

TWINEHAM

Parish Council News

Winter 2017



Welcome to our Autumn/Winter Newsletter. The Parish Council continues to be very busy, particularly as the number of planning applications coming forward continues to rise. We anticipate that when the Mid Sussex District Plan is adopted, hopefully early next Spring, the opportunities to build in the countryside will be reduced as the presumption in favour of development will no longer be applicable - time will tell.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A Sussex Christmas Carol Service at St Peter's
An Evening of Carols, Folk Music, Song and Verse from Old Sussex
7pm Saturday 16 December
Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

The Parish Council

Recent meetings have been well attended. Although residents usually come along when there is a planning application being discussed in which they have an interest, we welcome all visitors. If you have a particular topic of concern, do contact one of us and we may be able to add this to the agenda to enable a discussion at the meeting. Please check our website for further information.

www.twinehamparishcouncil.co.uk

Social Media

We are also trying to get a Facebook page off the ground but really need someone in the Parish who would be willing to take this on. We have registered the name "Twineham Community" as we hope this could become a useful way for residents to find out what is going on locally. Please contact Fanny Jones if you would be willing to help with this.

Rampion Off Shore Windfarm

The 116 wind turbines have now been constructed off shore and the work on installing the onshore cable is now complete, with the cables buried, tested and ready for operation. Unfortunately, the reinstatement work for the cable route will not now take place until next year. This will include removal

of fencing, and planting, but it is anticipated that this will not be complete until the autumn of 2018.

The new substation north of Bob Lane is substantially complete. Despite assurances regarding weekend working, residents close to the substation have endured works over weekends since the spring, and it is anticipated that they will continue until the end of November. Reinstatement works around the new substation will not be finished until the middle of next year.

The bellmouth in Wineham Lane is due to be removed next year.

The Parish Council has done its best to look after the interests of those residents affected by the works, and they will be very glad when these works come to an end!

Good News!

The new bus shelter has now been erected on the southbound sliproad at Hickstead. How long it will last is anyone's guess but we do know that it is appreciated by bus users, particularly when it is wet. Don't forget that there is a regular service to Brighton. This is the Metrobus Route 273 going south to Hurstpierpoint - Hassocks - Patcham - Brighton and from the Castle Inn to Bolney, Handcross, Pease Pottage and Crawley. Timetables can be found at: www.metrobus.co.uk/

Update from Scott Reece Headteacher Twineham School

We are enjoying a busy and action-packed term at Twineham CE School. We now have 100 children on roll and our 18 new pupils in Reception have settled in superbly. Our youngest children enjoyed a trip to the farm and learnt about how food is harvested. Our older pupils are reading *The Hobbit* and studying the Anglo-Saxons which has led to some inspiring writing and creative artwork.

Sport is always high on our agenda and we have competed with local schools in hockey, tag rugby, football, netball, swimming, handball, cross country running and even showjumping! We sing every day and pupils learn a range of instruments from recorder to guitar and ukulele.

Christmas is always special for our families and we are working hard on Christmas concerts, shows, parties and a service in our wonderful St Peter's Church. We value our links with local residents and we are working hard to improve issues in Church Lane by promoting car-sharing and offering more staggered drop-off and pick-up times to try to reduce congestion and pollution.

School events are always updated on the calendar on our school website at <http://twineham.eschools.co.uk> for anyone who would like to keep up to date with activities at school. We wish everyone a merry Christmas and very happy new year!

Highways

Just to remind you that problems with potholes, etc., can be reported direct to the County Council website (with a photo if possible) at www.lovestsussex.gov.uk

New Arts Centre for Burgess Hill

Although not strictly relevant to Twineham, Burgess Hill is our largest town in the area and used by many local residents for a variety of needs. We thought you might be interested that the Martlets Hall is due to be demolished as part of a £65m redevelopment of the town centre. Burgess Hill Town Council is now inviting people to give their views and ideas by emailing NewPerformanceVenue@burgesshill.gov.uk

The plan is to build a new, flexible community and performing arts centre which will fit in with the other venues around the town, suitable for just about every local need.

A site for the new centre, covering the footprint of the Royal British Legion (RBL) building in Cyprus Road and Cyprus Hall has been identified. This would mean that the RBL Building would need to be demolished to facilitate the new centre but it is almost certain the Cyprus Hall facility would be maintained intact, enveloped in the new complex.

We understand that this proposal is widely welcomed in Burgess Hill and can see that this could become a really exciting venue putting on some interesting performances locally. Concerns have been raised that the theatre will be smaller than that available at the Martlets and have insufficient capacity to attract top acts performances - it is important that the right decisions are made so please investigate and have your say!

Email Addresses

If you have received this email in print and you have an email address, please could you let our Chairman or Clerk have your email address. The printing (and posting where necessary) of the newsletters is both expensive and time-consuming. We now have approximately 80 percent of the community on email and this enables us to contact residents if there is anything urgent or if there is an event taking place locally.

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. Our next meeting will be held at 7 pm at Twineham School on Monday, 8th January. Details of other meetings are available on our website.

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