

Upper Beeding Parish Council

For the Parish of Upper Beeding, Edburton and Small Dole

Newsletter Spring 2020

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

UPPER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



REFERENDUM

Thursday 19th March 2020

It is time to vote on the Neighbourhood Plan. The independent examiner has issued his report and Horsham District Council have published their decision statement. So it's now up to you.

The vote will take place on Thursday 19th March in both Beeding and Bramber Village Hall and Small Dole Village Hall.

You will receive information on how to vote along with your voting card from Horsham District Council.

Please also take a look at our website where all the relevant documentation can be seen. If you do not have access to the internet there are hard copies of the documents for you to view at The Hub, Upper Beeding. The Parish Council Office, Upper Beeding and the Post Office in Small Dole. If you are unable to access any of these places please let us know by telephoning the Parish Council Office on 01903 810316.

The vote is a simple majority; therefore if only a few people turn out to vote it will be those few of you that determine the outcome of the Neighbourhood Plan.

By the time you receive this newsletter there will have been a number of opportunities to ask questions and find out more.

There is a summary of frequently asked questions over the page. If you have any other questions please ask.

SPRING 2020

Neighbourhood Plan Frequently asked questions.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a set of policies developed by the community giving greater control over where and how development takes place within the Neighbourhood Plan area.

What will happen if we do not have a Neighbourhood Plan?

If there is no Neighbourhood Plan, the Local Plan produced by Horsham District Council will take precedence.

If we do not agree the Neighbourhood Plan will there still be building in the Parish?

Absolutely, yes. The Government have revised housing numbers across the country. Horsham District Council have been directed to build a minimum of 965 houses per year. They will have to go somewhere.

How does a neighbourhood Plan protect the Parish?

The Neighbourhood Plan is a set of policies detailing sites, planning criteria, community assets, green spaces and a number of other factors to preserve the character of the Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Are there any financial implications for the Parish?

Yes. Parishes with a made Neighbourhood Plan (NP) will receive additional funding from developers via the Community Infrastructure Levy (CiL). Communities with a made NP receive 25% of the CiL whilst those without receive 15%. These monies must be used on capital projects within the community.

Will building definitely take place on the sites allocated?

The sites allocated have been identified as most suitable for development; however, this is not planning permission. Any potential developer will have to submit detailed plans which will be assessed against the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan. Any planning application will have to go through the normal planning process.

What will happen if a planning application is for a site that hasn't been identified in the Neighbourhood Plan?

A made Neighbourhood Plan carries a great deal of weight in the planning decision process, therefore any application for a development that is not within the remit of the Neighbourhood plan is very unlikely to be approved.

Can the Parish Council still object to planning applications?

The processing of a planning application remains unchanged. The Parish Council is a consultee with Horsham District Council as the decision makers so, yes, the Parish Council can object to any application and will consider each application on its own merit.

What will happen if I don't vote?

The referendum is determined by a straight majority vote; so the more people who vote, the greater the true representation of the residents.

I am still confused or don't understand.

Please contact the Parish Office and we will do our best to help.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the first Parish Council newsletter for 2020. As I write the days are getting noticeably longer and the first crocuses and daffodils are starting to give a little colour in our gardens. The promise of spring starting is always a positive time.

The Parish Council worked on the 2020-21 budget over several months and set the precept of £199,125 at our January meeting. This is an increase of 13.79%, which amounts to 33p per week for a Band D household (£137.58 total per annum for Band D).

Every aspect of our annual and longer-term spending was considered. The Finance Committee looked at several options before deciding the increase that was finally agreed. It became clear during the process that the Parish Council needed to choose this option in order to ensure the long-term financial stability of the parish.



Simon Birnstingl
Upper Beeding Parish
Council Chairman

Critical needs in the budget were

- Replacing some services, such as cutting verges, largely ended by the County Council
- Saving for gradual replacement equipment in our children's play areas
- Increasing our reserves to comply with government and auditor's recommendations.

The full budget can be found on our website on the Accounts and Funding page.

On other matters, Horsham District Council is carrying out a consultation on the Draft Local Plan. (<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/local-plan/have-your-say>) . The consultation ends at 5pm on 30th March and is open to all for comment. There are two significant sites being proposed for housing in the plan, land east of Pound Lane in Beeding and land south of New Hall Lane in Small Dole. The Parish Council is also very concerned about the proposal for a new town, "Mayfield", east of Henfield. There is a serious risk that such a large development will affect the River Adur and increase the risk of flooding downstream in our community.

