

Hadlow Down Village Magazine February 2024



Hi Everyone

What a long month January always seems, after the festivities of Christmas and New Year. The weather has been extremely cold but the evenings are getting longer. Only yesterday I noticed it was still light at 4.45, roll on the summer months.

This month sees the AGM of the Village Associations and the HDCC are holding a 'Fair' in the Village Hall— more details on the front and inside the magazine.

March brings the AGM of the Horticultural Society and the Spring Market both of which are advertised in this edition.

Enjoy the read, Editor

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1 tblsp sunflower oil

2 teasp (2 x 5 ml) ground coriander

2 teasp French mustard

3-4 tomatoes chopped small

8 oz (225g) frozen sweet corn boiled until tender

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

For the Pastry

4 oz (100g) plain flour. 1 teasp baking powder. Pinch salt. 4 oz butter or margarine.

6 oz (175g) cold mashed potato. Milk for glazing.

Method :-

1. Heat oil in large frying pan. Season pork and fry it stirring it and breaking it up with a wooden spoon over fairly high heat until sealed. Stir in coriander, mustard and chopped tomatoes and gently cook, stirring, for a further 5 minutes. Add the cooked sweet corn and spoon mixture into 2-2 1/2-pint (1-1.4-litre) pie dish and leave to cool.

2. To make the pastry sift the flour, BP and salt into a bowl. Rub in the butter or Marge until mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Work in the mashed potato with your hands, and knead slightly until the dough is smooth.

3. Gather pastry into a ball, and roll out on a floured board into a piece a little bigger than the dish. Lay it over the dish and cut off excess carefully; press this excess onto the side of the rim all round. Dampen this pastry rim, lay the pastry lid over it and press down to seal. Trim the edges and make cuts round the edge of the pastry with the back of a knife.

4. Brush the pie with milk. Cook in centre of oven for 25-35 minutes until golden brown. Serve with carrots or green vegetable

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St. Marks School News



Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to all of our families. We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are now enjoying the routine of school once again! It has been so lovely this week seeing all of the children back and being so enthused again about their learning. With us having been in for only 3 days, the newsletter will look slightly different today with more notes, recaps and curriculum focuses.



New Senco—Mrs Seymore

I am delighted to be able to introduce myself as the new SENCO at your lovely school. I have been a primary school teacher with experience working in Kent, East Sussex and West Sussex for 18 years now and have always been acknowledged as a skilled practitioner of inclusion for the classes that I have taught. I have been a Deputy Head teacher and a SENCO in Kent County Council, having led both Maths and English in a leadership capacity and am now very excited to fulfil the role as SENCO at St Marks. I have had an excellent handover with the amazing Mrs Alexander, who was in fact my mentor during my NASENCO course to train to become a SENCO. I have always been very passionate about inclusion and the need for all children to reach their full potential.

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Saturday 24th February – 11am to 3pm

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Indulge in Brunch: Savour delightful bites, freshly brewed coffee & tea, and more.



We are on the lookout for exquisite bric-a-brac items to feature in our upcoming event! If you have any unwanted gifts, good quality pieces, or preloved treasures that are in perfect condition, we would love to hear from you.

Items We're Seeking:

China/Crockery: No chips or cracks, please.

Costume Jewellery: Sparkling pieces that deserve a new home.

Scarves/Handbags/Accessories: Fashionable finds in excellent condition.

Toys: Unique and well-preserved playthings for all ages.

Collectables: Quirky and interesting items that tell a story.

What We Don't Need: Clothing, Shoes or Electricals

Help us curate a collection of exceptional finds that will bring joy to new owners. If you have something special to share, kindly reach out to us and we can arrange collection.

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Ken Mines— February Gardening Tips



