

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 9 - 16 November 2020 (Agenda December 2020)

To: Parish Councillors

c.c: Christian Mitchell (West Sussex County Councillor)

Richard Landeryou (Horsham District Councillor)

From: Anna Clayton

The weekly update provides information regarding:

- Announcements/delegated decisions by the Clerk
- Planning information
- Correspondence/communications from parishioners
- Correspondence/communications from outside organisations

List of organisations that communicate with the Council on a regular basis.

- AIRS (Action in Rural Sussex)
 - APCAG (Association of Parish Councils Aviation Group)
 - CAGNE (Communities Against Gatwick Noise Emission)
 - CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)
 - HALC (Horsham Association of Local Councils)
 - HDC (Horsham District Council)
 - NALC (National Association of Local Councils)
 - SSALC (Surrey and Sussex Association of Local Councils)
 - WSCC (West Sussex District Council)
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Clerk's announcements/delegated decisions:

GENERAL REMINDER: Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Parish Office staff are working their regular hours but not always in the office. If you wish to speak face to face to a member of staff, please contact the Clerk on 07927 702321 during her office working hours (Monday – Wednesday 9.30 – 15.30).

- Open Space Warden confirmed locks have been fitted to the gates on the field;
- Cllr informed clerk of gate left open on the Downslink A281 crossing on the 10 November – email sent to advise PROW and Downslink Rangers;
- Toilet in the changing room of KGV not flushing, arranged plumber to fix;
- Speed Indication device (SID) Consultation Process letter distributed by post;
- RPC website was down on Friday, website provider was made aware and was back working by 6pm;

New Applications (Delegated Decision)

New Planning Applications for consideration by Delegated Decision and noting at the Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14.12.2020

| Application No | Applicant | Reason for Application | Recommendation | Response Date |
|--|---|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| DC/20/2144 05.11.2020 | 23 The Marts, Rudgwick | Erection of a double storey side extension and a single storey side extension. Enlargement of front porch. | | 26.11.2020 |
| DC/20/2130 05.11.2020 | Cousens, Cox Green | Outline Application for the erection of a dwelling to the rear of the existing site. Alterations to existing access track with all matters reserved except layout and access. | | 26.11.2020 |
| DC/20/1938 06.11.2020 | Keepers Cottage near Tittlesfold, The Haven, Billingshurst | Retrospective application for the change of use of land to provide a seasonal camping facility; associated change of use of part of a forestry barn to provide toilet, shower, kitchen and ablution facilities; ancillary operational development in the form of two static units of holiday accommodation. | | 27.11.2020 |
| DC/20/2156 09.11.2020 | Havenhurst, The Haven, Billingshurst | Prior notification for the construction of a machinery and cattle shed adjacent to existing cattle sheds | | Not available |

New Applications

For discussion at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14.12.2020

| Application No | Applicant | Reason for Application | Recommendation | Response Date |
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Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14.12.2020

| Application No | Applicant | Reason for Application | RPC Recommendation | HDC Decision |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|---------------------|
| DC/20/1361 | 15 Bridge Road, Rudgwick | Retrospective application for the replacement of garden fence. | No objection - Request that the original planning consent for the site is checked to see if there are any conditions on the erection of fencing at this location. | Permitted |

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| DC/20/1442 | Woodsomes Farm, Lynwick Street, Rudgwick | Replacement of existing dairy shed for housing cattle adjacent to the dairy parlour | No objection | Permitted |
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Applications going to Committee

| Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14.12.2020 | | | | |
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| Application No | Applicant | Reason for Application | RPC Recommendation | Planning Committee Date |
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Appeals Lodged / Appeals Decided

| Appeals Lodged / Appeals Decided – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14.12.2020 | | | | |
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| Application No | Applicant | Reason for Application | RPC Recommendation | Public Inquiry/Written Representation |
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Enforcement Numbers

| Enforcement Numbers – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14.12.2020 | |
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| EN/20/0536 | Alleged: erection of large wooden log cabin in rear garden, without permission 11 Summerfold, Rudgwick, Horsham |

Correspondence/communications from parishioners / to the Council

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Emails/correspondence from external organisations/people

09.11.2020 Email from WSCC

Proposed Modifications to the Soft Sand Review of the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan

In partnership, West Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority have prepared a Soft Sand Review of the Joint Minerals Local Plan, as required by Policy M2 of the adopted Plan.

