

Westham Parish Council

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Editor: Councillor John Blaker

WESTHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the Full Council Meeting in March Councillors resolved to;

purchase an additional planter which is to be sited in between the two existing planters in Westham in order to prevent parking on the green.

investigate the addition of more bollards alongside Butcher's Field.

purchase adult/teenage outdoor equipment for Adur Park.

At the Full Council Meeting in April Councillors;

agreed that it would be inappropriate to spend £4000 on bollards in the current financial climate. The area outside Butcher's Field would require 15 bollards which would cost the Parish Council approximately £4000.

resolved to buy a brass A4 size sign on a wooden base for the Jubilee Oak to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The sign will be fitted once councillors have confirmed the site for the oak.

At the AGM in May Councillors;

proposed and seconded Councillor Molog for the role of Chair. Councillor Molog accepted the role of Chair to Westham Parish Council.

proposed and seconded Councillor Parsons for the role of Vice Chair. Councillor Parsons accepted the role of Vice Chair to Westham Parish Council.

At the Full Council Meeting in May Councillors;

agreed to renew the grazing licence for the year 2012-2013 in Butchers Field. The amount was not changed as councillors agreed that the sheep save the Parish Council money maintaining the field.

unanimously approved the accounts to 31st March 2012 and referred them for audit

Considered three options to minimise dog mess particularly in Adur Park.

- Option 1 was to highlight the problem by spraying the mess pink. This was rejected due to a lack of volunteers.
- Option 2 was to consider having stickers warning of possible fines for dog fouling. Councillors asked the clerk to get prices of stickers.
- Option 3 was to consider employing the Dog Warden from Eastbourne Borough Council. The clerk is to find out how much this would cost

COMMUNITY NEWS

Planting the Jubilee Oak in Butchers Field



The Parish Council agreed to plant a Jubilee Oak in Butchers field to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee

News on Westham Pond

The Parish Council has submitted plans to Wealden District Council for essential maintenance to the banks of the Pond. The Council is awaiting a response to this application.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
1st April 2011 TO 31st March 2012

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Total £:</u>
Precept	127966.00
Allotment Rents	156.00
Bank Interest	65.31
Other	9127.87
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Total Income	137315.18
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<u>Payments</u>	
Street Lighting	18989.56
Insurances	4758.40
Rates and overheads	51780.34
Grants	4252.00
Outside Maintenance	50092.73
Capital Fund	8430.00
Repairs and Renewals	2866.07
VAT	17847.01
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Total Payments	159016.11
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COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND VENUE
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Westham
Village Hall

Amenity Hall
Stone Cross

Committee Meetings
2nd Monday

July		9th
August		-
September		10th
October		8th
November		12th
December		10th

Council Meetings
3rd Monday

July		16th
August		-
September		17th
October		15th
November	19th	
December		

STONE CROSS WINDMILL

The Tower has been sand blasted and is waiting to be sealed and painted



The Cap and Fan Stage newly restored by the Maintenance Volunteers at the Windmill. .
The Windmill is open every **Sunday 2-5pm** for guided tours and refreshments

CAN YOU HELP THE MILL URGENTLY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SERVE REFRESHMENTS IN THE MILL OR MAKE CAKES AND SCONES. PLEASE CONTACT BARBARA MOLOG 01323 483470 FOR FURTHER DETAILS

WESTHAM & PEVENSEY LOCAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP WPLTP



Westham & Pevensey Bus – local people celebrate a successful year.
Sharnfold Farm, Stone Cross, Tuesday 1 May 2012 4.30 -5.30pm

Quotes:

1. Vice-Chairman Bob Walker “thanks to all the volunteers who help to run the bus – we need a lot more like you!”
2. East Sussex County Councillor Tony Freebody “**This is a community working together to provide a great service to the Westham and Pevensey area. I am delighted to be here and to give Westham & Pevensey Bus my continuing support.**”
3. Passenger, Mrs Joyce Huggett. “Being a passenger on the bus is fun, and a great service to the community. The door-to-door service is greatly appreciated. Everyone is so friendly, the care and courtesy shown by drivers is greatly appreciated. It’s a pleasure to travel with you”
4. Driver Mr Mick Mortlock “I enjoy meeting the passengers, they are friendly and chat and joke, and appreciate the service we give. It’s good fun to drive the bus, and to be part of the team.”
5. Taking door-to-door bookings on the phone Mrs Shirley Lentle. “I like to give newcomers information about the services and the locality. I enjoy the friendly chat with people and hearing how wonderful the drivers are. If you are interested in voluntary work this is a good team to join”.
6. Director Mrs Joyce Richards “the generosity of local people who help the Westham & Pevensey Bus to operate, and the kindness and courtesy with which officials and local businesses give helpful advice is a great example of how a community can work together.”
7. In summary – To experience the feel good factor, **members of team recommended people to volunteer. “It’s fun, a good way to give something back to the community, an exercise in human kindness, or you could just drive the bus! “**

The Story:

Local Councillors, friends and members of the team celebrated over a home-made tea at Sharnfold Farm. It had been a good move to take over being the operator of Westham & Pevensey Local Transport Services (WPLTP) bus services a year ago in addition to organising and funding them - a successful first year, the Chairman reported. 50% more tickets were issued than in the previous year, and operating costs had been held down.

