

Vacancy...

There are vacancies for Parish Councillors in both Handcross and Warninglid. If you live in either of these villages and would like to join us or find out more, then please contact the Clerk, or any of the Councillors listed, or come along to one of our meetings and introduce yourself. We'd be delighted to meet you!

Thank you...

After the recent local elections the majority of Parish Councillors remained, however we sadly said goodbye to a few members who have chosen to step down. Gail Boustead & Pat Long from Handcross, David Clare from Pease Pottage and our previous Chairman Sue Hance along with their input and hard work will be sorely missed!

A **BIG** thank you to all of you!

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Slaugham Parish Council

Summer 2015 Handcross, Pease Pottage, Warninglid and Slaugham

A word from your new Chairman,

When Sue Hance suggested to me two years ago that I might consider joining the Slaugham Parish Council, little did I realise that two years later I would have the privilege of becoming the Council Chairman. As a resident of Slaugham village I am honoured to follow in the footsteps of other members of the village who have undertaken this role, namely Daphne Simpson and Sue Hance.

I am aware that many of you will not know me, so a little history. I am a Cornishman who like many of my fellow countrymen have found work outside the Delectable Duchy and, after University, worked in Manufacturing Industry until retirement. The names of many of my Companies are now but footnotes in history and include the once mighty English Electric, Stone Platt Crawley, Petter Diesels, Colchester Lathe Company and finally KDG Instruments at Crawley that brought me back to this delightful part of the world in 1993.

I have served two terms as Chairman of the Slaugham Society, which was a good apprenticeship for the Parish Council and I am very conscious that the now not so new Localism Act has given Parish Councils a much greater ability to influence their environment.

With rights come responsibilities, so that in creating the Neighbourhood Plan and implementing new Community facilities, your Council need to communicate ideas by every means to all in the Parish and to ensure that major decisions have the support of the majority of residents.

In Slaugham Parish this challenge is a little more complex as we have four villages all with their individual identities and priorities which we need to recognise.

The Parish is very fortunate to have such a hardworking and committed team of Councillors, the majority of whom are young working people who give up much of their spare time to serve the community.

We have a number of important challenges ahead in the coming months and I urge you all to be involved in the development of your Community.

Finally, I must pay tribute to the outgoing Chairman, Sue Hance who has been a tower of strength in recent years and she will a hard act to follow,

Best wishes to you all,

John Welch

Dog Fouling in YOUR Parish!

Dog mess is an eyesore and a serious health hazard. We politely request that dog owners carry a disposable bag whenever they take their dogs out to a public place. The Council have provided plenty of dog litter bins, however if you cannot find a dog bin, or the bin is at capacity then **PLEASE TAKE IT HOME** you can double wrap the dog bag and place it in a normal litter bin (black lidded) - leaving the bag on the floor (please see insert) is still littering! Please see <http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/7842.htm>

We have also found there to be littering on the Handcross Recreation Ground. Please if you use your Recreation Ground then please look after it and do not DROP LITTER.

Please help us to keep **YOUR** Parish tidy.

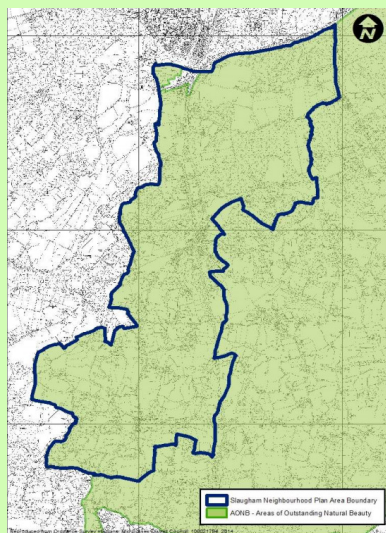


Neighbourhood Plan update

The Scoping Report for the Neighbourhood Plan has been through its consultation phase, and received positive responses from the Statutory Consultees who responded. We are now incorporating their suggestions into the Sustainability Appraisal and the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Meanwhile, we have to address the controversial “alternative proposal” which the Hyde Estate outlined last year, that of moving recreation facilities from the current Recreation Ground to a larger site behind the Horsham Road. The proposal will only go forward if there is sufficient public support for the change and we will therefore be providing information, an opportunity for a public discussion, and a chance for you to have your say on this over the next couple of months.

Please visit the new Neighbourhood Plan website (spcnhp.blogspot.co.uk) or come to one of our meetings (currently held on the third Monday of each month – Agendas can be found on the village notice boards or Parish Council web site) to keep up to date with what is happening.



Dates for your diary.....

The refuse freighter will be in the Parish on the following dates:

Sunday 20th September 2015 from 10am to 11am in the lay-by in Truggers, Handcross

Sunday 20th September 2015 from 11.10am to 12 noon in finches Field, Pease Pottage

Saturday 17th October 2015 from 10am to 11am in St. Marys Church car park, Slaughtham

Saturday 17th October 2015 from 11.10am to 12.10 noon at Seaforth Hall, Warninglid

Meet your Council

In each edition we are going to introduce a few of your Councillors to give you an idea of their backgrounds and interests within the Parish. This edition we'd like to introduce Kim, Lesley and Michael...

Kim Godwin

I have lived in Horsham Road, Pease Pottage for approx 28 years...although it was planned to be just a short stay, the convenience of being close to excellent road links, as well as being in the countryside and having lovely people nearby, meant that Pease Pottage is the place to be!

I am a trainer and volunteer for St John Ambulance and have had the privilege of training thousands of people in first aid and other skills over the years. My other hobbies include 'rambling'- especially with the Pease Pottage Ramblers group and 'relaxing' whilst pottering around the garden.



Lesley Read

I have lived in Handcross for 19 years, so perhaps not quite one of the locals yet. I have discovered that I like living in a village as there is so much to do and to get involved with.

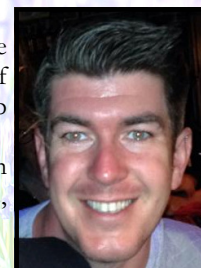
I currently work full time for the Civil Aviation Authority at Gatwick where I have been for the last 28 years. During my time in Handcross I have been a member of the Handcross Association and was chair for a number of years, but have handed the reins over to someone else now. I am also a member of the Twining Association and sit on the committee.



Michael Earle

I moved to Handcross in 2003 where I lived and worked as a barman at the Fountain Inn (now Fountain Mews). Eventually I became the co-landlord of the Fountain and my love for all things village grew, so when leaving the pub life made the easy decision to stay!

In my work life I am an independent building consultant specialising in basements and socially I try to get involved as much as I can with local events, including support of local drinking establishments!



Updated website

The Parish Council website has had an overhaul to give a clearer and easier to navigate platform for all things Parish! This includes not only details and contact information for the many groups and clubs across the Parish, but also links and latest news on important items such as the Neighbourhood Plan and upcoming events. There are also links to previous editions of this newsletter!

Please make sure you check it out!

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