As part of the public examination of the submitted Soft Sand Review, the Inspector, Mr Brian Sims, convened a virtual examination hearing from 25 to 27 August 2020, where he considered participants comments on legal and procedural compliance and the soundness of the review.

During the hearing sessions, the Inspector indicated that some changes needed to be made to the submitted Soft Sand Review. The Authorities have considered the need to

make changes and as a result have prepared a schedule of modifications for public consultation.

A period of public representation on the modifications to the review must be undertaken to determine whether the modifications are 'sound' and 'legally and procedurally compliant'. Representations on the modifications can be made from 9 November 2020 up until 11:59pm on 8 January 2021.

Accompanying this letter is a 'Statement of Representations Procedure' which sets out details of the representations period and where documents can be obtained, including Representation Forms and Guidance Notes on how representations can be made.

Representations should only be made about the modifications; no comments can be made at this stage about other parts of the Soft Sand Review, or the Joint Minerals Local Plan.

The modifications and the representations received on them will be submitted to the Inspector for his consideration. The Inspector may decide that it is necessary to hold further hearings to consider the representations that have been made. If additional hearings are required, information about the location and date of these sessions will be made available online.

Assuming that no further changes are recommended by the Inspector, he will issue his report, and the Soft Sand Review will be adopted by both Authorities as formal changes to the Joint Minerals Local Plan.

Statement of Representations Procedures and Availability of Documentation



Working in Partnership



Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Soft Sand Review of the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan: Proposed Modifications

Following the examination hearings of the Soft Sand Review held in August 2020, West Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority have published their Schedule of Modifications for formal representations. Responses received will be sent to the Inspector for consideration before his report is issued, determining whether the Soft Sand Review is 'sound' and legally and procedurally compliant. Representations will only be accepted on the proposed modifications, and not on any other elements of the Soft Sand Review.

Document Title: Soft Sand Review of the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan.

Subject matter and area covered: The Proposed Submission Draft Review, as modified, addresses the following three key issues:

- Issue 1: the identified need for soft sand during the period to 2033;
- Issue 2: the supply strategy proposed to meet the identified shortfall; and
- Issue 3: the proposed allocation of sites for soft sand extraction.

Once adopted, the review will replace the relevant sections of the JMLP as formal changes.

Representation period: From 9 November 2020 to 11.59pm on 8 January 2021.

Representations can be made electronically by using the online response form or in writing using a paper response form sent to:

Planning Services (ref Soft Sand)

West Sussex County Council County Hall Chichester
PO19 1RH

Online form: <https://haveyoursay.westsussex.gov.uk/>

For further information, please contact us by letter to the address above, email to mwdf@westsussex.gov.uk, or telephone 01243 642118.

All modification documents, including the Soft Sand Review submission documents, the evidence base, and the Sustainability Appraisal are available to view on the County Council's website at www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf.

All documents are available for inspection from 9 November 2020 to 8 January 2021, **subject to Covid-19 restrictions**, at:

- West Sussex County Council, County Hall, West Street, Chichester, PO19 1RH (Mon-Thurs 8.30am-5.00pm; Fri 8.30am-4.30pm) - **by appointment only**;
- South Downs Centre, North Street, Midhurst, GU29 9DH (Mon-Thurs 9.00am-5.00pm; Fri 9.00am-4.30pm) - **by appointment only**.

The proposed modifications, as well as electronic copies of the supporting documents, are available to view on the county council's website: www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf. If you are unable to access documents, please contact us.

09.11.2020 Email from WSCC

Feedback sought in West Sussex Transport Plan review



news release

09 November 2020

Feedback sought in West Sussex Transport Plan review

The County Council has started a review of the West Sussex Transport Plan (WSTP).