East Sussex County (ESCC) Councillor Tony Freebody, talked about the benefit to the local community of WPLTP bus services. Norman Baker MP (Lewes) Under Secretary of State for Transport and Greg Barker MP (Bexhill and Battle), Minister of State for climate change sent their best wishes. There were so many people to thank that a written list was provided. **Generous donors of time and expertise were there,**

- Ray Stenning the Lead Designer of Best Impressions, who donated the design of the new bus livery. People noticed the 16 seater mini-bus in new eye-catching colours of orange and turquoise; a brilliant design, from a designer whose work can be seen on Stagecoach, the Oxford bus and many others.
 - Simon Montgomery of Computer Box College, with a national award for developing community web sites, is overseeing the further development of the booking system so that passengers can book their journey and travel on the day.
 - Pam Britton represented the local WI sewing party who updated all the uniforms;
- Members of the team shared stories of why it was good and good fun, to be a passenger, a driver, a director and to deal with passengers over the phone.

The Tuesday and Wednesday Rover 6 is a brilliant service, public transport for people who live too far

from the normal commercial bus routes – “passengers call for it, and it calls for them” to take them where they want to go. “You don’t run for this bus, it runs for you”. Like a good neighbour it takes people, across Westham, Pevensey, Stone Cross, Beachlands, Langney and Hailsham.

The Local Shopper service 46 on Saturdays does what it says and has a regular clientele picking up the service and being set down at local bus stops in Westham, Beachlands and Langney.

Westham & Pevensey bus accepts a concessionary pass or a fare. There is no other charge.

The dedicated team of volunteers has made this possible. They are local people, unpaid volunteers, who drive the bus, explain the service over the phone, take bookings, and ensure that the service operates to the high standards required of any public transport operation.

To experience the feel good factor, they recommend committing some time to working in this team. It is fun, a good way “to give something back to the community” and an exercise in human kindness. Or you could just drive the bus!”.

At the same time the Westham & Pevensey bus is a “cutting edge development” in voluntary local transport. More people volunteering could give it an even better edge. More information is on the web site www.wpltp.co.uk or by calling Joyce Richards on 01323 763344. On line donations with gift aid, can be made to <https://localgiving.com/charity/westham-pevensey-bus>

Contact:

Company Secretary Mrs Joyce Richards 01323 763344 email: joyce.richards@hankham2.co.uk
‘Lusted’s’, Glynleigh Road, Hankham, Pevensey, East Sussex BN24 5BJ

Police Matters

With the Jubilee celebrations behind us we can now look forward to the Olympics coming to London. Burglary of people’s houses has seen a rise in recent months across the whole of Wealden. Over 50% of the offences have happened when people leave their houses unsecured. They leave a door open or do not lock up when they go out for a few hours. Thieves will take any chance they can to commit crime.

Please make sure you follow these simple rules;

Never leave your doors or windows unlocked if you are going out. If you are working in the garden please close your doors and lock them, if some distance from your property. If going on holiday let your local officers know. (use the Sussex Police website and email your local officer the details.) If you are out when it gets dark make use of a timer to switch a light on, they are cheap and easy to use. Contact your local PCSO if you have any problems. If on holiday ask a neighbour to move the post/pull the curtains at night if possible.

There have been a number of success stories with regards to arresting offenders for burglary in recent months. Someone from Uckfield was recently arrested and charged with two burglaries. He is now in prison awaiting trial. Another person was charged with a burglary in Polegate and is at present on bail to appear in court in the coming weeks. Someone else was arrested in the Stone Cross area and is charged with burglary. The police still need your help though, so I ask that you report any suspicious behaviour however small. You can contact them in an emergency on 999 or on their new non emergency number 101. There are lots of ways you can find out what is happening in Wealden and about your local Police team. Visit the Sussex Police website at www.sussex.police.uk or sign up to receive updates directly from your local team. This is called community messaging. Give your details to your local officer who will add you to the system at district.wealden@sussex.pnn.police.uk You can follow them on twitter. Search for @Wealdendistcomm. All the local issues are placed on the account. You can follow the team at @wealdenpol and we also have a Facebook page.

Your local police team continue to work hard to keep you safe. We do need your help so please do all you can to take reasonable crime prevention measures. If you want crime prevention advice let us know and we will arrange a visit.

Remember, Wealden is a safe place to live, work and visit. Chief Inspector Dick Coates District Commander _____

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

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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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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; 7.30 am Monday;
7.30 pm Tuesday; 10.30 am Wednesday;
7.30 pm Friday 8am Sunday and 10.30am
Sunday Family Service

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
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.