

Westham Parish Council

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Editor Councillor John Blaker

WESTHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the Full Council Meeting in January Councillors resolved;

- to buy a new boiler for Westham Village Hall at a cost of £1596.00 including VAT
- to accept the price from Hailsham Roadways to effect a repair in Stour Close
- that Westham Parish needs Superfast Broadband and agreed the Clerk should register their support for ESCC on the BDUK website.
- that the Clerk gets prices to carry out the works identified by the parks inspections.
- to invite the new Road Steward to the next Full Council Meeting to ask his advice as regards to parking in Westham at school times and the possibility of putting extra bollards on the verges.
- that extensive repairs are needed at Westham Pond and considered three quotes. Councillors agreed to accept the quote from Land and Water Services, the funding of which is;
 - i: £ 5000.00 from Westham Parish Council
 - ii: £22866.10 from grants and local businesses.
- that they fully support Cllr Marshall's bids for grant funding. The Clerk is to get costings for the preliminary work and Cllr Marshall is to ask local businesses for their support.
- to get prices for the works highlighted in the Tree Report.
- to accept the Schedule of Works drafted by Gerry Garner for Foxes Hollow Wall and ask the Clerk to get two prices to repair the wall as per the Schedule.
- to form a sub committee to consider the Neighbourhood Plan comprising of all councillors to draft the plan. AiRS are to be invited to the next Full Council Meeting.

At Planning Committee Meeting in February Councillors considered the four options in the Wealden's Strategic Site Development Plan Consultation and agreed unanimously to support option 3 (land at - Friday Street, South and North of Rattle Road, North of Dittons Road and part of Dittons Nursery). They felt option 3 has less impact on this parishes' infrastructure, has better access, there will be less traffic.

In this consultation document Wealden have identified suitable areas for the development of 650 new homes in the Stone Cross area. The report highlights two key areas

- Land to the east of Stone Cross comprising three key sites: one at Friday street, one to the north of Rattle Road and one to the south of Rattle Road
- Land to the north and west of Stone Cross and comprises four sites in total. Two of these sites are located to the north of Dittons Road, one to the south of Dittons Road and one to the east of Hailsham Road

For further details see Wealden's Strategic Site Development Plan.



Have you seen the latest signs at entrances to Adur Park?

Superfast Broadband How can you help?

Did you know that broadband coverage is poor in this parish and we need to attract new business, help homeworkers and to enable children in the parish to file their homework on line?

ESCC and the government have committed to providing Superfast Broadband to 90% of the county and by registering you will strengthen the Parish Council's bid and push us nearer the top of the list.

We need residents to register individually on the Rural Partnership website (ruralbroadband.com) to support the need for Superfast Broadband in this parish.

An Invitation to All Parish Clubs and Organisations

All Clubs and Organisations who have received a Grant from the Parish in the last Financial Year are cordially invited to present a report on their activities to the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 14th May at 7pm at Stone Cross School

COMMUNITY NEWS



Sussex Police

Serving Sussex

Dear all,

Over the next few weeks we are out and about across Wealden marking property in sheds and outbuildings. This is part of OP Creosote which aims to make it as difficult as possible for thieves to steal our possessions. We can mark anything from lawnmowers to bikes, TVs and valuable ornaments. If you do not get a visit then give us a call or contact your local officer for more details.

Wealden are still bucking the national trend with crime down this year by 3.4% as of today. That's about 135 less victims of crime. Any crime is one too many for me but by working together we can make Wealden one of the safest places to live, work and visit.

Thanks for your continued support.

Proud to be serving Wealden.

Dick Coates

Wealden District Commander.

E Mail. Richard.coates@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Police non-emergency number

On the 1 November police forces throughout England and Wales switched from their various non-emergency contact numbers to 101.

Sussex Police have been preparing for months for the switch over and have been live testing the 101 number since July 2011 in order to monitor how well the technology works.

Calls to the 101 non-emergency number will cost 15 pence for the entire call, no matter how long the call or what time of day it is. This applies to both landlines and mobile phones. In an emergency, callers should still dial 999, which is free. Those members of the public with impaired hearing or speech can still use the textphone -18001 101.