The current plan, which covers the 2011-26 period, needs to be reviewed to take account of changes to national and local policy, such as the Government's legally-binding commitment to achieve net zero carbon by 2050.

The new plan will set out how we aim to continue supporting the economy and communities while protecting the environment. We will consider the best approaches to tackle key transport issues such as congestion, road safety and pollution, and set out our plans for all modes of transport.

We are asking stakeholders, such as local groups, authorities and transport providers, to complete a survey to gather information about their key issues and priorities. The survey is accessible to all, so individual members of the public can submit their views if they wish to do so.

To complete the survey please visit: www.westsussex.gov.uk/WSTPsurvey

The deadline is 17 December, 2020.

The survey results will help shape the draft version of the plan, which will be published for public consultation in summer 2021. We aim to adopt the plan in early 2022.

If you would like to be notified at key stages in the review, please send your name and an email address to LTP@westsussex.gov.uk

11.11.2020 Email from HDC

Business: National lockdown restrictions | Virtual Horsham shopping portal | Business training and support sessions | Keeping your business safe and much more



Business support and information

From Horsham District Council

National lockdown restrictions

National lockdown restrictions are now in force in England until Wednesday 2 December.

To reduce social contact, the Government has ordered certain businesses and venues to close or restrict how they provide goods and services.

[Visit the GOV.UK website for a full list of businesses that must close and those that can remain open](#)

Join the new local online shopping portal 'Virtual Horsham'

To help customers find local traders more easily online during the ongoing Coronavirus crisis, Horsham District Council has teamed up with Visit Horsham to launch its new online local shopping portal www.virtualhorsham.co.uk.

The Council has arranged for the first 200 independent businesses in Horsham District to receive a free six month membership of the portal and this figure will be reviewed based on demand.



[Join with your business](#)

Horsham Market Towns Programme

[Chichester College Group](#), [Solent University](#) and Horsham District Council are pleased to offer an exciting and innovative programme to help local high street businesses adapt during this period of unprecedented change.



A series of FREE online interactive webinars are facilitated by leading practitioners from Chichester College Group and Solent University. These webinars will provide skills development, insights into staying COVID safe as well as opportunities to discuss new business models and emerging high street trends.

[Find out more and enrol](#)

Keeping your business safe

Town centre CCTV network

Horsham District Council owns a Horsham town centre [CCTV network](#) comprising 37 cameras. These are viewed in real time by the police at their Lewes headquarters and past footage can also be examined when investigating reported crime.



If your premises or business has experienced a crime - whether theft, break-in or damage - you can ask for CCTV footage to be viewed if there are cameras located nearby. The police will do this automatically when investigating the crime.

There are also many CCTV cameras that are owned by individual businesses and if you need to view footage from those, you will need to ask the businesses to view it for you, as they are the data controller of their cameras.

Shop Watch and the need to report theft

Horsham Shop Watch is a free-to-join crime prevention scheme facilitated by the Horsham District Safe & Well Partnership for the benefit of local retailers, your staff and customers.

[Find out more about Horsham Shop Watch](#)

We are encouraging all retailers to get involved in this no-cost scheme. If you are interested in joining please send an email to

horsham.shopwatch@sussex.pnn.police.uk providing your name, the name of your shop and contact information.



SHOP WATCH

20 tips to keep your premises secure

Take action now to protect your business from burglary and other criminal activity. There are lots of things you can do to deter potential offenders from your property.

[Take a look at the Metropolitan Police's 20 tips to help you keep your business premises secure](#)



Guidance for food businesses during the national lockdown

The Government has updated guidance for all workplaces involved in the manufacturing, processing, warehousing, picking, packaging, retailing and service of food in line with the national lockdown restrictions.

This guidance also contains important information on the prevention and management of outbreaks and community transmission.

