



East Preston Neighbourhood Plan Update

Since the last Newsletter we updated the Plan to include comments made by public and businesses and submitted it to Arun District Council. They oversaw a second public consultation period (now closed) and have appointed an independent Examiner for review and compliance with legal requirements. Once it passes the examination the final plan will be subjected to a public referendum. You get the final say as to whether it becomes part of our planning 'rules' by voting for or against it. This should happen in December 2014. If more than 50% of people voting support the Plan, it will be adopted.

We need your support at the December referendum. At a personal level it shows all those that have helped produce the Plan their effort has been appreciated. More importantly it helps control future East Preston development. We should be welcoming appropriate development because it brings new people, new ideas and helps strengthen the village. Our Neighbourhood Plan helps ensure development is appropriate.

We cannot see any reason not to support the Plan. It will not affect the Council Tax you pay, in fact any new development should attract funding for local infrastructure. Any costs of writing the Plan were funded by central government grant, plus hours of volunteer labour and the generous free provision of meeting facilities. The Plan helps protect East Preston's historic buildings and open spaces we all cherish and make it clear that the Parish Council wants our sports facilities maintained. Most importantly, it gives the Planning authorities clear, legally binding instructions as to what can or cannot be built in our village.



Mrs Norris is pictured here with Cllr Hazel Tester, a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

The Steering Group of the Neighbourhood Plan was delighted to receive a letter from a local resident including the following sentences: "I cannot tell you how interesting I found the plan – my goodness the hard work that went into preparing it, everything made such common sense. I plodded through it first then spent a lot of time rereading it again twice more. I truly agree with all your future plans & so enjoyed having EP Parish Council News which arrived today & commented on the Neighbourhood Plan."

The comments were made by Mrs Norris, an East Preston resident for over 50 years. Mrs Norris and her late husband were very active in the community, both appearing in the village pantomimes in the 1950s, and Mrs Norris was an assistant in the library for 25 years.

Christmas Celebrations, 22nd November 2014

In the last newsletter we asked for 'Santa's Helpers' to help organise and run our Christmas Celebrations event. I am pleased to say we had a great response (Thanks!) and we have a great team of volunteers, local businesses and Parish Councillors working together to organise events, workshops and activities throughout the village. We would always welcome helpers, either to organise the event or just for an hour 'on the day' to help set up or clear up afterwards.

The event culminates in a lantern procession from the North of the village to the village green for the switching on of the East Preston Christmas tree lights.

Some of the planned events include: Stalls and

garage sales in Sea Road, Craft Fair in the Village Hall (Miller Barn), Father Christmas in the Village Hall (Warren Room), music and children's activities in the Conservative Hall, Lantern making in the Sea Horse Café and Prestons, a food taster event at The Clockhouse Deli. Meanwhile, there will be a beer festival all weekend at The Clockhouse.

Throughout the day there will be live music at several venues including a steel band at the Tudor Tavern.

A full programme of events will be published in this newsletter at the beginning of November.



New cycle hoops for the Village



Paul Amoo, Chairman of the East Preston Film Society, with the three new hoops installed by the Village Green.

East Preston Film Society has once again used its funds to help enhance the village - this time with a generous offer to purchase six new cycle hoops.

Three attractive new hoops have already been installed on the Village Green car park. The other three hoops will soon be installed at the front of the Conservative Hall. The Parish Council has paid for their installation.

The Film Society has also offered to pay for a further three cycle hoops if a suitable site can be found at the northern end of the village. If anyone has a suggestion of a location which would benefit from these, please get in touch with the Parish Office.

Film dates for remainder of 2014 are 28th October and 27th November. All films sponsored by Cooper Adams Estate Agents.

Village Life

September

- 1st Full Council
- 2nd Business Breakfast (8am)
- 8th Planning Committee (6pm)
- 9th Councillor Surgery (11am, Council Office)
- 17th Amenities Committee
- 22nd Planning Committee (6pm)
Finance & General Purposes Committee (7.30pm)
- 28th Beach Clean (11am, bottom of Sea Road)
- 29th Community Engagement Committee

October

- 2nd Business Breakfast (8am)
- 6th Full Council
- 13th Planning Committee (6pm)
Personnel Committee
- 27th Planning Committee (6pm)

November

- 3rd Full Council
- 6th Business Breakfast (8am)
- 10th Planning Committee (6pm)
- 13th Councillor Surgery (details tbc)
- 17th Finance & General Purposes Committee (7.30pm)
- 19th Amenities Committee
- 22nd East Preston Christmas Celebrations (all day)
- 23rd East Preston Civic Service (3pm, St Mary the Virgin Church)
- 24th Planning Committee (6pm)
Community Engagement Committee

All council meetings begin at 7pm at East Preston Infant School, Lashmar Road unless otherwise noted. For all meetings, please consult the Noticeboards and website a few days before the meeting for the Agenda.

Business Breakfasts are for local businesses only and take place at a variety of venues. Please contact the office if you would like to attend.

*** Please note the above list may be subject to change***

Youth Facilities in East Preston

Since the closure of our West Sussex-funded Youth Club, East Preston Parish Council has been considering if and how we should replace it. We believe we have identified a professional organisation who could run a Youth Club and we can find premises for an initial one night per week youth session. We have funding to support the first year's operation. Since it would essentially be a private youth club we would not be subject to educational targets, the club would provide what the youth wanted. What we don't know is if there is a need or demand for an East Preston based club. What do you think? Please let us know by contacting the Parish Office.