The increasing demand for councils to find sites for development comes from Central Government and local councils have little choice but to obey. There is also a requirement to take on housing numbers if a neighbouring authority cannot find suitable sites. The only way that this might be challenged is to write to our MP, Andrew Griffith (<https://members.parliament.uk/member/4874/contact>)

We look forward to meeting with you at the Annual Parish Meeting.

THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A BLOOMING SPRING

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

any article / contribution / questions by 15th May 2020 for our Summer Edition

Hall for Hire!

Are you looking for an affordable, local space to hold an event this year?

Whether you are planning a special family gathering or looking for a suitable, accessible space for an one-off business meeting, training event or regular class Small Dole Village Hall may be the answer to your needs.

There has been a village hall in Small Dole more or less continuously since one was founded in 1911.

The village hall building comprises one large main room, a kitchen, and an annexe for the storage of tables and chairs. Through the annexe there are men's and women's lavatories and an accessible lavatory. All of the rooms are on one level and there are no steps to access the building from the car park, so it is thoroughly accessible for wheelchair users. The main room of the hall measures approximately 9.1m by 4.8m, and has a stock of 40 comfortable chairs and 13 folding tables.

The kitchen measures 3.4m by 3.6m with a door and servery giving access to the main hall. The kitchen is stocked with two kettles, a microwave, a fridge, and an electric hob and oven, besides a sink and separate hand basin and generous provision of crockery and cutlery.

There is a car park outside the village hall for the use of hall hirers, which can accommodate about a dozen cars.

The hall has its own website: www.smalldolehall.org.uk, and there you can find a calendar showing hall availability, contact details for hiring, events being hosted, and minutes of all the Management Committee Meetings.

Hiring the Hall

Hire of the hall includes use of the main hall, the kitchen and the lavatories, and is charged by the hour or part thereof.

Hire charges will be agreed with the Booking Secretary on first booking. Hirers will be charged according to the following categories:

Category A Small Dole Village Groups and Residents	£7 p/h
Category B Groups and Residents from outside Small Dole	£8 p/h
Category C All Commercial Users	£9 p/h

The hire charges outlined here are accurate as of January 2018.

The hall may be booked on a one-off or recurring basis. To find out more, enquire about availability or make a booking, please contact the Booking Secretary.

Contact: Alice Weston, Booking Secretary
By phone/text: 01273 493975 or 07704 458200
By email (preferred): Alice.Weston@sussex.ac.uk



You are invited to the

Annual Parish Meeting

With a special focus on our Community and Community Engagement

Date: Wednesday 29th April 2020

Venue: Beeding and Bramber Village Hall

Time: 7pm

Light Refreshments will be provided

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will have a special focus on Community Engagement.

The Parish Council are determined, with your help, to develop the community spirit within our villages. This is a beautiful part of the world. Let us be proud of where we live.

The format of the evening will consist of a small number of guest speakers from partner organisations followed by an opportunity to talk to the speakers and Parish Councillors in a relaxed and informal way.

The Parish Council represents its residents.

Do you know who your Councillors are?

Do you know what the Parish Council do and what they are responsible for?

Are there any improvements you would like to see?

What does the Parish Council do well?

How can the Council improve the area in which we live?

Perhaps you have some specific thoughts or views. Maybe you would like to volunteer and help in the community.

Want to find out more? Come and see us on 29th April, in the meantime, if you have any questions please contact us.

Hello residents of Upper Beeding

My name is Nicky Fuller and I am the Rural Outreach Development Worker for Age UK Horsham District (AUKHD); I am here to support the older members of our community.

I have been in this role now for 20 months and I have met lots of wonderful people in clubs, groups, coffee shops, organisations, etc. across the district. Once I have met a group, I stay in touch and send regular information that I think might be useful to them and their members.

*I might pop in, say hello to a group and pass on our generic leaflet with some information to remind people about the various ways that AUKHD supports the over 50s.

*I might give a detailed talk about our services or I might bring our Dental Health video and ask the Horsham District Council Community Links Team to join me for a joint presentation on how we can both help.

*I might roll my sleeves up and help a group or club with a special lunch, afternoon tea or other larger celebration. I have a special pair of marigolds and an apron ready and waiting!