[Read the guidance for food businesses during the national lockdown](#)



Quick tips to help make your business COVID-safe

- Collect customer data by displaying the [NHS QR code](#) or keeping your own record
- Put social distancing measures in place e.g. one way routes or floor markings to show 2m distance
- Ensure that customers are wearing a face covering (unless they have a good reason not to) and keeping to social distancing
- Keep plenty of hand sanitiser around for staff and customers
- Regularly wipe down surfaces with anti-bacterial wipes/spray

[Visit the National Federation of Self Employed & Small Businesses for more advice](#)

[Visit the Government's website for more business support](#)

Webinars and training

Post EU Transition - Are you ready?

20 November 9:30am-11:30am

Join the Sussex and Surrey Chambers of Commerce for an overview of the latest news on any requirements post transition. Take part in "Topic breakout rooms" so that you can ask detailed questions on the areas that concern you.

[Book now](#)

Tell us what support you need

Please complete our short survey by telling us what challenges your business is facing and what support you need during the pandemic.

[Answer survey](#)

11.11.2020 email from SSALC

The Big Debate

Thank you all for sharing and engaging with the Big Debate platform which is live until the **19th November** – almost there! The response rate we have had as a direct result of your support has been amazing – so thank you!

As the project enters its final two weeks, we wanted to give you an update and ask you to share the links a final time with your networks as we've added a new topic:

- **Fitness and Exercise** is now live. You can still add your comments by following this link: (<https://bit.ly/3mKPOu7>). We want to know about the choices and decisions people have made around fitness and exercise to look after their own health and well-being during the pandemic.

The **Delayed Care** survey (<https://bit.ly/BDdelayedcare>) is also still live, so please keep encouraging people to complete it. We want to understand more about the impact of appointments or treatment that have been delayed due to Covid-19, either because an appointment or treatment was delayed or postponed or because people decided to wait

until the pandemic had eased before having their treatment or appointment. This is especially important in light of the second national semi-lockdown which began on November 5th.

We would be extremely grateful if you would share the message overleaf with your networks, contacts, members, family, friends and neighbours. We've also attached an image to accompany to posts.

Finally, we have now produced our first feedback report on the Big Health and Care Conversation, covering July – September, and will continue to share feedback with partners on a regular basis, culminating in a overall report towards the beginning of next year. If you'd like a copy of the report, please email louise.hutchinson6@nhs.net

Thank you!

Message to include and share in emails, bulletins, newsletters – thank you in advance for your help!

The NHS in Sussex would like to know about your experiences of health and care during the COVID-19 pandemic so it can shape and inform the way services are provided in the future.

Have you been affected by delays to your care, either because your appointment or treatment was delayed or postponed or because you decided to wait until the pandemic had eased before having your treatment or appointment? Click [here](#) to tell us about your experiences and any decisions or changes you have made as a result. (link:

<https://yoursaysussexhealthandcare.uk.engagementhq.com/delayed-care>)

Since the lockdown period due to Covid-19 began, people have made many changes to their lives and what they saw as “normal”. We would like to know more about the changes you made due to Covid-19, whether you think they are good for your wellbeing, or not.

- What have you STOPPED doing since the start of lockdown? (for example, you might have stopped travelling to work, smoking, or stopped eating healthily due to changing your routine)
- What have you STARTED doing since the start of lockdown? (For example, you might have started taking daily exercise, reading more, or eating more chocolate!)

What do you feel about these changes? Will there be things you will carry on? How has the easing of lockdown rules affected you?

Click [here](#) to take share your experiences (link: <http://bit.ly/BDwellbeing>)

11.11.2020 Email from WSCC

Local Outbreak Engagement Board meets to hear latest COVID developments

news release

11 November 2020

Local Outbreak Engagement Board meets to hear latest COVID developments

The Local Outbreak Engagement Board (LOEB) has met to discuss further steps in preventing the spread of COVID-19 in West Sussex.

The group, which includes representatives from the County Council, District and Borough Councils, NHS and health professionals, heard the latest case numbers and infection rate in West Sussex which was 98.3 per 100,000 in the seven days between 28 October and 3 November.