Vegetables

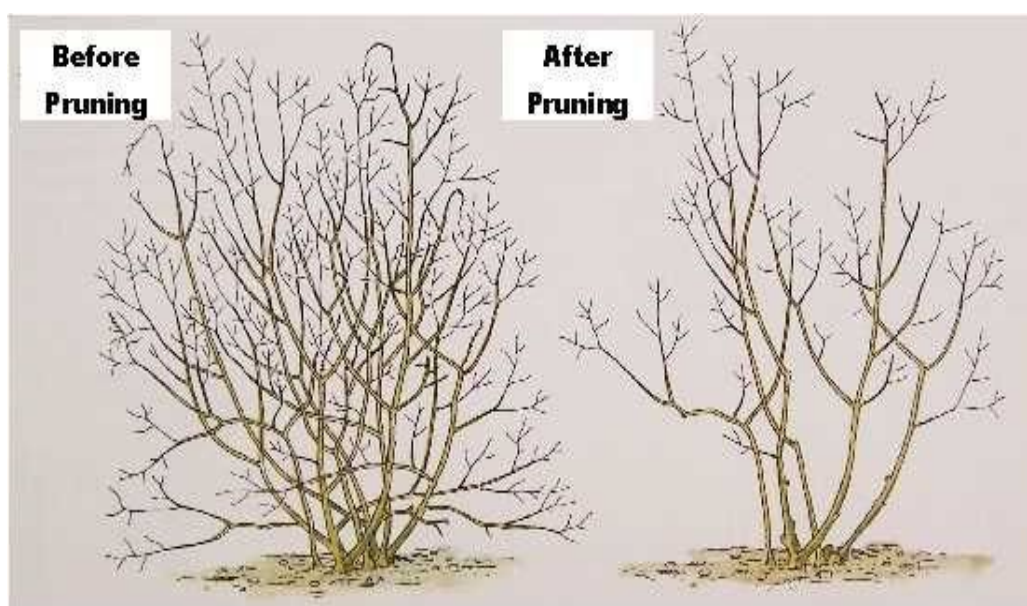
Start early with sowings of chard, spinach, coriander, lettuce, parsley and radish. These can be sown directly into glasshouse borders or into containers without extra heat. Broad beans such as 'The Sutton' and 'Aquadulce Claudia' can be sown from November to January for cropping in late May-June. Shop-bought seed composts will give more reliable germination than homemade composts.

Spinach: sow from February aiming for 10cm (4in) between plants. Spinach quickly runs to seed, so follow it with courgettes in June for late summer crops.

Pruning

This advice is suitable for deciduous shrubs (losing their leaves in winter) that flower in spring or early summer. Newly planted shrubs only need trimming and shaping.

Early flowering shrubs are pruned after flowering (in late winter to spring and early summer, depending on the shrub). They usually flower on the previous year's growth. Pruning immediately after flowering allows the maximum time for development of young growth to provide the following year's flowers before the end of summer.



1. Deciduous shrubs with flowers on strong young growth (RHS Pruning Group 2)

Timing: Begin by cutting back any damaged, diseased, or crossing shoots. Then prune flowered stems back to fresh new shoots immediately after flowering. Also recommended to prune 20% of old growth back to almost ground level every year.

Examples: Flowering currant (*Ribes*), *Forsythia*, mock orange (*Philadelphus*), *Weigela*.

Cut back flowered growth to strong young shoots lower down. Each year cut out up to 20 percent of ageing stems to near the base.

2. Deciduous shrubs producing new flowering growth from or near ground level. (RHS Pruning Group 3) Prune immediately after flowering e.g. *Kerria*.

3. Winter flowering shrubs that respond to hard pruning after flowering (Pruning Group 5). Prune immediately after flowering in winter or spring.

Examples: flowering almond (*Prunus triloba*). Cut back all the stems to ground level every year.

How. When branches are diseased damaged or dead (the 3 Ds).

branches are congested or crossing each other.

branches are growing in unwanted directions (e.g., in toward the centre of the plant)

branches that are weak or spindly in order to promote stronger growth in others

prune older woody branches over 2 years old to encourage new growth.

After pruning, mulch and feed.

Hadlow Down Community Association

The Community Association supports the voluntary groups in the village, your village, our village. Those groups—the Playing Field, the Fayre Committee, the Village Hall, the Community Centre project and the Church all need our support.



**Come along to their AGM on
Friday Feb. 23rd 2024 @ 7.30pm
In the Village Hall
And hear what they say and the help
they need.
Light refreshments and a glass of
wine provided**



View from the Rectory Window— February 2024

Hello Friends and Neighbours,

I hope that you have had a lovely Christmas and are enjoying this somewhat cold Epiphany. I had a discussion recently with someone about the church calendar and the various seasons. He asked how we kept it all straight. You are in luck, there is a very helpful song that explains all the feasts and seasons. I always make my confirmation students sing it with me. I have included it below for your edification. FYI Lent starts on Valentine's day this year. Good luck navigating that.
God Bless,
CPM+

Advent tells us Christ is near
Christmas tells us Christ is here!
I Epiphany we trace
All the glory of his grace.

Those three Sundays before Lent
Will prepare us to repent
That in Lent we may begin
Earnestly to mourn for sin

Holy Week and Easter, then,
Tell who died and rose again.
O that happy Easter Day !
'Christ is risen indeed' we say.