You can also report most non-emergency crime at no cost via the Sussex Police website at

www.sussex.police.uk/contact-us/report-a-crime-or-incident.

Online crime reporting was introduced back in January of last year and has proven very popular with many of the public who prefer this method of contacting the police rather than phoning.

When a member of the public calls 101, the system will determine the caller's location and connect them to the police force covering that area. They will hear a recorded message announcing which police force they are being connected to. If a caller is on a boundary between two or more forces, the recorded message will give them a choice of which force to be connected to.

Police call handlers in the force control room for that area will then answer the calls and respond appropriately. The caller will not be put through to a large national call centre.

For more information and some useful resources visit

www.homeoffice.gov.uk/police/101-police-non-emergency

COMMUNITY NEWS

Watch out for the doorstep sellers

A general warning is being issued to residents across East Sussex to be wary of doorstep sellers. The warning follows complaints to East Sussex County Council's Trading Standards team about a doorstep salesman trying to flog items of kitchenware.

The salesman, who drives a silver people carrier and is thought to be operating across the County, is selling 'Kaiserbach' knives, saucepans and cutlery sets. He claims that the cutlery is left over from a trade fair.

Trading Standards is concerned that consumers are being duped into the sale, not given the option to cancel or change their minds and feel the items are possibly being misrepresented.

Councillor Maynard, Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment said "Our warning to consumers across the County is to be very cautious of any cold callers. People should remember that, if they purchase products or services costing over £35 on their doorstep, they have a seven-day cooling off period in which time to change their mind. This must be provided by the seller at the time of sale in writing".

Door to door sellers should;

- show identification that gives their name and their company name
- make it clear from the start of your conversation that they are selling something
- not pressure you into buying something

Most people who call at your home will be genuine. But sometimes people turn up unannounced with the intention of tricking people either by high pressure selling or using false identification. If you are in any doubt don't let them in.

Official visitors should always arrange an appointment beforehand. If you're not expecting them and you are alone then ask them to call back later when you have somebody with you – legitimate callers will always be happy to do this.

To report a doorstep seller to our Rapid Action Team call (01323) 463430.

If you are at all suspicious about a doorstep caller, please report the matter to Consumer Direct 08454 04 05 06.

A message from East Sussex County Council

We are reviewing several areas of the library service to make sure that we are providing the best service at the best price, in the right place at the right time for our residents. We need your views to continue to improve the service and help us build a library network for the years to come. The areas that we are reviewing are:

- services to rural areas
- mobile libraries and the mobile office
- libraries within a five mile radius of central Eastbourne.

How to take part You can submit your comments:

- **online** – using our [online survey – have your say about libraries](#).
- **by post** – download and fill in a [postal](#) survey form – have your say about libraries or pick up a printed survey at libraries and other community locations such as children's centres, parish and town

councils, care homes and sheltered housing and village halls. Completed forms should be sent to: Library Survey, FREEPOST NAT20637, BN7 1BR.

This survey runs for 12 weeks from Monday 27 February until Monday 21 May 2012.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND VENUE
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Westham
Village Hall

Amenity Hall
Stone Cross

Committee Meetings
2nd Monday

March	12th
April	-
May	14th APM (*)
June	11th

Council Meetings
3rd Monday

March	19th
April	16th
May	21st AGM (^)
June	18th

Key:

- (^) AGM is the Annual General Meeting to elect the Chair, Vice Chair etc for the new year.
- (*) APM is the Annual Parish Meeting and is a meeting for the Parish but is not a Council Meeting

Switchover Help Scheme

TV is going digital all over the UK and is the biggest change in television since the introduction of colour. In 2012 analogue television will be switched off across Meridian TV region. If you don't have digital TV by the time of switchover, you will lose your TV channels.