Amanda Jupp, Chairman of the LOEB and the County Council's Cabinet Member for Adults and Health, reiterated the continuing need for residents to follow government guidance as we move through the second lockdown.

She said: "While our rates locally are below the national average, cases have been rising over the last few weeks and there is still widespread community transmission throughout the county.

"It is vitally important that we look after ourselves as well as each other and ensure that we do not become complacent.

"We need to do all we can to slow the spread and keep West Sussex safe so please continue to wash your hands regularly, maintain social distancing and wear face coverings."

Face coverings should be worn when in public indoor spaces, in line with [government guidelines](#), unless you are exempt due to an age, health or disability reason. People are also reminded that visors are not a replacement and that face coverings should meet the standards on the [government website](#).

The LOEB also received an update on the response to COVID, including the work of the Community Hub. The Hub is open seven days a week from 8 am to 8 pm, to help those who need practical aid and support during the pandemic.

The Hub has received in the region of 55,000 inbound calls and online support request forms, made nearly 40,000 outbound calls and delivered more than 3,000 urgent food parcels across the county.

You can find more information about the Community Hub and request support online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/covid19communityhub or call 033 022 27980 to speak to someone.

The meeting also heard the latest news on the [Keep West Sussex Safe](#) campaign, which calls on people to regularly wash their hands, maintain social distancing, wear face coverings when required and to self-isolate immediately and get tested if they develop symptoms which include a new continuous cough, a high temperature and/or a loss of or change in your sense of taste and smell.

Local businesses, organisations, communities and services can download and share campaign material including [posters](#) and [social media assets](#) to promote these messages and encourage others to keep West Sussex safe and prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Follow us on Facebook [@WestSussexCC](#) and Twitter [@WSCCNews](#) for updates and sign-up for our COVID-19 newsletter at www.westsussex.gov.uk/coronavirus to receive the latest information about our response to the pandemic. WSCC is also now on [Nextdoor](#), the app designed with communities in mind. Follow the link and join the conversation at <https://nextdoor.co.uk/agency-detail/england/west-sussex/west-sussex-council/>

12.11.2020 Email from HDC

Coronavirus (COVID-19) 12 November: Council service updates | Local coronavirus case data | Find help and support | Celebrate Diwali safely



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Information for residents from Horsham District Council

Council service updates

The national lockdown restrictions are impacting some of our services. Visit our website using the button below for information about our services and those that are affected.

[View service updates](#)

View local coronavirus case data

Coronavirus case data for Horsham District is published regularly by West Sussex County Council on their website.

[Visit the County Council's website to download the weekly update PDF or view an online data summary.](#)

Find help and support

We want to make sure anyone living on their own or without a support network during lockdown restrictions can get the help they need, whether that's accessing food, collecting medication or managing their emotional wellbeing.

Our focus is on those who are the most vulnerable in our community and who have not found a support network yet.

Horsham District Council is continuing to support a local community response for anyone in need of help during Covid-19, working closely with the voluntary sector, West Sussex County Council, NHS Responders, community hubs and our health partners.



[Find help and support](#)

If you would rather talk to someone, please call our customer services team on 01403 215100 who will be able to direct you to the right place.

Additional help

- [See if you are entitled to a self isolation grant](#)
- [Money and debt support](#)
- [Resources to help you take care on your mental health](#)

Horsham's markets continue trading during national lockdown

Both of Horsham's markets are continuing to trade with essential products during the second national lockdown.

Stalls are spaced out to enable social distancing, all traders wear face coverings in the presence of customers and hand sanitiser is readily available.

Horsham Markets by Food Rocks, based in Horsham's Carfax, remains open every Saturday offering a fantastic range of essential produce stalls and street food to take away, as well as Thursdays offering bakery products and other essential items.



Click and Collect and home delivery services are available. Book online before 9am each Friday at www.horshammarkets.co.uk for collection from the market or delivery to homes within a five mile radius of Horsham Town Centre.