*I might be asked to help organise a special activity such as a community art project or gardening afternoon.

* I might set up a link between older people and their local school for reading or gardening or link with a pub to encourage regular local get togethers in a warm and comfortable space.

Really, it's about getting involved in the community as well as thinking of and supporting initiatives to support older people.

If I haven't met you yet then, please do get in touch. I am making my way round the district but it's quite big so please send me directions and I will come your way. My email address is NickyF@ageukhorshamdistrict.org.uk, mobile number is 07399 205899 or you can leave a message for me at AUKHD's Lavinia House Office in Horsham on 01403 260560 and I will return your call.

I look forward to hearing from some of you soon.

Best wishes

Nicky Fuller

Rural Outreach Development Worker
Age UK Horsham District



Small Dole Play Area

We are delighted that the new equipment has been installed in the play area in Tottington Drive, Small Dole. We have already had very positive comments and we are delighted with this new asset for the children in the Parish.



BEEDING AND BRAMBER VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Charity No 305435

A BIG THANK YOU to all who supported our village hall last year. Fund raising from the Autumn events topped two thousand pounds and that, together with fees and support of the Regular users of the Hall, has enabled us to go ahead with planning further refurbishments for this summer.

2020 is already shaping up to be another busy year with some exciting and enjoyable fund raising events planned for the coming months. Our first event is on **SATURDAY 4 APRIL** when **Diana and Wolfie**, a Folk/Country Duo will be performing for us. Tickets are £8 to include refreshments and can be obtained in advance from Sue at the Newsagents or by emailing villagehallfundraising@gmail.com Limited ticket sales at the door. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. We hope to see many of you there.



You may have noticed advertisements for **Horsham District Council Community On Line Lottery** which is designed to raise money for local groups. The Village Hall now has its own section where you can register to join in. Tickets are £1 a week, half of which goes directly to the Hall, the rest to local causes. We do hope you will support us in this new venture. There is a 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize, with prizes up to £25000!! Check it out at:

<https://www.horshamdistrictcommunitylottery.co.uk/support/beeding-and-bramber-village-hall>

This does not replace the **200 CLUB** which will still be important for our fundraising. New members for this are always welcome. Winning numbers are usually drawn at our **MONTHLY QUIZZES** on the third Wednesday of every month.

The smooth running of your Village Hall is due to volunteers and we are always looking for people to help us. Fortunately our Chair has decided to remain in post and we have been lucky to find a Maintenance Officer but **the IMPORTANT POST OF TREASURER IS STILL VACANT** from April 2020. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested in joining the team please contact the secretary at bjcwalnut@btopenworld.com or check out the website www.beedingandbrambervillagehall.org.uk

The next meeting on **April 27th 2020** will be **the AGM** followed by a Committee Meeting of Trustees. Meetings begin at 7.30 in the Village Hall and all are welcome to attend the AGM so do come along and see how your Village Hall is managed, you may be surprised!

Botanical Guide to Tottington Wood

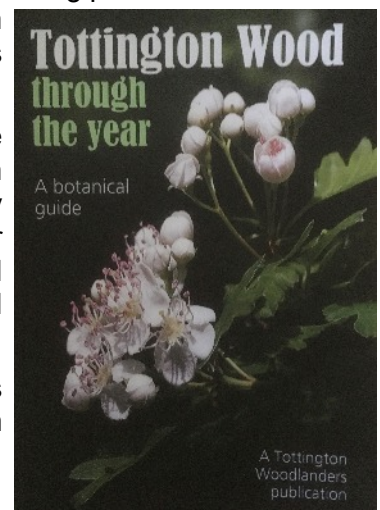
Tottington Woodlanders are a group of volunteers who manage an area of ancient woodland in Small Dole. We have recently published a botanical guide to celebrate the diversity of plant life growing in Tottington Wood throughout the year.

According to the Sussex Biodiversity Record Centre, there are over 250 species of flowering plant in the wood. Our book showcases a selection of these plants, beautifully illustrated with pictures taken by local photographer, David Pearce. Background information about the plants includes medicinal uses, folklore associations and their value to wildlife.

There are a significant number of **Ancient Woodland Indicator** species growing in the wood and their presence provides evidence that Tottington Wood has been in existence for at least 400 years. Tottington Woodlanders maintain the wood by adopting the same traditional coppicing techniques which would have been used over many centuries. This approach allows more light onto the woodland floor and encourages the growth of familiar springtime flowers, such as bluebells, wood anemones and primroses.