About 15% of East Preston's residents fall in the 'Youth' category. Yet we do little to involve them in our decision making. The Youth Club issue above is an example. Over the last year we have run two low-key 'Youth Forums' where a couple of councillors chat to some of our younger residents, trying to tease out what they think about East Preston and what we can do to improve local facilities for them. Inevitably the issue is perceived to be a lack of Parish funding to make things happen. We want to change this!

Come on parents! Work with us! Let's involve our younger residents in deciding what we can do together to improve their leisure activities here. Let us organise another, more widely publicised, Youth Forum and you volunteer to help us make our children's ideas happen. You can help in any number of ways: identifying funding sources, premises, organising events or just helping out on the day. What do you think? Let us know via the Parish Office.

Free Help and Advice for Young People

Recently two new West Sussex County Council FindItOut centres at Bognor Regis and Worthing were added to the existing branches in Chichester, Horsham and Crawley.

These centres help 13 to 25 years old find advice and guidance on a wide range of subjects including information about jobs, apprenticeships, funding, help in a crisis, housing and homeless support, debt and money advice, counselling, family and relationships and much more.

In addition to the drop-in anytime there are weekly sessions with other services such as a Sexual Health Clinic and Asphaleia.

You will also find free phone and internet use, help with your CV, sexual health information and advice, free condoms, C-card registration point, free pregnancy testing, free chlamydia testing and dialogue counselling service.

The service was previously known as The Information Shop or Connexions but all branches have been renamed and refurbished giving them a new look as well as offering more services.

Branches are open Monday to Friday 2pm to 6pm and Saturday from 1 to 4pm. For more information, visit www.yourspacewestsussex.co.uk.

The nearest branches are at:

Bognor Regis, Church Path, Glamis Street	07917 806101	01243 867430
Worthing, The Place, 24 Marine Place	01903 210315	01903 234116



A NEW WI is coming to East Preston in September. Following in the footsteps of two successful evening WIs we have decided an afternoon WI would be a good idea. On Wednesday 3rd September at the Girl Guide Hut, Lashmar Road, starting at 2.15pm we are holding an exploratory meeting to introduce the WI to all. If you are free on that afternoon do come along and see what is on offer. Bring a friend or two!

The WI is an organisation where you can meet new friends, learn a new skill but mainly have fun. Everyone is welcome and if you've never tried the WI you could be surprised, we are not stuffy, we do not insist you cook or sew, all we ask is you like new ideas. Refreshments will be available and if you have any questions before the 3rd September you can contact Hazel Tester on 07828 643385 or email hazi7@btinternet.com for more information.

World War I book a big success

Last issue we mentioned we had been working with local author and historian RW Standing to publish his book East Preston & Kingston in The Great War 1914-1918. Our initial print-run has now sold out, raising over £350 for Help for Heroes (www.helpforheroes.org.uk).

The council is keen to consider a further print-run, but needs to know there is sufficient demand. If you would like to pledge to buy a copy, please complete the tear-off slip below and send it back to us, or email Alison on eparishcouncil3@btconnect.com. If we receive a decent number of pledges, the council will order a further print-run.

To help you decide, here are some of the comments we have received:

"Thank you so much for keeping me a copy of the wonderful book."

"I'm very interested in the First World War, so I am really looking forward to this."

"I have got it and a fiver well spent on an interesting book. Thank you all so much."

"The copies I have bought for other people have all been very well-received."

"It's the sort of book you should buy for your children and grandchildren to read when they become interested in local history."

I pledge to buy copy/
copies of East Preston &
Kingston in the Great War
1914-1918 if further copies
are printed.

Name

Address

Contact telephone number

Contact email address

Thank you



Have you noticed any overgrown vegetation in our village?

Recent weather has caused a welcome growth spurt for many people's gardens. Sometimes though, overgrown vegetation can cause an obstruction to pedestrians and buggy users. In addition to checking your own property, please help to keep our village looking nice and tidy. If you notice any overgrown vegetation please report it to the Highways Department at West Sussex County Council - Tel: **01243 642105** or email to **love.westsussex.gov.uk**.



Fairlands

Following a lot of public concern about traffic management in Fairlands and adjacent roads, we are asking members of the public to give us their views on how traffic management in the Fairlands area could be improved. Please feel free to be innovative and controversial with your suggestions, which we would like to receive at the Council Office (address at the bottom of the back page) by 12th September. We shall consider every suggestion we receive and look at building a proposal to take to West Sussex County Council.

In recent months, this council has already pressed for the southern bus stop to be moved alongside the southern bus shelter, allowing a bit more room for vehicles to pass between waiting buses, and has also been pushing West Sussex County Council to implement bus "cages" on the road, so buses can pull in by the bus-stops more easily. We have been promised these are on order and will be implemented shortly.

Summer bins to tackle beach litter

The parish council has negotiated with Arun District Council to supply two seasonal bins to encourage visitors to our beaches to remove their litter at the end of their visit. The bins have been placed at the bottom of Sea Road and Sea Lane (pictured).

Meanwhile, the next council **Beach Clean** is scheduled for 11am on Sunday, 28th September. If you would like to take part, please contact the Council Office to register. These are popular community events and make a big difference to our beaches.



Parking prettily

Over the past few years, there has been a marked increase in residents complaining to the council about inconsiderate or unfortunate parking around the village. This often results in drivers having to take a chance when pulling out of a side road or negotiating a narrow road because of a parked vehicle obscuring their view.

To keep all residents safe, please could you ensure areas near a junction or exit from a property are kept clear.

We also want to encourage visitors to support local businesses and would be grateful if you could respect the parking time limits at the northern shops and in the Village Green car-park.

Please contact the office if you would like a large print version of this newsletter.



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