For older and disabled viewers who may find making the switch difficult, the BBC-run Switchover Help Scheme is at hand to provide everything you need to switch one TV set to digital. Most eligible people will be asked to pay £40 towards the standard option of help. For eligible people on income-related benefits, it's free. This includes easy to use equipment, an approved installer to supply and install the equipment, and a 12 month aftercare service including a free helpline. If you're 75 and over or eligible disabled, the Help Scheme will write to you directly and in plenty of time to ask if you want help.

The Help Scheme will not cold call. Our CRB checked installers will visit by appointment only and are trained and experienced in serving both older and disabled people. They will take extra time, for example, if you need more time to answer the door. Our installers always carry ID and you can arrange for a password in advance. We also encourage anyone who is unsure to call the Help Scheme on 0800 40 85 900 to verify the person at the door.

For further information on the Switchover Help Scheme visit helpscheme.co.uk or call **free** on 0800 40 85 900. Textphone users can call 0800 40 85 936.

If you have any questions about switchover and are not eligible for the Help Scheme you can call the Digital UK advice line on 08456 50 50 50 or visit digitaluk.co.uk.

Find out more about the work of Trading Standards at

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/community/tradingstandards

STONE CROSS WINDMILL



The Windmill Tower is still encased with plastic having been sand blasted to remove old paint and discoloration. The final cleaning and painting should be undertaken soon so that the Mill can be restored to its former glory. The trust has found it necessary to remove the sweeps, stocks and cap for this major overhaul.

Stone Cross Tower Windmill was built in 1876 and is generally considered to be one of the finest late generation windmills to be built in England. It is a Grade 11* listed Windmill and is certainly one of the most complete and retains all of its original machinery. It attracts enthusiasts from all over the Country and also abroad

The Mill was restored to working order in 2000 with a lottery grant and is owned and maintained by the Stone Cross Mill Trust, registered charity No. 1052827.

The Windmill produces modest amounts of wholemeal stone ground flour from locally grown wheat, which is sold to the public and small businesses.

The Mill is open to the public from Easter (or April) to the end of September and guided tours are available to visitors by volunteer guides. Entry is free and the Mill relies solely on flour sales, donations and membership for its income. The principle aim is to preserve the Windmill as part of our heritage as well as to increase awareness of the Mill as a tourist and educational attraction.

It now has a Heritage Centre providing a venue for local craft fairs and a meeting place for Harvest Festivals and Carol Services.

The Mill Store is adjacent to the Windmill and offers light refreshments whenever the Mill is open to the public and also houses the disabled toilet. The Mill Store sells flour, souvenirs and provides a meeting place for local people to sit and enjoy refreshments and cakes prepared with flour produced by the Mill.

Groups are welcomed by appointment and Cream Teas are arranged with cakes and scones made with the flour. School Groups visit during the year as part of the National Curriculum.

The Friendship Lunch Group



The Friendship Lunch Group – has 22 regulars on the list and always welcomes visitors and newcomers 10.30-1.30 Tuesdays at Westham Village Hall. A recent inspection gave the Group a Food Hygiene rating of 5, that's top marks!

The increased cost of living has had its effect and FLG has been forced to raise the price for lunch to £5. It was previously £4.50. Members considered the options and felt that £5 was very reasonable – there is no membership fee. In January the Annual General Meeting accepted the report and accounts and re-elected the executive team. So apart from the 50p increase all is as usual.

All people are getting older of course, but, when it comes to counting the years, the Friendship Lunchers' get off to a flying start! They know more about the Battle of Britain and being a Land Girl than they do about computers, emails, spreadsheets, and desktop publishing. Thanks to a grandchild, one member is learning to text. They look hopefully for new younger people to come, maybe in their sixties, familiar with the digital age and computers, who might be willing to take responsibility, as a bank signatory, or a treasurer, or publicity designer or with Food Hygiene qualifications to be the licensee.

Meantime FLG members look after each other and enjoy themselves. There's conversation, chancing a raffle, playing bagatelle, table quoits and small group "countdown", there is no formal programme. Sometimes they go out. Lunch is like a family meal, one person at the table serves the main dish and others pass the plates and vegetables. Special diets are supplied.