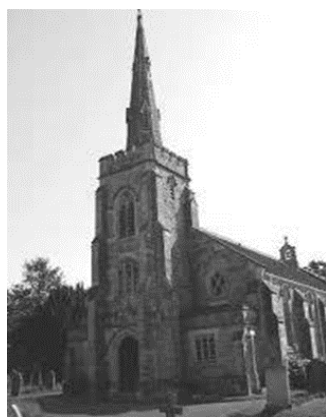
Yes, and Christ ascended too,
To prepare a place for you.
So we give him special praise.
After those great forty days.

Then he sent the Holy Ghost,
On the day of Pentecost,
With us ever to abide
Well may we keep Whitsuntide!

Last of all, we humbly sing
Glory to our God and King,
Glory to the One in Three,
On the Feast of Trinity.

*The
Season
of
Lent*





St. Mark's Church News

February 2024

Well, here we are in 2024. To those of you who are reading this---

Happy New Year!

It hasn't started out to be very happy, so we must pray that it will improve. We (or more precisely, the government), has got the Post Office scandal and now the strike on the Yemen to cope with.

Yes we must give them all the prayer support that we can.

The church was absolutely as full as it could be for the Crib Service, which was a great joy. I played the organ, as the piano was totally inadequate in volume with the church that full. It's so good to be able to hear the singing, when you're perched up there at the organ.

Hosannah the donkey played her part very well, as usual. To the children's disappointment she didn't leave the roses present on the altar step! They always hope that she will! We are so grateful to Pat Weeks for bringing her to that service, and for Bob Ruthven for providing the car to pull the horsebox. Thank you very much both of you.

There were many children from St Mark's School, which was a great joy, and we had a good cast of Mary, Joseph, and Angels and Shepherds from St Mark's as well. They all acted their parts well and it helps the children and their parents to know that this is the real meaning of Christmas. Christmas trees and presents are lovely, but hopefully they will remember the Crib Service for the rest of their lives.

Well, we'll soon be looking for the first primroses and daffodils in the churchyard. Spring is just around the corner!

Wishing you all a happy and blessed year. Are you going to give our services a try this year?

With love from us all at St.Mark's.

Valerie Banks—Deputy Church Warden

Services at St Mark's in February and March

February – every Sunday at 9.00 am Parish Communion

March – Sunday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th (Palm Sunday) at 9.00 am Parish Communion

Sunday 31st Easter Sunday – United Parish service at St Margaret's, Buxted @ 10.00 am



Horticultural Society AGM

March 15th 2024 @ 10-12 pm

Village Hall

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Cash payments to Heather Mines at Rose Cottage after March 1st

Membership cards available at the AGM or from Rose Cottage

REMINDER—Chris Beardshaw , is the Guest speaker at the November supper.

NUS GHANI WEALDEN MP.....

Winter is truly underway in Wealden and with periods of very low temperatures such as the ones we've seen last month, it is even more important to look after our health and to check in on vulnerable family, friends and neighbours. Following the forums with local NHS leaders which I convened in Uckfield and Crowborough last year, I continue working with our health and care teams to get regular updates on the delivery of primary care and emergency services in Wealden.

The Crowborough and Uckfield Minor Injuries Units are key services for Wealden residents, helping to relieve the pressure on A&E departments in nearby hospitals and I'm grateful for the continued work of Friends of Crowborough Hospital and the League of Friends of Uckfield Community Hospital for their ongoing support for these much-valued community assets. I continue working alongside both groups and the NHS leaders to explore opportunities for expansions to the current provisions available at both hospitals and to ensure that for the benefit of local residents, both facilities are used to their full potential.

In addition to our existing services, we've had some fantastic news for Mayfield last December, just before Christmas. I was delighted to support Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council in making representations to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities and I'm thrilled that we secured £297,000 from the Community Ownership Fund. This boost in funding is a fantastic win for the communities of Mayfield and Five Ashes and will help deliver the new combined community hall and health centre in Mayfield, replacing the existing Memorial Hall, which is beyond repair or refurbishment and cannot be made suitable for long-term use. This much-needed asset will make a huge difference in the provision of medical services in Wealden and ensure GP practice teams can deliver a higher quality of healthcare for local residents. Moreover, it will also bring enormous benefits as a multi-purpose social hub, improving opportunities for fitness and social activities.

I also continue supporting our GP services and I recently visited Bridgeside Surgery in Hailsham to meet its fantastic team and witness the delivery of around 300 flu jabs to local patients most at risk from cold weather. Appointments for the free NHS flu vaccine continue to be available throughout Wealden, so please book an appointment if you are eligible and at higher risk of getting seriously ill.

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ENGAge Reminiscing with the TN22 Clubs

2024 has begun at the TN22 Plus club with crafting, dancing and singing!

The year began with making pomanders – oranges covered in cloves and red ribbons. The perfume was wonderful and they looked pretty good too.

