

# TWINEHAM Newsletter

December 2014

## Twineham Neighbourhood Plan

A great deal of work has been done on the Twineham Neighbourhood Plan and will be open for Public Consultation between **22<sup>nd</sup> December 2014** and **9<sup>th</sup> February 2015**. An Open Morning will be held at Twineham CE Primary School, Church Lane, Twineham, on **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2015, between 10.00 am and 12 noon**. The Plan will be available to view. If you are unable to come on that date, it will also be available to view at Hookers Farm, Bolney Chapel Lane, Twineham, by appointment with Charles Worsley (contact details overleaf). Very grateful thanks are due to Charles Worsley, who has chaired the Neighbourhood Plan Group, and to Richard Sutcliffe-Smith, past Chairman of Twineham Parish Council, who has written a very large part of the Plan and to Fanny Jones when she was Clerk to the Parish Council.

## Rampion Off-Shore Wind Farm

As many of you will know, permission has now been granted for the off-shore wind farm. The underground power cable will connect to a new substation to be built adjacent to the Bolney Substation (which is in the Parish of Twineham). A great deal of consultation has taken place with representatives of Rampion. We are waiting for the final design (we have requested that the two transformers, which will be 10.5 meters high) will be placed behind the tallest trees, so that residents who look down on the site will have the greatest protection. We are also awaiting the Traffic Management Plan and the Noise Management Plan. The Local Liaison Group (LLG) which is made up of representatives of the Parish Councils which will be affected by the construction works met in mid-December. We anticipate that work will commence on the substation during the spring or summer of 2015. The Parish Council has met with the

officer of West Sussex County Council who will be signing off the Requirements (Conditions) for the substation.

We have been advised that there will be some community benefit, but we are not sure how much of this will come to Twineham.

## Operation Watershed and a Request to Help Prevent Flooding

Having received some funding from West Sussex County Council to alleviate flooding in the Parish, local residents have been looking at the worst areas of flooding. It would be extremely helpful if local residents could please remove leaves from drainage gullies outside their properties as this helps with the water being able to run away. This is particularly relevant on the stretch of Twineham Lane between the junctions of Hickstead Lane and Church Lane, together with Bob Lane in the vicinity of Twineham Grange, and in particular the Coach House. A spade does wonders! Thank you very much if you are able to help. If you own an area (land or property) with a watercourse running through it then you need to keep the watercourse clear. In this case you are known as a riparian owner and you must ensure that water is able to flow without obstruction.

## Mayfield

No doubt you will know of the proposal by Mayfield Market Towns to build 10,000 houses between Sayers Common and Henfield. This proposal was discussed at the Examination Hearings into Horsham District Planning Framework Examination, although it is not included in the Horsham Plan. Because this could have an impact on Twineham Parish, representatives of the Parish Council attended the Hearings on three days. Local Members of Parliament, Sir Nicholas Soames and Nick Hebert, also attended on one day. The Inspector's report is awaited.

### **British Solar Renewables**

A presentation was made by British Solar Renewables to Twineham Parish Council at their meeting in November for a proposed scheme for a solar farm covering up to 100 acres on land in the Parishes of Twineham and Bolney. No planning application has yet been received.

### **Possible Option for a Second Runway at Gatwick**

Mid Sussex District Council is intending to discuss a draft response to the Airports Commission at the end of January, but has invited representatives of Town and Parish Councils to a meeting at the beginning of January. A representative from Twineham will be attending.

### **Clerk to the Parish Council**

Fanny Jones left us after 25 years' service as Clerk to the Parish Council and we are very grateful for all her hard work and wisdom.

We have appointed in her place Mrs. Dawn Langston and we welcome her.

### **New Head at Twineham School**

Hello. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I became headteacher at Twineham School in September following the well-deserved retirement of Miss Baber. I am really enjoying being here; the children are delightful and work so hard as do all the staff. We are blessed with fantastic grounds and a very supportive set of parents who have raised money to enhance the grounds including building a new pond. Look out for more exciting additions on the school field in the future!

We have already had an exciting start to the school year including 'One World Week' when each class took a country and found out lots

of interesting facts- there was a lot of dancing, art work and trying new foods! We are now looking forward to Christmas when KS1 are putting on a nativity and KS2 a Carol service in the Church.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the school, to wish you all a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

With best wishes

Mrs Jill Dawson Headteacher

### **Your Parish Council**

Just to remind all residents that all your Parish Councillors are available to discuss any issues which are of concern, be it planning applications, local issues, etc. Our next meetings are on Mondays, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 9<sup>th</sup> March and 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015. (They are normally on the second Monday in January, March, May, July, September and November, but the one in May is later because of Elections.) Meetings are held at Twineham School at 8 pm

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