The Bishopric General Market also continues to offer fresh fruit and vegetables and essential produce on Saturdays through November.

Celebrate Diwali safely

Diwali is set to be celebrated differently this year to maintain safety amid the COVID-19 pandemic and new rules meaning people must stay at home.

But that does not mean it cannot be marked in meaningful ways where you can get together virtually.

Check if your local temple has Diwali prayers or worship online, or catch up with your loved ones through video.

Diwali celebrations are due to run from November 12 to November 16 and are traditionally marked by the Hindu, Sikh and Jain communities.

Please be mindful of your fellow residents and pets with regards to fireworks and adhere to [government guidelines](#).



Staying active in lockdown

Indoor activities for kids

Discover some fantastic ideas for family-friendly activities to get kids moving – whatever the weather!

[Visit the Change4Life website](#)



Give Pilates a go at home

Pilates is a form of exercise that focuses on balance, posture, strength and flexibility.

Our Health and Wellbeing team are running online pilates classes. It's suitable for people of all ages and like all of our Get Active courses is aimed at people who are taking their first steps to getting active.

Classes will be held online using Zoom and are subject to eligibility criteria.

[Find out more about the class and see if you are eligible](#)

Coronavirus

(COVID-19)

Please read the latest advice and updates on our services at www.horsham.gov.uk/coronavirus



www.horsham.gov.uk/coronavirus



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District
Council



www.westsussex.gov.uk

Highways, Transport and Planning



Welcome to our November newsletter. As we head into another set of national restrictions, Highways will be continuing to serve the community. Our winter service has begun and whilst providing services in these time may be more challenging, we are committed to do all that we can to keep our roads safe throughout this season.

Gritter Twitter



Although it's still autumn, we have experienced our first frost. To keep updated with the daily gritting decision to send out WSCC Gritters, follow [@WSHighways](#) on Twitter, or use the hashtag [#grittertwitter](#). We Tweet early afternoon after receiving confirmation of gritting around midday. To find out more about gritting on our network [Click Here](#).

[Click Here](#) to watch a video on how WSCC Highways are continuing to keep roads safe this winter.

Operation Watershed Funds Continue to Support Communities

In 2020, even during the Pandemic, Parish & Town Councils and Community groups have been able to access Operation Watershed grant funds to help with local flooding issues impacting residents and local businesses.

This year, there have been two rounds of funding awarded to 12 successful applications, totalling £296,740.39.



| Community Group or Parish Council | Brief Description of Project | £ Requested | |
|--|---|-------------|-----------------------|
| Findon Parish Council | Stable Lane soakaway to intercept water and reduce flooding down the lane and across village | £7,240.00 | Completed |
| Friends of Middleton on Sea Pond & Green Charity | Middleton on Sea Village Pond increase attenuation capacity in high rain fall plus support local environment. | £20,210.00 | Completed |
| Fittleworth Parish Council | Little Bognor road flooding and culvert improvements | £4,862.30 | Completed |
| Ansty & Staplefield Parish Council | Staplefield Playground improvements to enable the facilities to be used in all weathers | £2,457.00 | Completed |
| Tarring Flood Action Group | Creation of Sustainable Urban Drainage - increasing capacity alongside existing drainage system | £ 91,200.00 | Underway November |
| Angmering Parish Council | Cow Lane - Flooding of public right of way and highway drainage | £ 55,443.56 | Underway November |
| Easebourne Parish Council | Culverted Watercourse: Priory Orchard, increase capacity of system to stop flooding to highway and property | £ 32,116.05 | Completed |
| Poynings Parish Council | A281 by Church The Street, Poynings. Reduce flooding to pedestrian route | £ 2,442.24 | Underway November |
| Westhampnett Parish Council | Westerton Lane - drainage capacity increase and improvement to stop significant flooding | £ 8,680.20 | Programmed January |
| Fernhurst Parish Council | Vann Road - Existing historic culvert have overflowed in recent winters flooding | £ 14,055.04 | Completed |
| Middleton On Sea Parish Council | North Avenue & North Avenue East Storm Water Course Project Middleton-on-Sea | £ 54,600.00 | Awaiting update |
| Bury Parish Council | Pill Pond -increase capacity and stop bank collapsing | £ 3,434.00 | Completed |

We are still supporting Parish & Town Councils and Community Groups and have a number of applications progressing to the next stage for a decision shortly.