We hope that the botanical guide will encourage more visitors to come and enjoy this unique Local Nature Reserve. **'Tottington Wood Through the Year'** is on sale from the Woodlanders at **£5** a copy. Please contact annedaisybellis@hotmail.com

Anne Bellis



BEEDING & BRAMBER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

All meetings start at 7.45pm in Beeding and Bramber Village Hall, High Street, Upper Beeding, BN44 3WN. A year's membership is £10. All welcome, non-members can attend for £3.

Wed. 4 March: AGM followed by an illustrated talk by Gerald Gazdar and Pat Nightingale on Barns of Beeding and Bramber. The talk is based on a survey undertaken by members of the Society in 1986 when all the barns in the two villages (and Botolphs, Small Dole and Edburton), were visited, photographed and had their details recorded. One has since been demolished and others have been converted to residential use.

Wed. 1 April: Geoff Burch will present Further Ramblings of a Railwayman.

Wed 8 May: Judie English will tell us about Place Names in the Landscape.

We then take a break until September.

The Society has produced books about the history of Bramber and Upper Beeding, and about WW1 and WW2 in these villages – including Botolphs, Small Dole and Edburton. All the names of the Fallen on the war memorials have been researched, as well as many of those who served and survived. Copies are available in Steyning Museum and Steyning bookshop and by contacting pjnightingale@outlook.com

Trees

By the time you read this, at least 12 new trees will have been planted throughout the Parish. Thank you very much to both our amazing Tree Wardens (in Upper Beeding and in Small Dole).

The trees were planted as a result of residents' requests and we thank those that have agreed to water and look after them.

Finally, thank you very much to the small team of volunteers that did the planting.

Advertising

Do you have a local business?

Would you like an advert in the next newsletter?

We are offering ¼ page ads for £25. Please contact the Clerk for further information.

clerk@upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk
or telephone 01903 810316

BEEDING IN BLOOM:



Aims

To make the village of Upper Beeding a more attractive place for residents and visitors.

To involve the community in making the village a more attractive place in which to live.

On your way round the village you will see **hanging baskets, beds and containers** provided by Beeding in Bloom.

Each basket costs **£15** please make a donation for a basket or donation towards cost of basket.

AGM for Beeding in Bloom is Saturday 28th March in Upper Beeding Village Hall 10.30-12.

Details from Beeding News or Mary Levett (secretary) email worldwide@tinternet.com

HEALING HANDS

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for relaxation and healing

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20 years experience

Involves hands-on work from the following techniques: Myofascial release Spinal touch

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

Are you passionate about your community?

Would you like to make a difference?

Upper Beeding Parish Council has vacancies for Parish Councillors

What do councillors do?

Councillors are the champions of their community and give residents a voice on the decisions the council makes. Becoming a councillor will allow you to make a real difference in your community by engaging with residents, local groups and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on which services and projects the council should take forward; and getting involved locally to ensure the services are meeting your community's needs.

How long does it take?

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Local Councillor Census Survey found that councillors put aside, on average, three hours a week for council work. This often includes attending meetings, engaging with residents and speaking on behalf of the council to other bodies.

Want to find out more?

Contact Upper Beeding Parish Council at 3 Hyde Square, Upper Beeding.

Email clerk@upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk or telephone 01903 810316

Sports Hall HIRE CHARGES

The Sports Hall is available to hire for sporting and non-sporting activities.

Facilities include;

Sports Hall which is marked out for badminton, volleyball and handball.

Changing Rooms, toilets and showers.
Kitchen and lounge areas

Weekdays	9:00am – 6:00pm	£8 p/h
Weekdays	6:00pm – 9:00pm	£10 p/h
Weekends	9:00am – 10:00pm	£11 p/h

Bookings: Julie Bakter 01903 816790

Upper Beeding parish Council, 3 Hyde Square, Upper Beeding, West Sussex BN44 3JE Telephone: 01903 810316

Email clerk@upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk, Website www.upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk
Clerk: Celia Price PSLCC

BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG WALKER
TAKE THE LEAD
southdowns.gov.uk/takethelead

