 |
| • HDC NP Officer leaves & replaced by Norman Kwan | Nov. 2016 |
| • Draft Plan re-written and Sustainability Appraisal Produced | Dec. 2016 |
| • Indications that Scrutiny of NPs was getting tougher | Dec. 2016 |
| • Met with new HDC NP Officer | Jan. 2017 |
| • Asked HDC to Review Allison's / Our Work to date | Jan. 2016 |
| • HDC held NP Workshop to update new requirements | Jan. 2017 |
| • Work on UBNP on hold waiting feedback from HDC | March 2017 |
| • Feedback on some of Draft NP & SA given/meeting with HDC | April 2017 |
| • NP Team decide to recommend NP without new HNS / sites | April 2017 |
| • Info provided that NP may not be accepted without HNS / sites | April 2017 |
| • Decision required on whether to have another HNS / next steps | May 2017 |

This resulted in us asking the PC to consider the following having had updates from HDC NP, Chris Lyons Head of Planning, our Consultants, David Caldwell and the NP Team:

1. See if HDC would support the existing Housing Needs Survey with additional housing numbers added.
2. AiRS to identify the additional requirements of the AECOM HNS to their original one.
3. If 1 was not supported with the additional requirements of 2 to carry out the AECOM HNS.
4. Seek additional support from AiRS and a further grant and support from Locality.

Since sharing and discussing the above we have had further clarification from HDC and sight of the independent report Henfield had carried out on their failed NP. It is clear from both that **we will have to carry out a new HNS as per point**

3. This would mean a new NP Plan being produced within the following time line:

- Pre submission draft for NP Team and PC to review (end of September '17)
- Reg14(Draft Plan) end Oct '17 for a minimum of 6 weeks (ending before Xmas)
- Analysing representations and amending submission plan – January 2018
- Submission of Final NP Plan to HDC March 2018
- Submission to Independent Examiner April 2018
- Possible Referendum July 2018

I realise there is a lot to digest from the above but basically we must carry out another HNS in more detail to meet the tougher requirements being put in place by Councils and the Inspector. If we do not proceed in this way we could be open to having HDC impose sites on us for development or more Developers seeking places to build. If you require more info or have your own ideas on how best to go forward let me know on teatum@btinternet.com. Our next NP meeting will be 24th. May, with further meetings advertised on the website.

SITES FOR DEVELOPMENT ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED BY THE NP TEAM SO PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU KNOW OR OWN ANY THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED

Village Hall News

After a good ten years the pathway leading up to the hall has been completed and the outside has definitely been improved. Like all who are 80 years and over there is always something that needs to be done. The Hall has an enthusiastic group of helpers but, at times, there is a need for more. We have a good relationship with both Parish Councils but they do not own or run the hall so help from you the general public is really welcomed whether it be for tending to the three wall baskets and the two small flower beds at the front, small maintenance jobs or just moving tables and chairs for events.

The **AGM** was held at the beginning of May and the following officers elected : Chair Sue Albery; Vice-Chair Maggie Hall; Treasurer Sue Plassing and Secretary Jean Armour-Milne. The Committee consists of people from each regular user and five villagers. Works completed during the last twelve months have been the replacement of two sheds, the installation of a bin/cycle shelter which together with a new gate have helped to transform the outside area. All the work has been paid for out of hall funds. Fund raising is a vital part of the work carried out by the committee as this helps to improve on an already good environment.

The family fun day at the end of April was a success raising £650 and our thanks to all who attended and especially to those whose hard work helped to make the day run smoothly. The next event will be on Saturday 17 June when a local five –piece band **Desperate Measures** will be performing. They are a Rock, Rhythm & Blues band. Tickets are £5 in advance and £6 on the door. Tickets are available from Beeding News and Sue Plassing. See the posters for more details.

Regular events include the **quiz** on the third Wednesday of each month, the next ones being 21 June, 19 July and 16 August. Teams of up to 6 people but if you cannot raise six then just come along and we will fit you in. Cost is £1 a person and the cost of your raffle tickets. Refreshments are available but you can bring your own food and drink. The quiz setters change each month so you will certainly get a real variety each time.

The **200 Club** has been running for some time, you can join at any time of the year for £12, this entitles you to be entered for the next 12 monthly draws. The three prizes are, at the moment £30, £20 and £12. Prizemoney is determined by the number of entries as 50% goes back in prizes. This scheme is licensed with Horsham District Council so all residents are able to join the 200 club. How do I become a member ? All the committee have access to forms or phone 01273 493184 for details.

New User : Ukelele Aloud start lessons for beginners on Thursday 29 June for 6 weeks. Theresa Carey says it is a fun little instrument that you can learn to play in 6 weeks. The lessons are from 7 to 8pm at the hall. Contact Theresa on 07931 372694 or email: theresavcarey@hotmail.com

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A 2017 Christmas Stamp?

