

# TWINEHAM

## *Parish Council News*

Summer 2015



Welcome to the summer edition of the Parish Council newsletter. For a small parish there seem to be a lot of major issues confronting the community, some of which are mentioned in more detail below. Also included in the newsletter is the, slightly abbreviated, Chairman's Annual Report, the full version of which can be found on our website:

[www.twinehamparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.twinehamparishcouncil.co.uk)

### **Rampion Wind Farm**

The design for the substation serving the Rampion off shore windfarm has not yet been approved. There are some quite high structures planned for the north-east corner and, as houses to the north will look down on them, we have requested some more robust landscaping.

We have been assured that there will be some 'Community Benefit' funding but the approval of this has been delayed and will now be discussed at a meeting of the Rampion Compliance Board on 29th July. We will keep you informed as to progress and what, if any, funding could be available for a community project.

There has been some fencing work in the fields along the cable route to the south of Bob Lane. We have asked that the contractors abide by normal working hours as there has been some noise from reversing vehicles at 8.00 pm.

### **St Peter's 500th Anniversary**

Next year St Peter's Church in Twineham will be celebrating its 500th anniversary. Various ideas are being floated at present as to how best the whole of the community, not just Church goers, can take part in what should be a joyful celebration of the parish. So far suggestions include a 'Big Lunch' possibly along the lines of

what happened at the Diamond Jubilee and the possibility of a Twineham Open Gardens event. This would be a charitable fundraiser and could generate a lot of interest. However, this will need to be planned well in advance and will not be possible unless sufficient gardens are put forward! We know there are plenty of lovely gardens, both large and small, that would put on a good show so if you would like to follow up on this, please contact either Fanny Jones, Helen Swift or Miranda Worsley.

### **Twineham Neighbourhood Plan**

We are expecting to be in a position to submit the Twineham Neighbourhood Plan to Mid Sussex District Council during the next few days where it will undergo a further statutory six week public consultation. Following on from this, and obviously dependent on any issues arising from the consultation, the Plan will be submitted to the independent Examiner. We are hoping that the examination will take place in the autumn and, if the plan is found satisfactory, that it will then proceed to a local referendum. More on this in due course!

### **Highways Matters**

Having acquired some substantial funding from West Sussex County Council's Operation Watershed, Chris Veaney, a local resident, has spent a considerable amount of time assessing flooding in the Parish. He has liaised with contractors and work should commence during the week beginning 20th July on clearing ditches, etc., in the lanes in the Parish.

We understand that Bob Lane is due to be closed for three days during the week beginning 27th July to sort out drainage. One of the right angled bends is prone to substantial flooding in

the winter and, when it freezes, several cars have ended up in the adjoining ditch. We would be very grateful if property owners could please do everything they can to keep their ditches clear to enable surface water to run away.

## **New Noticeboard**

Courtesy of a grant from West Sussex County Council, a smart new noticeboard has been erected in Twineham Lane, at the end of Church Lane. Please note that you are welcome to put notices of public interest on the board.

## **Chairman's Annual Report**

**Meetings:** Parish Council meetings were held in May, July, September and November 2014, and January and March 2015. Official visitors in the past year have included Councillor Peter Griffiths, on West Sussex County Council and Councillor Sue Seward, our representative on Mid Sussex District Council. Sue resigned in the autumn and has been replaced by Councillor John Allen. We are extremely grateful to Sue for the interest she has shown in Twineham Parish Council and all the help she has been able to give us over many years.

**Precept:** Your Parish Council resolved that a precept of £6400.00 be set for the financial year 2015-2016. The increase reflected in the additional hours now being worked by the clerk.

**War Memorial:** Jane Veaney has taken a great interest in the War Memorial, including its maintenance and history and we give her our thanks.

**Mayfield Market Town:** Representatives of local Parish Councils which will be affected by this proposed development (Albourne, Cowfold, Henfield, Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common, Shermanbury, Twineham and Woodmancote), together with representatives of the CPRE, meet at regular intervals to try to stop this proposal. Representatives attended the Horsham District Planning Framework hearings before the Inspector last autumn. He has dismissed the development for the Horsham District Council area, but we understand that it may have to be reconsidered if the second runway at Gatwick Airport is given the go-ahead.

**Planning Matters:** The Parish Council commented on all the planning applications which have been submitted, keeping the best interests of

the local residents in mind. An application for a solar farm to the north of the Parish has been opposed by the Parish Council and we understand that it will go before a MSDC Planning Committee later in the year.

**Twineham Neighbourhood Plan:** Charles Worsley and his team have put in a lot of work into the Twineham Neighbourhood Plan. A consultation day was held in January and further work is being undertaken. Particular thanks are due to Richard Sutcliffe-Smith, the previous Chairman of the Parish Council, who has done a great deal of the writing of the Plan.

**Clerk to Twineham Parish Council:** We appointed a new Clerk, Mrs. Dawn Langston, to Twineham Parish Council in June 2014 and we welcome her and thank her for her hard work and contribution.

In addition to those whom I have thanked in this Report, I should also like to thank those who have contributed to the Parish with delivering correspondence, litter picking, and to those who give us advice. Thank you, too, to Caroline Murphy for running the oil syndicate so efficiently.

Annie Hirst  
Chairman May 2015

## **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. The public are welcome to attend our meetings and there is a period set aside for public participation at the start of the meeting. Details of forthcoming meetings are available on our website.

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