Upper Beeding Parish Council

For the Parish of Upper Beeding, Edburton and Small Dole

Newsletter Winter 2019 Website: http://upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk/

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our Winter Newsletter.

The Roaring (19)20s are remembered for jazz, gangsters and Great Gatsby. Will our (20)20s be as volatile? Your parish councillors will be doing all in their power to ensure that our amenities and services remain safe and secure for the benefit of parishioners.

As with all councils, we are currently planning our budget for 2020-21. County and district councils are having to make substantial cuts due to the massive reduction in the grant they receive from central government. The results are clearly seen, with rusting, dirty road signs, vegetation overgrowth along our streets and pavements and unkempt roundabouts. Parishes are now being offered the opportunity to help to fund and carry out some of the tasks that West Sussex County Council can no longer afford to provide. We know that the condition of our surroundings is important to you, so we are currently exploring ways of taking on some of these tasks. We have allocated additional money for maintenance work in our parish to help address the shortfall of services provided by WSCC; we are considering employing a part-time maintenance person.

We are also looking at ways we can further engage the community to improve the area in which we live. Perhaps we could set up a volunteer scheme? If you are interested in volunteering or have any ideas for cost savings or improvements please get in touch with the Clerk, we would love to hear from you. We are also looking at ways we can increase income including researching availability of grants and using advertising to make the newsletter self-funding.

The budget process has also seen us consider all the services and facilities we currently provide as well as to plan for the future.

Our auditor has advised that our reserves are too low and we are proposing to gradually increase these at a modest rate. It will take a number of years to get to the recommended level but we are confident we can achieve this with careful budgeting.

The other major piece of Parish news is that we have received the Neighbourhood Plan Inspector's Report and have agreed to the recommended changes. This means we will be holding the final referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan early next year.

Are you happy with what the Parish Council is doing? Do you think you could help us do better? We still have vacancies in Upper Beeding ward. If you'd like to join us, please do get in touch.

Thanks to everyone who contacted us offering to look after new trees in our streets. Our tree warden is now busy assessing sites. Please let us know if you would like to help to financially sponsor or plant the trees?

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow councillors, who, as volunteers form the Parish Council. They represent, support and champion the villages of Upper Beeding, Small Dole and Edburton tirelessly even though it is often a thankless task.

Season's Greetings and a Prosperous New Year to All!

Simon Birnstingl, Chair. UBPC

WINTER 2019



Upper Beeding, Steyning & Bramber Youth Clubs

As part of the JPYC we offer the following youth clubs:

- **Monday:** Steyning Cuthman Centre, Horsham Road School Years 7,8 & 9 £1 per session 7pm to 9pm Young Leader Training (call for more info)
- **Tuesday:** Upper Beeding Sports and Youth Centre, Memorial Playing Fields School Years 5 & 6 £1 per session 3.30pm – 5.30pm School Years 7, 8 & 9 £1 per session 6.30pm to 8.30pm
- **Thursday:** Steyning Cuthman Centre, Horsham Road School Years 10+ (up to 19 years of age) £1 per session 7pm to 9pm

Activities include: Arts and Crafts, Sports, Board games, Cooking, Issue-Based workshops, trips and much more.

All sessions are staff by professional youth workers and offer a safe and supportive environment for young people to thrive.









Sussex Clubs for Young People Ltd Horsham District Team Manager Jo Bell E-mail jo.bell@sussexcyp.org.uk Registered Charity No. 1142272 Company registration no. 06938548

Beeding & Bramber Local History Society

There are no more meetings in 2019. The first meetings of 2020 are:

Wed. 8 January, James Sainsbury on Saxon Worthing and the Kingdom of the South Saxons Wed. 5 February, Christopher Rudd on a Wealden Wander.

Meetings are held at 7.45pm in the Village Hall with an interval when refreshments are available. All are welcome and there is a charge of \pounds 3 for non-members, or the annual subscription is \pounds 10.

