



**Westham and Stone Cross
Community Council
(incorporating Hankham)**

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Front cover Stone Cross Windmill. Have you seen the Windmill lately? The cap has been removed for essential repairs

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

- Grit Bins were installed at various points across the Parish and were widely used by residents during the snow spell in December and January. The provision of grit bins will be reviewed at the June Full Meeting of the Council. To date £3500 has been spent on grit bins and refills but this kept the estates open in the severe weather.
- The Council has agreed to repair the basketball court in Adur Park and work is due to start in April.
- As requested by Red Dyke Residents Association a double headed light is being installed in Adur Park 48 trees will be also be planted around the area. These are being donated free of charge.
- Have you noticed the work undertaken by our Litter Picker he certainly keeps the area clean— many thanks to him for his hard work.

ADUR PARK

- The planning application to have the entrance to Adur Park from Friday Street has been refused by Wealden District Council but we will be resubmitting this application.



Calling all children of Junior or Secondary school age. Are you bored?

- what would you like us to provide in Adur Park for you to do?
- do you have any ideas for the future use of the park? Children in Littlehampton wanted and got their Council to provide what is believed to be the world's longest bench.

Let us know your ideas - you can email the office, phone or send us a note with all ideas.

HOT OF THE PRESS

Trading Standards are warning consumers to be aware of unsolicited phone calls claiming to be able to refund your council tax. A lady was contacted saying she was going to be awarded £7k for making her council tax payments regularly over recent years. The person on the phone asked her for bank details and knew her name and address. The lady has since spoken to the council who **confirmed it is a scam.**

Excerpts from the Draft Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on Monday 21st February 2011.—It should be noted these have yet to be approved by the Full Council.

Adur Park Basketball Court

RESOLVED that Westham Parish Council accepts the price to repair the basketball court.

Westham Parish Council

After a heated discussion it was **RESOLVED** that Westham Parish Council changes its name to Westham and Stone Cross Community Council with the line 'incorporating Hankham' included any letter headings and banners. The vote was carried by a vote of 7 to 5.

Community Council Offices

After another heated discussion it was proposed that the Community Council waits until the Localism Bill has been passed but this was rejected by a vote of 5 to 7.

It was then **RESOLVED** that Westham and Stone Cross Community Council will look into the possibility of moving the office out of the school. This vote was carried by a vote of 7 to 5.

Tree Report

RESOLVED to accept the 'green items' on the tree report at £948 plus VAT. **RESOLVED** to accept the offer of up to 48 trees donated by Chaffins and agreed to plant them in Adur Park.

Security at Tillingham Way

Last year the Parish Council cleared an area at Tillingham Way for Health and Safety reasons but this has led to concerns about security by some residents. **RESOLVED** that the Community Council, Red Dyke Residents' Association and nearby residents will carry out a street meeting to look into the residents' concerns. The PCSO will also be asked to attend. Red Dyke Residents' Association will let the Clerk know when they have spoken to their residents and then the meeting will be arranged.

Allotment Charge

RESOLVED that the allotment charge for 2011 to 2012 will be £7 per week.

Grant Applications

RESOLVED to award the Wednesday Club £200 to replace worn out play equipment.

RESOLVED not to award the Pump any money at this stage and asked that the recommendation from Cllr Blaker to produce a new newsletter is an agenda item at the next Full Council Meeting instead.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

1066 RELAY SUNDAY 8TH MAY COME AND SUPPORT THIS EVENT

The 1066 Relay takes place on Sunday 8th May. It would also really add to the event if local people were interested in supporting the runners as they pass through the various villages en route.

The inaugural 1066 Relay, organised by Hastings Runners, is shaping up to be one of the most exciting team events ever to be staged in East Sussex. The five stage mainly off-road team relay follows the historic route of the 1066 Country Walk from Pevensey, where William the Conqueror landed, all the way across the county to finish in Rye.

The 33.30 mile event starts in the grounds of Pevensey Castle, one of Britain's oldest fortresses, and passes by such iconic landmarks as Herstmonceux Castle and Battle Abbey before crossing through Battle Great Wood into Westfield. The final two stages cover some of the most spectacular countryside in the South East, passing through the Brede Valley, Icklesham and the medieval town of Winchelsea before a fast, flat finish along the National Cycle Network route 2 track into Rye. 50% of the race profits will go to local charities.