You can find details of the fund [Here](#) or email operation.watershed@westsussex.gov.uk

For information on responsibilities and maintenance of ditches and open water courses [Click Here](#).

Flood Mitigation in Burgess Hill



Over recent years, Albert Drive in Burgess Hill has become infamous for its propensity to flood. A number of mitigation measures were implemented in January, just in the nick of time, to avoid further flooding at the beginning of the year. Though the possibility of business stock being ruined and the road becoming impassable once again remained a source of anxiety.

Last month, WSCC Highways and Mid Sussex District Council Engineering completed further work to stay ahead of the torrential and prolonged rainfall often experienced in January and February. This involved clearance work of the watercourses, culverts and gully systems at Albert Drive.

Since then, West Sussex Highways has received thanks, specifically to Tim Boxall (a WSCC Highways Officer) for professional expertise, persistence and timely actions.

Despite some ongoing risk of flooding in Albert Drive, this mitigation work, in conjunction with the downstream works undertaken earlier in the year, should greatly reduce the likelihood of flooding along the watercourse running through the industrial estate.

Adopt a Drain

Good drainage is becoming increasingly important to ensure West Sussex's Highways remain safe and usable for customers.

As of 1st April 2020, reactive and cyclical drainage services will be provided by Drainline Ltd, working closely with the Maintenance Team to ensure works are planned and co-ordinated efficiently.

All gullies across the county (approximately 144,000) will be emptied, so the sump (the very bottom of the gully) is clear of silt. This will be undertaken on a cyclical basis between 6 monthly, annual and 4 yearly depending on the priority level. Once the gully is cleaned, it is then filled with water to ensure it is fully functioning.

If there are problems identified that can't be resolved by the gang on site, the issue is reported through a system call Karbontech, and follow up works planned to re-attend.

Drainline also undertake ad hoc work as and when required.

To help monitor drains regularly, and to minimise the risk of localised flooding, West Sussex Highways will support any local community groups or Parish & Town Councils to develop a local 'Adopt a drain' initiative similar to [Tarring Flood Action Group](#).

If you notice a blocked drain by leaves and debris, check up on it before prolonged, heavy rainfall. This will mean they can either be easily cleared to prevent potential

flooding. Or, for more complex matters, contact Highways before forecast rainfall so we can solve or mitigate the problem. We need you to be our eyes and ears in the community.

Yet another Green Flag for Buchan Country Park

This year's Green Flag awards once again recognised Buchan Country Park's efforts to manage the park and green spaces for the 10th consecutive year. The Green Flag award recognises Buchan as benchmark standard for management across the United Kingdom and around the world.

Buchan Country Park near Crawley covers 170 acres, is owned by WSCC and managed by WSCC Rangers with the help of a dedicated team of volunteers.



As COVID 19 caused much of the country to shut down, Buchan remained open and providing an outdoor sanctuary for an unprecedented number of visitors to enjoy the woodlands, meadows, heathland and ponds, many discovering the park for the first time. Families with young children unable to attend school, joggers, walkers and those just looking to escape to a quiet green space.

Senior ranger, Simon Rowledge offers particular thanks to volunteer, Steve Hines, who's clocked up over 200 volunteer hours over the year and his management team that supported him throughout.

Buchan will continue to provide not just a home for wildlife but a safe and accessible place for all to come and enjoy it 365 days of the year.

A29 Realignment Scheme



Between February and April 2019, WSCC carried out a pre-application consultation in relation to the A29 Realignment Scheme plans. Public feedback from the consultation has been valuable in shaping our final scheme design, and we can now confirm that a planning application has been submitted to WSCC for

Phase 1 of the scheme (from the A29 south of Eastergate Lane to a new junction with Barnham Road).