There are no 'helpers' as such, but if you like to help you will be very welcome. To find out more call Joyce Richards (01323 763344) or Mary Eagle (01323 762814)

Christmas Lunch at Westham Village Hall for members of the Friendship Luncheon Club



WESTHAM & PEVENSEY LOCAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP WPLTP



Westham Parish Council provides precept money to WPLTP. Their community based bus services do great job for this community. Struggling with rising fuel prices, reduced government fuel subsidy and the maintenance of an ageing minibus is not easy. Pevensey Parish Council provides precept too. Last July WPLTP became a Registered Charity No. 1142981. Now enrolled for on-line giving with www.sussexgiving.com it is easy for anyone who can afford it to make their donations on line. Or send a cheque to WPLTP care of the Parish Office.

What's new? What a super looking minibus. It's still the same vehicle but it "scrubbed up well" The new livery that catches the eye is a gift from the nationally known designer, Ray Stenning of Best Impressions. He gave his talents and skills, arranged for Smart Graphics to give the vinyls, and asked Stagecoach to accommodate the paint shop work. Since 1 May 2011, WPLTP has been the operator of these services, and had to move away from CCB design and logos.



What can you do? Please be a passenger. Timetables are at medical centres, libraries, post offices and some shops, or www.wpltp.co.uk.

Please volunteer to become a Driver, or a Phoney taking bookings over the phone. No pay, but lots of job satisfaction! Call 763344 or 760496 or see the web site.

Volunteer your skills in company management. Grasp the WPLTP ethos and vision, but do your own typing! Committee every 6 weeks. NB The Company Secretary is wearing out !

What does WPLTP do? It operates mini-bus services; Westham & Pevensey Rover 6, Tuesdays (via Langney Shops) and Wednesdays (via Hailsham). Book this door-to-door service – phone 0845 606 6951 the day before. WPLTP operates Local Shopper Service 46, Saturdays. No booking needed for this bus-stop route around Langney Shops, ASDA, Beachlands, Westham and Pevensey.

Who are these bus services for? They're for all of us! Just show your concessionary pass or pay as you board. (Flat fare £2, £1 for children). It's public transport for Stone Cross, Pevensey, Beachlands, Hankham, Westham with walk-on low-floor access and room for one wheelchair.

This is a chance to say "Thank you" to the local people who are the unpaid volunteers that keep the mini-bus services running.

ARE YOU SPECIAL? URGENT PLEASE FILL THIS IN

Of course you are! So we are asking you to give details that could be vital in helping fellow residents in an emergency situation, or in getting help for yourselves. If you replied to our earlier request, you don't need to reply again.

1. DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL SKILLS, MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT?

e.g. First Aid Certificate, tractor, chain saw, generator, building heated by solid fuel (up to date with health and safety requirements)

Name	Contact number (e.g. mobile phone)	Skills, equipment offered for emergency situations

For help with these forms or further explanation, PHONE the Parish Office (01323) 461299 - or E-MAIL Michael.Nash@nash4.demon.co.uk

Please sign and date in the spaces beneath the following question

2. DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL MOBILITY NEEDS?

PLEASE LET US KNOW! Then in a real emergency situation we can try to help you.

WE PROMISE TO KEEP ALL DETAILS COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL.

Name	Contact number (e.g. phone/mobile phone)	Mobility or other special needs

Westham and Stone Cross Community Council undertakes not to use these details for any purpose other than for help in (the unlikely event of) an emergency situation where 999 calls haven't brought help

Please sign and date to agree these details be in the Westham Parish Emergency Plan and send them to Westham and Stone Cross Community Council, Stone Cross School or to westhamstonexcc@aol.com;

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

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

Headteacher: Mrs A Allison, Adur Drive,
Stone 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

O845 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 emergency dial 999

Sussex Police 0845 607 0999 emergency dial 999

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

Westham and Pevensey Local Transport Partnership

Information about the bus services and
volunteering see www.wpltp.co.uk or phone
Joyce Richards 01323 763344 or Michael
Nash 01323 760496.