KEEP YOUR DOG ON THE LEAD
NEAR LIVESTOCK

STICK TO THE PATH TO AVOID
GROUND NESTING BIRDS

BAG AND BIN YOUR DOG POO
- ANY BIN WILL DO

DO NOT ENTER MILITARY LAND
WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING

HERITAGE FUND SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK Heathlands Reunited

Useful Contacts

Organisation	Contact details	Responsible For
Upper Beeding Parish Council	01903 810316 www.upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk clerk@upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk	All parish council property (including allotments, play areas, sports hall, MUGA, recreation ground, skate park and other open spaces), planning applications. statutory consultee

Organisation	Contact details	Responsible For
West Sussex County Council	01243 777100 www.westsussex.gov.uk	Highways (including footpaths and potholes), family services, social care and health, education, births, deaths and marriages

Organisation	Contact details	Responsible For
Horsham District Council	01403 215100 www.horsham.gov.uk	Main switchboard
	01403 215187	Planning applications
	01403 215151	Building control
	01403 215170	Planning enforcement
	01403 733144	Refuse and recycling collections, fly-tipping, abandoned vehicle, dog waste bin emptying,

Organisation	Contact Details	Responsible For
Saxon Weald	01403 226000	Housing association
Citizen's Advice Bureau	08444 771171	Consumer advice
Trading Standards	08454 040506	Consumer Advice
Floodline	0845 9881188	
Environment Agency	0800 807060	
NHS	111	Non-emergency health advice
Police	101	Non-emergency police advice

Police & Crime

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

Neighbourhood Warden Paul Conroy paul.conroy@horsham.gov.uk 07734 387889
Neighbourhood Warden Mike Pearce mike.pearce@horsham.gov.uk 07734 387888

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.

Parish Councillors

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Chris Warren	Chris.warren@upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk	01273 493 456

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.

Meeting Schedule March – June 2020

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

March	Tuesday 3 rd	7:00pm	Planning Committee	(Small Dole Village Hall)
	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	
April	Tuesday 7 th	7:00pm	Planning Committee	
	Tuesday 7 th	7:30pm	Council Meeting	
	Tuesday 21 st	7:00pm	Planning Committee	
	Tuesday 21 st	7:30pm	Sports and Leisure Committee	
	Tuesday 21 st	8:00pm	Amenities Committee	
	Wednesday 29th	7:00pm	Annual Parish Meeting	
May	Tuesday 5 th	7:00pm	Planning Committee	
	Tuesday 5th	7:30pm	Annual General Meeting	
	Tuesday 19 th	7:00pm	Planning Committee	
June	Tuesday 2 nd	7:00pm	Planning Committee	
	Tuesday 2 nd	7:30pm	Council Meeting	
	Tuesday 16 th	7:00pm	Planning Committee	
	Tuesday 16 th	7:30pm	Sports and Leisure Committee	
	Tuesday 16 th	8:00pm	Amenities Committee	

Please note:

Planning committee meetings will only take place if there are applications to discuss.

SPORT



Beeding & Bramber Cricket Club.

Our club plays friendly social village cricket on Sunday afternoons. We have home and away fixtures throughout the summer. Although we are NOT a league side we still play competitive cricket. However, the emphasis is on involving the participation of everyone in the team regardless of ability.

We have a few good players, a lot of not so good and, well... So, for a small annual subscription, and a match fee to cover costs, we offer: a match, a tea, good company and some exercise; we chase a lot of leather around the field!

After the match we retire to The Rising Sun for the all important post mortem, analysis, blame avoidance and occasional celebration! Our hosts even provide some sustenance in the form of Sausage & Chips to feed our hungry tums: all done over a beer or two of course.

One social event this coming season we are hoping to arrange is a 'Cricket Weekend' with BBQ and run in conjunction with the Rising Sun Beer Festival with its entertainment. We also have an end of season awards dinner to hand out our well earned trophies.

Want to join our bunch of merry peeps? We are looking for members regardless of age, ability, etc. Also, if you are interested in becoming an active member of a local run club we are also happy to have you if you would like to be an umpire, scorer, our tea maker, etc.

INTERESTED?

Please call Alastair on 07966 400042 for any further information.

In addition to our summer schedule we also run an **Indoor Winter 6-a-side** competition from November at Lancing College on Friday evenings. It has been running for about 10 years now and was designed to be fast fun cricket for players of all abilities. Matches usually last about 90 minutes with the teams made up from our membership. The finals night is in February and is usually followed by a curry night.