Our session this week celebrated Chinese New Year and Burns Night. We started the day making brightly coloured Chinese dragons as 2024 is the Year of the Dragon, and the new year is celebrated with lion and dragon dancing. Our members, and volunteers, spent a lovely time creating their dragons using a variety of materials and everyone was delighted with their results.

After a Chinese lunch of sweet and sour chicken eaten with the help of chopsticks, we had a fabulous afternoon's entertainment with Helen from DSES. Much tartan and sparkle!!

If you go into our village hall do look at our dragons on the pinboard.



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**Saturday 23rd March
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Wilderness Wood Monthly News

We have had our traditional 'slow-start' to the year, with The Hatch being closed and the woods having been very quiet since mid-winter.

We are now easing ourselves into February, with the home-team reassembling (in ever-changing formation) and plans for the year working their way onto the calendar.

Forest School is now back in full swing on Tuesday to Friday mornings, and many of our home-ed groups are back up and running. Mini Musicians, Choir and volunteering will be back over the coming weeks – please check our website and social media for dates.

There are some great activities available for children and families **during February half term**, including Spring themed and Viking Crafts – book online to avoid disappointment. It is a lovely time to walk in the woods and spot the first signs of spring – then warm up with a hot chocolate from The Hatch!

Coming up over the coming months are various woodland courses, including Green Woodworking with Kent, Wood-block Printing with Adele Scantlebury and Wood Carving with Martin Brockman – all available to book now.

Dates for your diaries, Saturday 20th April: Hadlow Down villagers are invited to help celebrate 10years of the Morrish Family being at Wilderness Wood. Invitations to follow.



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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Hadlow Down Parish Council

Held in Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down

at 7pm on Tuesday 9th January 2024

Present: Councillors: Michael Lunn (ML) Chair (+WDC), Peter Weston (PW) Vice Chair, Ben Floyd (BF), David Munday (DM), Stephen Lester (SL), Damon Wellman (DW) and Alan Hobbs (AH).

In attendance: Vicki Rutt (Clerk), Cllr. Bob Standley (ESCC) and 5 members of the public.

ML opened the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

223. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A resident reported that a gully is full down Brick Kiln Lane on the right-hand side. The road is also breaking away in other parts. DW confirmed he is aware and has reported several times. A resident asked ML to report back to WDC as District Councillor that there has been an increase in bonfires in the village with people burning their recycling now that the recycling bins at Wilderness Wood has been removed. **Action 1.**

The same resident reported that a few road signs and barriers have been left in various locations in the village: down Tinkers Lane, the Tinkers layby, the top of Wheelers Lane, in Dog Kennel Lane and Five Chimneys. Clerk will report these. **Action 2.** A few residents have raised concerns about a Kindergarten opening at Wilderness Wood in April 2024, ML could not comment and confirmed that WDC are looking into this. A resident asked if the Parish Council could give pre-planning advice, ML stated they can't, but you could request a meeting with WDC to discuss and ML could be invited along as a District Councillor. A resident reported that a petition about the A272 speed signage will be going into Parish Magazine this month. A resident asked for an update on Drakes Head Den, an update was provided at the December meeting, so this was repeated.

224. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE – None.

225. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – DM declared a pecuniary interest in the planning application under 228i(a).

226. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS held on the 5th December 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record (previously circulated).

227. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

i. Action Log 2023 Clerk reported from the action log which is available on the village website.

ii. Clerks report This was noted (previously circulated).

228. PLANNING:

a. WD/2023/2995/F for HASTINGFORD OAST FARM, HASTINGFORD LANE, HADLOW DOWN, TN22 4DY

Extension to the dwelling and erection of ancillary outbuilding.

The PC voted: 2 in favour, 2 objected, 2 abstained. The Chair had the casting vote, and it was voted in favour due to material used being in keeping with the setting and sufficient information received regarding heritage, but a condition should be placed that the ancillary building is not under for any accommodation.

b. WD/2023/2759/FR for LITTLE BROADREED FARM, DOG KENNEL LANE, HADLOW DOWN, TN22 4EL

Replacement of aged loose boxes and stables with modern equivalents; increase in the height and shape of a roof over an existing building together with retrospective change of use for private equestrian purposes; the provision of two storage sheds within the residential curtilage.

The PC voted: 4 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstained. This was voted in favour but assurance that the building will not be used for business or any recreational accommodation e.g. B&B or Air BnB.

229. REPORTS FROM CLLR.BOB STANDLEY, ESCC & CLLR MICHAEL LUNN, WDC - written reports had been submitted and are published on the village website.