Eva Coles, age 9 from Upper Beeding Primary School, has entered the Royal Mail Christmas Stamp Design Competition 2017. The competition was open to all schools across the UK and received over 205,000 entries. Eva's picture has been shortlisted, along with 120 area finalists, which is a fantastic achievement. Two winners from these finalists will be chosen by a panel of judges and announced by the end of June. The two winners from the finalists will each receive £1000 as well as the School.

Good Luck Eva.!



BEEDING IN BLOOM

OPEN GARDENS EVENT ON SUNDAY 9 JULY (2.00 - 6pm)

Do not miss this opportunity to visit some of our lovely and varied gardens. There will be some new gardens open this year. Some gardens will have plants for sale, art displays, refreshments, a raffle, tea and cakes. Tickets will be available towards the end of June at Beeding News in the High Street or after 1.30pm on Sunday 9th JULY in car park at Towers School.



We will also be having a Plant Stall at School Summer Fete on Saturday 24th June so be sure to visit us and get some good bargains for your garden. (plants for this please)

(For information about the above or if you would like to help our team ring Tricia on 812366)

Champions !

The village hall committee congratulate the Bowls Club on winning the West Sussex league division 1, the top league . West Sussex have 6 leagues with promotion and relegation. Upper Beeding has a small group of bowlers who have worked hard to achieve success.

Well done to all of their bowlers!

If you would like to try this sport then come along on a Tuesday or Friday afternoon at 2.15 pm to either watch or start to play. A Pair of flat soled shoes is needed to change into. All the rest is provided by the club.

Team Name	Fixtures		Shots					
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Upper Beeding	10	7 1	2	381	343	38	40	CHAMPIONS
Infinity	10	7 1	2	400	322	78	36	
The Martlets	10	5	5	420	368	52	30	
Mannings Heath 'White Squirrels'	10	5	5	329	409	-80	28	
Comptons	10	3	7	336	384	-48	26	RELEGATED
Southbourne 'Rangers'	10	2	8	367	407	-40	20	RELEGATED

BEEDING & BRAMBER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

There are no more meetings until **6 September, at 7.45** pm in the Village Hall, when Geoffrey Hewlett will tell us about "Coach Roads to Brighton".

Did you know that before the road to Shoreham was built down the valley, the coach road came through Bramber and Beeding, then went up the Bostal Road onto the downs and thence to Shoreham or Brighton? Also the height of the flint wall in our High Street was raised to prevent the people on stage-coaches being able to see into the garden of Pond Farm!

We are now busy researching what life was like in WW2 in our village, so if you have any information to share, please get in touch with me.

Pat Nightingale

Many thanks to the dedicated team that prepare the Beeding cricket pitch to a standard unrivalled in Sussex and many surrounding counties!

Already some interesting away matches have shown that the Beeding strip is

The Home of English Cricket

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CRICKET

Beeding & Bramber Horticultural Society

Our next event is a plant and produce stall at the school fete on **June 24**.

Our Summer Show will be held on **Saturday 26 August** in the Village Hall at 2pm.

If you would like to enter something in the show, please get in touch with me in order to receive a Show Book which has details of all the classes that can be entered.

There is something for every-one – not just flowers and vegetables, but photography, handicrafts, cookery and floral art and a section for children.

A new category this year is for the largest sunflower head, so get growing some now so that you can enter the largest one in the show!

Pat Nightingale



Cricket is here!

Very best of luck to the members of the parish that represent the area in local teams.

Some good cricket played by **Beeding & Bramber Cricket Club** on a Sunday, and the fearless Steyning 3rds on a Saturday at the Beeding ground.

And a shout out to our youngsters that play for **Steyning Cricket Club** and wishing the mighty U16s in particular another brilliant season! GCSEs first, please!

If you want to advertise a not-for-profit service or an event in the Autumn newsletter, due out in early September, please email the details to

editor@beeding.plus.com

by 15th August 2017

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June 2017 <i>All At Small Dole Village Hall</i>	6 th	Planning Committee Council
	20 th	Planning Committee Policy & Resources Committee Emergency Committee
July	4 th	Planning Committee Council
	11 th	Planning Committee Amenities Committee Sports & Leisure Committee
August	No Meetings	
September	5 th	Planning Committee Council
	19 th	Planning Committee Policy & Resources Committee Emergency Committee

Police & Crime

The local PCSOs and Wardens for Small Dole and Upper Beeding are:

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Contact Sussex Police via the non-emergency number 101 to report an incident. **Call 999 immediately if** crime is being committed, the offender is still nearby, people are injured, being threatened or in danger.

THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A WONDERFUL SUMMER

Please send to the editor: editor@beeding.plus.com

Any article / contribution / questions by 20th August 2017 for our Summer Edition