Our books:

Bramber, Glimpses of a Village, price £3,

Beeding, History of a Village, price £7.50,

Beeding and Bramber in the Great War, price £12 and

World War Two in Beeding and Bramber price £6

Make an interesting gift for someone's birthday or Christmas! They are available by contacting: Pat Nightingale, 01903 812847

pjnightingale@outlook.com



BEEDING AND BRAMBER VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Charity No 305435

Once again we have been busy over the summer and I hope that you are all appreciating the newly decorated and refurbished main hall. We also have updated the internet connection so reception in the two back rooms is much improved. Many thanks go to all who have been involved in the organisation of the works.



Fund Raising has continued apace with our monthly **Quiz** evenings and an enjoyable evening with the **Patcham Brass Band** in October. At the time of publication, the annual **Christmas**

Fayre will have taken place at the end of November but do join us on December 13th for **Carols** with Lancing Brass Band. Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Entry £4, children £2.

The heart of a vibrant and active village is always a clean well-maintained Village Hall. Day to day running of this hall is down to a dedicated team of volunteers and we are always on the lookout for new members. At present we are hoping to spread the load by finding someone who would be able to oversee the maintenance of the hall as a **Maintenance Manager**, someone who would be able to plan improvements, organise repairs and supervise the workmen contracted for the work. Regular maintenance checks and servicing are essential if we are to provide the facilities the village needs.

Sadly our long standing **Treasurer and the Chair** are retiring in April and it is essential to find replacements as the Hall cannot function without a complete Executive Committee and closure of the Hall would be inevitable.

Are you able to help?

Do you know anyone who would be willing to join the Trustees and give a little of their time to keep the Hall open? Do you have some spare time that could be spent helping to keep the Hall up and running? If so please contact the secretary at <u>bjcwalnut@btopenworld.com</u> or via the website.

We are planning a full programme of events for 2020. The next **Council of Management Meeting** is on **Monday January 20th 2020**. This is open to visitors so do come along and see how your Village Hall is managed – you may be surprised!

Brenda Carrick (Hon Sec)

Full coverage of all our activities can be found on **the website**: www.beedingandbrambervillagehall.org.uk

The Hub Beeding



3rd Monday of every month 10am – 12.00noon

Call Sherie Knight on 01903 815433 OR Debbie Wood on 07769 664375





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LUNCH enjoy an excellent two course lunch with us

at the Hub, 19 Church Lane, Upper Beeding, Steyning

FRIENDSHIP

7 December FUN ACTIVITIES FOR DADS TO DO WITH THEIR KIDS

A chance to meet and chat with other dads Contact: vicki@thehubbeeding.org for more info @ The Hub, Upper Beeding



1st THURSDAY of every month 12.30pm-2.30pm Light lunch—soup and a roll £3

Saturdays

10am-12noon

The Hub^D Beeding Church Lane, Beeding, BN44 3HP 07769 664375 debbie@thehubbeeding.org 3rd THURSDAY of every month 12.30pm-2.30pm Light lunch—soup and a roll £3

PENFOLD HALL Church St, Støyning BN44 3YB Elizabeth 01903 817144 Sarah 07927521055 Steyning Parish Church



General Updates

Small Dole Play Area

Unfortunately, there has been a delay in obtaining S106 funding for the new equipment and Horsham District Council have asked for further information. (S106 is grant funding provided by developers for community infrastructure). We haven't given up and hope to have some more positive news soon.

Advertising in the Parish Newsletter

We are investigating the possibility of having adverts in future newsletters. The hope is to make the newsletter self-funding whilst promoting local businesses and trades people. Prices will be very competitive and it will be a great way to get details of your business to every household in the parish! If you would like further information, please contact us.

Parking

Our Neighbourhood Wardens are facilitiaing an initiative with Horsham District Council's parking services to undertake some joint patrols and address some of the anti-social parking issues in the Parish. Please remember to park considerately and do not block pavements, junctions or access to properties.

Youth Club

Upper Beeding Parish Council are really excited that the Youth Club is going from strength to strength. Sussex Clubs for Young People provide the service and you will see an article from them elsewhere in this newsletter. Please encourage your young people to go along, there should be something for everyone and with the Club meeting at the Sports Hall there is lots of space and activities to enjoy.

Youth Club

Tuesday	The Sports Hall, Upper Beeding	3:30 – 5:30pm	Year 5-6
		6:30 – 8:30pm	Years 7-9

Community Speed Watch

We have been trying to help facilitate a community 'speed watch' group but unfortunately to date do not have enough volunteers to proceed with the next stage. Please get in touch if you would like to volunteer or find out further information.