Cllr Standley reported that he was made aware that County Clean trucks have been using School Lane and this has been reported. A lot of money is being spent on adult social care. A conversation was held around potholes and the state of the roads, and the money needed to get them sorted. ML reported that he had read that cats eyes were being replaced with glass which in Hadlow Down would be pointless when a traction engine goes over them. Cllr Standley was not aware of this and would check. **Action 3.**

ML reported that the Chairman of WDC has resigned with immediate effect so there will likely be an election happening on 8th February. The Local Plan is due to be coming out on 31st Jan, which is 600 pages long. There will be a consultation period, Clerk will update when it is received. The Environmental Framework Consultation that is on the agenda later is a very poor survey with a ridiculous timeline, it is not workable nor enforceable. BF asked if ML had received a response regarding the application that HDPC did not get consulted. ML confirmed no response so he will chase this as the decision could have been unlawful. **Action 4.**

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230. HIGHWAYS:

i. Response from East Sussex re speed issues – PW updated that an email was received from ESCC regarding the speed signage issues that HDPC raised at a SLR meeting in September. PW responded to this letter on the 16th November with lots of data and asking for the zone speed system which data supported. A response was then received from Nick Skelton on the 14th December 2023 stating visibility issues and driver behaviour. It was agreed that PW would draft a letter in response. **Action 5.**

ML would like to invite Cllr Standley to meet with him at the location to see that is being referred to when the paths are being referred to as being dangerous to cross with the speed limit. **Action 6.**

231. COMMUNITY CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ML reported that no meeting was held in December so no update at present, but a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16th January.

232. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

i. Environmental Framework Consultation – The consultation was discussed, and it was agreed that no Parish Council response would be sent but each Cllr would take an action to submit an individual response. **Action 7.**

ii. Letter from Chairman of WGod – The Chairman of WGod sent an invite to a meeting on the 31st January to discuss the current state of the planning environment in Wealden. It was agreed that DW would attend the meeting.

iii. Email from resident re land ownership – A resident wrote to the Parish Council to ask them to consider purchasing the strip of land outside the village hall. This was discussed but it is believed that the purchase has already gone through. Cllrs also felt that the Parish Council do not have the money to purchase it nor has there been an electorate request to purchase so it was agreed that no further action would happen.

233. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS (COUNCIL MATTERS AND OUTSIDE BODIES):

PW has circulated his speed report in advance. DW reported appalling works on the A272 and he chased ESH about this but no response, this will be chased. DW also reported that he witnessed a contractor remaking white lines in School Lane which went into the potholes, he has video evidence of them doing this. BF stated that he will repair the zip wire at playground this week. ML reported that he met with the PCSO recently and there are still ongoing issues of rural crime, they are a very active gang and residents should not hesitate to call 999.

234. DISCUSS COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS

ML asked if everyone was happy with their existing portfolios which they were. He explained the vacant portfolios are Footpaths/bridleways and the burial ground and trees. It was agreed that Cllr Lester would take on the footpaths and Cllr Hobbs would take on the burial ground and trees.

235. BURIAL GROUND:

i. Update on clearing the extension to the burial ground – The Clerk reported that the Diocese have requested a site visit to discuss this, email was sent requesting dates but no response as yet. Clerk will chase this. **Action 8.**

ML reported that there is a tentative plan on getting a digger in for these works, but this would be discussed at the February meeting when more is known.

236. CLERKS MATTERS:

i. Clerks hours December 2023 – The hours were agreed.

ii. Parish Assembly date – Clerk explained that the meeting was arranged for the 19th March but this was following the same pattern as last year when it was held early due to the elections. It was proposed to revert to the usual pattern and holding the Parish Assembly on the 3rd Tuesday of April which would be the 16th. This was approved.

237. BANK RECONCILIATION – 25TH DECEMBER 2023 TO BE SIGNED. PW and ML approved and signed.

Vicki Rutt salary end January - £920 paid by SO

Vicki Rutt salary - £597.74 (UT ref: 61250768)

Lucy McConachie Play area inspection Dec 2023 - £40 (UT ref: 353118316)

Village Hall for hall hire - £44.80 (UT ref: 107742727)

The Computer Studio – Microsoft 365 renewal - £131.40 (UT ref: 207373148)

Crowborough Town Council – Fencing hire - £84 + VAT £16.80 (UT ref: 41582980)

Broad Oak Tree Consultants Ltd – Tree Survey - £380 + VAT £76 (UT ref: 354374869)

238. OTHER FINANCE MATTERS:

i. Confirm receipt of funds from Dignity Funerals for £110: This was noted.

ii. Review of quarterly figures – Q3 report to be agreed. This was agreed.

iii. Assets Register – quarterly approval. This had been previously circulated. Discussion was held around the equipment held at a previous Cllrs house, so ML is going to make contact and have a look. The register was approved.

iv. Consider quote for Verge contract – Clerk reported that following the December meeting when contract tenders were returned, the contractor did not accept the contract so had to go back out for quotes for verge cutting. Quote has been received for £600 which all Cllrs approved.