[Click Here](#) to see the planning application documents. The application reference number is WSCC/052/20

Highway condition surveys

West Sussex Highways has awarded a new contract for highway surveys to Pavement Testing Services (PTS) who operate out of Chichester. Initially this is on a 2 year contract with the option to extend for a further year. Surveys include inventory, footway and carriageway condition, machine condition surveys (SCANNER) and skid resistance surveys.

PTS have been a past provider of the majority of these surveys before and have consistently maintained a very high level of data quality collection and delivery in all of their surveys. The Scanner Survey is one contract that PTS have not won before, but they are now equipped with their new exciting Multi Functional Vehicle (MFV) which is a state-of-the-art highway condition testing machine offering greater benefits than just the standard scanner vehicle.

Flood Action Campaign 2020/21

The Environment Agency has launched their annual flood action campaign, which provides residents with guidance on what to do in a flood. This year the campaign is specifically targeting people who live in areas at high risk of flooding but have not yet experienced flooding in their home.

It is likely that Covid-19 restrictions will exacerbate the challenge of recovery from flooding this winter, so Flood Action Week will be running from 9th to 15th November, using social media content to remind people of the actions they need to take. To find out more about what to do in a flood [Click Here](#).



Traffic Signals Update



Refurbished and upgraded Traffic Signal junctions in Worthing

After nearly three months, refurbished traffic junctions at Poulters Lane and Offington Lane went live on Friday 6th November following collaborative upgrading works.

This is the second project of its kind in Worthing this year (the other being the junction of Teville Road and Oxford Road), and was completed alongside road

resurfacing and lining layout improvements. This minimised possible inconvenience caused to customers by roadworks.

Both junction's signals were often slow in responding to the constantly changing traffic flows during the day. To solve this, the entire junction was refurbished using the latest Puffin style crossing and detectors. These ensure traffic is held if a pedestrian is crossing, yet can cancel a demand if a pedestrian changes their mind, leaving the traffic to flow as normal.

The new upgrades also use MOVA8 software, allowing for constant monitoring of traffic flows and signal timing optimisation, significantly reducing queuing, congestion and air pollution. Also, LED signals, an energy efficient longer lasting alternative to previous signals, have been used to reduce maintenance costs.

The Poulters Lane junction island on the southern arm (Rectory Road) has also been widened to enable easier wheelchair and buggy access between the crossing points.

New Pedestrian Crossing, Keymer Road Burgess Hill

The new pedestrian crossing, installed on Keymer Road between Oak Hall Park and Hoadley's Corner Roundabout, provides a new safe crossing point. This improvement request was put forward by a local school to encourage pupils to walk to school more.



This crossing uses the latest LED technology, benefiting from low energy consumption, reduced maintenance and offers improved visibility for drivers.

To ensure the crossing benefited from anti-skid performance, the road was resurfaced and worn out lining was refreshed, including the School Keep Clear zone.

The site was constructed during the summer holidays to minimise disruption and has been positively received by the public as well as nearby school.

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Disruption to County Council online services 13-16 November



Disruption to our online services this weekend

Our online services will be disrupted this weekend (13 – 16 November) while essential electrical testing is carried out.

The testing will begin at 7pm on Friday 13 November, with all council IT systems expected to be up and running again as normal by 7am on Monday 16 November.

Any urgent updates about COVID-19 will be shared on our social media pages – [Twitter](#) @WSCCNews & [Facebook](#) @WestSussexCC.

Other service information will be available over the weekend on our back-up website at westsussexcountycouncil.blogspot.co.uk.

The following emergency contact numbers will also be available:

- **COVID-19 Community Hub** - 07784 217238*
- **Children's Social Care** - 07711 769657*
- **Adults Social Care** – 07711 559887*
- **Mental Health Support** - 07523 945943
- **Highways** – 01243 642105
- **Street Lighting** – 0800 0482435.

*For this weekend only.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Thank you and stay safe.

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