The race website is www.spanglefish.com/1066relay

WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL APPROVE THEIR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

This is a major document that highlights proposed developments over the next 25 years you can read more at Wealden.gov.uk

HOW WILL IT AFFECT OUR COMMUNITY

The Strategy proposes an **additional growth at Stone Cross of 650 dwellings** and to help meet the needs of the south of the District and to support the agenda for regeneration and investment emerging from the LDF of our neighbouring authority Eastbourne Borough Council.

Stone Cross due to its close proximity with Eastbourne and potential links with Polegate is a sustainable solution to the need to provide a workforce within the area and meet overall housing needs.

The following areas are the locations that are considered to be critical to delivery of the overall strategy:

Land at East Hailsham, North Hailsham, Polegate/ Willingdon, Dittons Road, Polegate, **South East Stone Cross, North East Stone Cross.**

Why Stone Cross?

Stone Cross **has a neighbourhood centre, a range of community facilities**, particularly good public transport connections with Eastbourne and is well located to use the facilities at nearby Langney. It helps to facilitate regeneration in the Langney area and reinforces the economic regeneration relationship between South Wealden and Eastbourne.

USEFUL NUMBERS

Schools

Hankham County Primary School

Headteacher: Mr P Round, Hankham St Hankham
Pevensey BN24 5AY
Tel: 763265 E-mail: office@hankham.e-sussex.sch.uk Web: www.hankham.e-sussex.sch.uk

Pevensey & Westham School

Headteacher: Mrs J Gott , 86 High Street,
Westham, East Sussex
Tel: 762269 E-mail: admin@pevensey-westham.e-sussex.sch.uk Web: www.pevensey-westham.e-sussex.sch.uk

Stone Cross School

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Cross, Pevensey, East Sussex BN24 5EF
Tel: 461002
E-Mail: office@stonecross.e.sussex.sch.uk
Web: www.stonecross.e.sussex.sch.uk

Churches

St Mary's Church, Westham

Services: Sundays 9.45 am Family Worship 11.00
am Morning Prayer.
6.30 pm Evening Worship.

St. Luke's Church, Stone Cross

Priest: Father J Vine
Tel: 767020
Times usually 8.00 am Sunday; 7.30 am Monday;
7.30 pm Tuesday; 10.30 am Wednesday;
7.30 pm Friday and 10.30 am on Saturday

Medical Centres

Stone Cross Medical Centre

Mimram Road, Stone Cross
Tel: 761461

Westham Medical Centre

Church Bailey, Montague Way,
Westham,
Tel: 465120

Eastbourne District General Hospital

Kings Drive, Eastbourne, BN21 2UD
Main switchboard tel: 417400
Accident & Emergency Tel: 01323 414944

Wealden District Council

Council Offices, Pine Grove,
Crowborough, TN6 1DH
Tel: 01892 653311 e-mail: wealden@wealden.gov.uk

- Refuse Collection

Council Offices, Vicarage Lane,
Hailsham, BN27 2AX
Tel: 442666
e-mail: env.health@wealden.gov.uk

East Sussex County Council Highways Tel: 01424 220022

Energywatch 0845 906 0708

Transco (in case of gas leak) 0800 111 999

Consumer Direct 08454 040506

Buy With Confidence 418215

Doorstopper's hotline 418228
General line 418200

East Sussex Fire Brigade (01323) 736555 emer-
gency dial 999

Sussex Police 0845 607 0999 emergency dial 999

Westham & Hankham Women's Institute

First Tuesday of every month
Westham Village Hall, Peelings Lane.

Contact: Mrs Elsie Fox

Westham Evening Women's Institute

Meetings 7.30pm 4th Thursday each month Westham
Village Hall.

Contact Mary Unsworth, Tel 740034.

Westham Sequence Dance Club

Fridays 7.30pm - 10.00pm,
Westham Village Hall

Contact, Jack and Pip Tel 484917