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v. Precept for final approval and signature – The Clerk explained that a Finance meeting was held in November 2023 and each budget line has been scrutinised to see where money could be saved. However, with inflation and projects planned by the Parish Council, a Precept increase of 7.5% has been needed, with the precept now as £42,660. ML proposed this and it was seconded by DW. All Cllrs agreed.

239. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (UT ref = Unity Trust Bank reference number) - PW and ML will authorise.

240. CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 Section 17 – nothing raised.

241. DEFIBRILLATOR BATTERY – this had been checked on 9th January 2024.

242. ITEMS TO GO ON NEXT AGENDA:

Advisory Committee recommendation following planning condition presentation.

Advisory Committee recommendation on how to proceed with the ditch at the playing field.

The meeting closed at 20:20

Cllr Michael Lunn – WDC report – January 2024

Wealden District Council Chairman resigns

Notice has been received that Cllr Christina Coleman (Green Party) has resigned as Chair of WDC over a conflict of Interest. A new Chair will be appointed on Feb 8th

Wealden Local Plan

This is progressing and due to be presented during Full Council on February 8th. The document will be excess of 600 plus pages and will go out to public consultation.

Environmental Framework consultation

I can see this is already on the agenda. This is a very poor consultation, timing and contents but I would still encourage residents to respond. As the back story is licencing are trying to make public events carbon neutral.

County Councillor Bob Standley, Report to Hadlow Down Parish Council January 24

County Clean

I am aware that the trucks are frequently turning left into school lane rather than right and then into Five Chimneys. I emailed County Clean in December and have not had a response.

Green Skills

ESCC were successful in a bid for £240k to launch the Retrofit Skills East Sussex. The grant from Dept of Energy Security and Net Zero will identify gaps in skills to retrofit homes and commercial building as part of the net zero strategy. The project will identify training required to fill those skills gaps.

Turner Prize

The winner was announced in December with the four shortlisted entrants having their pieces displayed since September at the Towner Gallery in Eastbourne. The exhibition and winner announcements have raised the profile of the Towner Gallery, Eastbourne and East Sussex's cultural offer which will hopefully increase tourist traffic.

Primary School Place Applications

The application process for Sept 24 entry closes on the 15th of January. It is important that parents get their preferred schools on their application. Parent should include 3 preferences. Some parents only put one in the belief that they will get that place but that is not always the case. If that school is full then ESCC will allocate an alternative which may not be the parents preference.

Peter Weston – Activity Report for January 2024 Meeting

SID: Routine battery changes and data download (every two weeks) – many thanks to Steve Godfrey for his continuing help!

SID Data: The most recent data collected is summarised below and again shows that the majority of drivers ignore the statutory speed limit. In November the two signs were orientated so that they gathered data for vehicles leaving the Village, on 1st December they were reversed so that they gathered data for vehicles entering the Village. Volumes of traffic were very similar for the two months (despite the December holiday periods), but perhaps unsurprisingly recorded speeds in December were at a significantly higher level: 'over 35mph' increased from 20.23% to 27.53% (Wilderness Wood location), and from 17.70% to 28.92% (St Mark's Church location).

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A272 Westbound (Wilderness Wood site) December 2023

Range	0-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65+	Totals
Vehicles	12049	26714	30541	18628	6002	1317	288	66	14	7	95626
%	12.60	27.94	31.94	19.48	6.28	1.38	0.30	0.07	0.01	0.01	100.00
All vehicles: Over 30 mph = 59.46% and over 35 mph = 27.53%											
Working Days	8711	19641	21373	12504	3712	801	157	40	10	4	66953
%	13.01	29.34	31.92	18.68	5.54	1.20	0.23	0.06	0.01	0.01	100.00
Working Days: Over 30 mph = 57.65% and over 35 mph = 25.73%											
W/E & B/H	3338	7073	9168	6124	2290	516	131	26	4	3	28673
%	11.64	24.67	31.97	21.36	7.99	1.80	0.46	0.09	0.01	0.01	100.00
Weekends and Bank Holidays: Over 30 mph = 63.69% and over 35 mph = 31.72%											