Website

We continue to make improvements to our website, providing more information and being more transparent. The website is regularly updated, please take a look.

If you have any questions or require any further information on the above or indeed any other Parish Council matter please do not hesitate to contact us and don't forget everyone is welcome to our meetings.

THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A COMFORTABLE WINTER Please send to the editor: editor@beeding.plus.com any article / contribution / questions by 15th February 2020 for our Spring Edition

Police & Crime

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

PCSO Neighbourhood Warden Neighbourhood Warden Erica Baxter Erica.baxter@sussex.pnn.police.ukPaul Conroy paul.conroy@horsham.gov.uk07734 387889Mike Pearce mike.pearce@horsham.gov.uk07734 387889

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.

Meeting Schedule January 2020 – March 2020

All meetings are held at Beeding and Bramber Village Hall unless otherwise stated

January	Tuesday 7 th	7:00pm	Planning Committee
	Tuesday 7 th	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	Tuesday 21 st	7:00pm	Planning Committee
February	Tuesday 4 th	7:00pm	Planning Committee
	Tuesday 4 th	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	Tuesday 18 th	7:00pm	Planning Committee
	Tuesday 18 th	7:30pm	Sports and Leisure Committee
	Tuesday 18 th	8:00pm	Amenities Committee
March	Tuesday 3 rd	7:00pm	Planning Committee (Small Dole Village Hasll)
	Tuesday 3 rd	7:30pm	Council Meeting (Small Dole Village Hall)
	Tuesday 17 th	7:00pm	Planning Committee
	Tuesday 17 th	7:30pm	Finance Committee

Please note: Planning committee meetings will only take place if there are applications to discuss

Parish Councillors

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The Parish Council office is at the rear of 3 Hyde Square, Upper Beeding BN44 3JE. The Clerk is generally in the office most days between 9am – 3pm. If you are making a special journey please telephone 01903 810316 in advance as I am often out and about in the village or at off-site meetings.

SPORT

UPPER BEEDING FC



The 2019-20 season has started very well for Upper Beeding FC.

At the time of writing, the Men's First team lie 2nd in the Southern Combination 2nd Division, unbeaten with 21 points from 9 games.

The Men's Reserves are performing strongly too, also lying second in their league with 12 points from 6 games in the West Sussex Championship South, after gaining promotion last season. Both teams play on Saturday afternoon with home games usually starting at 2pm in the winter.

Why not come down and support your local team with added benefit of being able to enjoy a tea or coffee when the First team are playing.

We run two junior teams – our Under 12s, are defending their A league title from last season and remain unbeaten this season. The Under 10s are in their first season of league football and enjoying the experience.

We are interested in running a team for young girls (under 8) next season and are looking for parents are keen to run the team. If interested please contact Dave Rowland at: <u>daverowland1955@gmail.com</u>



Upper Beeding Parish Council works in partnership with Steyning and Bramber Parish Councils operating a Neighbourhood Warden scheme delivered by Horsham District Council.

Based within the community the wardens work alongside partner agencies to improve the quality of life for everyone by undertaking a number of activities from enforcement to community development.

What do the Neighbourhood Wardens do?

As an integral part of the Community Safety Unit the Neighbourhood Wardens work with all sections of the community from elderly and/or vulnerable people through to young people and businesses to find solutions to problems whilst promoting community cohesion and resilience.

- Neighbourhood Wardens do have enforcement powers and do carry out high visibility patrols in their respective areas to deter crime and anti-social behaviour
- Horsham District Council is accredited by Sussex Police
- The Wardens can utilise certain police powers aimed at low-level anti-social behaviour
- They can also exercise powers available to them as employees of the District Council in relation to environmental offences and again anti-social behaviour.

We believe that prevention is better than cure and as a result the team spend time working to prevent issues by dealing with the long-term causes in partnership with other agencies rather than just the symptoms.

Please contact the wardens if you have any concerns, but please remember they do work shifts so may not always be at work or may be out and about in the community and unable to answer the phone straight away.

Paul Conroy 07734 387889 or Michael Pearce 07734 387888

Email: SBUB.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

In the case of an emergency always dial 999.