Time of Day Analysis – Vehicles Travelling 30 mph or more in December 2023

Time Range	00.00 to 03.00	03.00 to 06.00	06.00 to 09.00	09.00 to 12.00	12.00 to 15.00	15.00 to 18.00	18.00 to 21.00	21.00 to 24.00
Vehicles over 30 mph	429	1,325	10,639	12,564	12,202	11,385	5,956	2,363
% of all in 3 hour slot	76.47	89.17	62.37	59.56	60.02	51.84	60.58	71.52

A272 Eastbound (St Mark's Church site) December 2023

Range	0-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65+	Totals
Vehicles	15513	24804	23108	16943	6790	1618	358	82	12	4	89232
%	17.39	27.80	25.90	18.99	7.61	1.81	0.40	0.09	0.01	0.00	100.00
All vehicles: Over 30 mph = 54.82% and over 35 mph = 28.92%											
Working Days	11390	17239	15355	11040	4287	981	204	51	9	3	60559
%	18.81	28.47	25.36	18.23	7.08	1.62	0.34	0.08	0.01	0.00	100.00
Working Days: Over 30 mph = 52.72% and over 35 mph = 27.37%											
W/E & B/H	4123	7565	7753	5903	2503	637	154	31	3	1	28673
%	14.38	26.38	27.04	20.59	8.73	2.22	0.54	0.11	0.01	0.00	100.00
Weekends and Bank Holidays: Over 30 mph = 59.24% and over 35 mph = 32.20%											

Time of Day Analysis – Vehicles Travelling 30 mph or more in December 2023

Time Range	00.00 to 03.00	03.00 to 06.00	06.00 to 09.00	09.00 to 12.00	12.00 to 15.00	15.00 to 18.00	18.00 to 21.00	21.00 to 24.00
Vehicles over 30 mph	724	436	5,755	9,249	10,580	11,264	7,645	3,262
% of all in 3 hour slot	81.08	85.83	58.90	51.62	50.61	49.37	63.81	73.44

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the Community Centre Advisory Committee

Held in Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down

at 7pm on 16th January 2024

Present: Cllr Michael Lunn (ML) Chair, Fiona Shafer (FS), Sandra Richards (SR), Peter Weston (PW), Damon Wellman (DW) and Rob Prall (RP).

In attendance: Vicki Rutt (Clerk), Mike Barber (MB) and 3 members of public.

20. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A resident repeated earlier comments that the Parish Council need to ensure that the planning conditions are completed correctly as the Planning application is in their name but also to set a standard for the rest of the village who may submit an application. ML stated that the purpose of this meeting is to review, and recommendations will be made to the Parish Council who will have final review.

21. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Bob Lake and Brian Mills. Due to Bob Lake being absent, he sent Rob Prall as a substitute. The Clerk explained that the Advisory Committee need to agree this substitution for this meeting only. This was agreed. The 3 Parish Councillors present could therefore make a quorate decision on behalf of the Parish Council for this substitution. ML proposed that Rob joins the committee for this meeting only, this was seconded by PW. All agreed. RP as invited to join the meeting.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

ML declared that he is a member of Wealden District Council, and it is believed that the project architect is proposing to appoint WDC as the building control inspector. This is a personal interest, not pecuniary.

23. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21st NOVEMBER 2023 AND REVIEW ACTION LOG

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record. The action log was reviewed and updated.

24. RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE TIMELINE AND LEGAL DOCUMENTATION

The Clerk explained that since the last meeting, the Parish Council has instructed a solicitor to seek advice on the permit/licence required for the works to commence on the playing field. As part of the solicitor's research, 5 new legal documents were found and sent to the Clerk. These have been updated into the timeline and sent to all members. This was noted.

25. GET UPDATE ON PROPOSALS ON THE DETAILED DESIGN, BUILDING CONTROL APPLICATION AND

PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING CONTROL INSPECTOR FOR FORMAL DISCUSSION AND RECOMMEND TO PARISH COUNCIL

RP updated that the Committee are moving at speed with all the paperwork. The business plan is still ongoing and will be ready soon. ML asked if there is a detailed design ready yet? RP confirmed not for the meeting today, but it is in hand. RP's understanding that both the business plan and building control application will be ready soon and proposed that the business plan is discussed at the February meeting and detailed design/building control application is discussed in March. The Chair proposed that the Agenda item be carried over. **Action 1.**

SR asked if the building control application is required in order to obtain the extant permission? ML believed that the building control application needs to have been submitted before any works can start but will not stop the progressing the discharge of pre-commencement planning conditions.

26. DISCUSS THE DRAINAGE DITCH ISSUE AT THE LOWER PLAYING FIELD AND AGREE NEXT STEPS

ML updated that a stakeholder meeting was held in December 2023 and there was a degree of frustration that the drainage engineer did not show up. There is no clear recommendation from the Stakeholder meeting to the Advisory Committee on how to proceed with this issue to the Parish Council.

Standing Orders were dropped so MB could provide an update.

MB updated that the engineer did not turn up to the meeting as he had never been commissioned by the Parish Council, or their client, the Community Centre Committee. They have currently been asked to do one thing, but MB confirmed that the engineers have stated they could also look at the works needed on the Parish Council's drainage hole, this would include the design and drawings, at a cost of around £2000. The cost is partly borne out of public indemnity insurance. MB confirmed that the water discharge rate will not change with a new development being on site and he understands the Parish Councils need for urgency. It was discussed that the Parish Council could go ahead and get the design done elsewhere and obtain all the relevant permissions and when it comes to doing the work, join with the Committee to appoint the same contractor or to proceed on their own. ML put on record that there was a video taken of the hole, during the latest storms, showing that the water is draining away sufficiently. This was discussed and the Advisory Committee decided to recommend to the Parish Council to proceed on their own in this matter and to obtain design, drawings and permission.

Rec 1.

Standing Orders reinstated.

27. TO DETERMINE THAT THE FOLLOWING MATTERS ON THE AGENDA ARE TO BE DISCUSSED IN A CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

DW proposed that the following agenda item should be held in confidential, this was seconded by PW.

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Standing Orders were dropped.

28. RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM MR MIKE BARBER, PROJECT ARCHITECT FOR THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON THE DISCHARGE PRE-COMMENCEMENT PLANNING CONDITIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO ENABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO PARISH COUNCIL

MB explained the planning process. Paperwork had been received prior to the meeting for each planning condition. The Chair went through each condition inviting MB to give any additional information.

Committee Members were able to ask questions and seek clarification and the Committee agreed whether to recommend them to the Parish Council.

The following was recommended to the Parish Council to:

Condition 3 – Ashdown Forest Mitigation scheme. [Recommendation for Parish Council to approve subject to one minor amendment to traffic diversion.](#)

Condition 4 – Landscape Scheme. [Recommendation for Parish Council to approve.](#)

Condition 5 – External materials. [Recommendation for Parish Council to approve.](#)

Condition 6 – Surface water drainage. No update received as yet, MB is hopeful it will be received for the 6th February Parish Council meeting.

Condition 7 – Noise mitigation scheme. [Recommendation for Parish Council to approve.](#)

Condition 9 – Code of Construction practice. [Recommendation for Parish Council to approve.](#)

Condition 15 – Approved lighting. [Recommendation for Parish Council to approve.](#)

Condition 16 – Biodiversity scheme. [Recommendation for Parish Council to approve.](#)

Standing Orders reinstated.

29. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PARISH COUNCIL

[Rec 1 – The Parish Council to proceed on their own in the matter of the drainage hole at the playing field and to obtain design, drawings and appropriate permissions.](#)

[Rec 2 – The Parish Council approves planning conditions 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 15 and 16 for submission.](#)

30. AGREE NEXT MEETING DATE AND ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA

The next date was agreed as Tuesday 6th February 2024 at 18:30 to discuss one condition ahead of the full Parish Council meeting. This will be a confidential session.

Tuesday 20th February at 19:00. The business plan will be on the agenda which will likely be held in a confidential session.

The meeting closed at 20:35.

Action Log

1	Clerk to carry over agenda item 25 to the next full Advisory Committee meeting.
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March by Mark Dury

March's entry is as a galleon in full sail,
Leonine, majestic, in splendour striding o'er hill
and dale,
Denying winter's end in defiance of passing time,
Roaring fierce and proud in the fullness of his
prime.

Yet, despite his mighty bluster, the skies are of-
ten blue,
With magic stirring in the woods, frost, snow and
ice no longer seem so new,
A freshness and a sharpness bringing crystals to
the air,
Is there a hint of promise, a step t'wards blessed
changes, mild and fair?

Lo and behold, mighty lion and gentle lamb at
last become good friends,
Just as it seems that hardship never ever truly
ends.
This is more than just a hint of what the future
soon will bring,
A shedding of worn out clothes, and an early
glimpse of spring.

Be my Valentine by Mark Dury

You are my reason for living.
You are my reason for giving.
I am thine. Will you be mine?
Will you be my Valentine?

I long to join that glorious throng
Of lovers with a lover's song,
So please don't leave me all forlorn
Your destiny's already born.

My love for you outshines the rest,
By saying "Yes", we shall be blest,
A bliss that lasts and never ends,
Lovers of passion and life's best friends.

Roses will sadly fade away,
The seasons will have had their day,
But throughout time, I'll be thine,
For ever, will you be my Valentine?

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