## Plug those potholes!

Potholes are appearing all over the Parish following the winter weather, and West Sussex County Council need to be told where they are so that they can come and repair them. If you have access to the internet, you can report a pothole by visiting the WSCC website <a href="https://www.westsussex.gov.uk">www.westsussex.gov.uk</a> and following the links, or by emailing <a href="https://www.westsussex.gov.uk">lovewestsussex.gov.uk</a>. They will need the location, and a rough estimate of size and depth of the pothole. If you have a photo to upload that can also be useful.

To report a pothole by telephone, ring WSCC on 01243 642105.

# Parish Council Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor in the Slaugham and Warninglid ward. 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.

#### **Your Council**

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#### Neighbourhood Plan Update

We are pleased to report on the status of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). You may have seen the recent success at referendum of the first NP in Eden Valley, and we are progressing well with our own emerging plan. As you may know, following a series of consultations over 2012, the evidence obtained was presented on our "State of the Parish" report, and from this the pre-submission consultation draft was derived. Unusually, in planning terms, this presented two options to "test" the responses and allow the NP committee to gauge which was the most favoured option (from the A and B options). The next version of the plan will be the "Submission Plan" and again, this will also be consulted on. The Sub Plan will incorporate changes from this current consultation and of course present the final option.

Under Schedule 14 of the regulations each and every response was logged and during a series of public meetings over the last 2 weeks every response was discussed and considered. The reason for this process was for the NP committee to review the comments and decide whether the respondent's comments justified a change to the submission plan – as well as gauging the preferences for option A or B.

As a result of this meeting a number of changes and amendments will be made, including both wording revisions and corrections as well as some more significant and useful feedback. The committee is grateful for the time respondents have spent reviewing the NP.

The final choice of options was that a clear majority of respondents were in favour of option B, this was considered both by reviewing actual numbers and additionally, by weighting Handcross responses with higher emphasis. B was the clear majority using both analysis methods.

One of the basic tenets of the NP is enabling a local community "Trust" to take decisions and control the process of development in Handcross, including the community hall facility, and local housing.

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The "Trust" is the delivery vehicle for the basic NP and is an exciting and powerful planning tool which allows the community to control and decide on the details of the NP proposal.

Work is commencing on detailing the structure of this Trust and by the next newsletter we will have more information for you on progress.

## Neighbourhood Watch

Following recent meetings, and from community feedback, we are putting together names and contact details for residents in Pease Pottage and Handcross who would like to become Neighbourhood Watch members and Co-ordinators in potential new schemes.



Having an active Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the villages is likely to help reduce crime, build networking links and foster community spirit. It may also reduce insurance premiums for households.

Becoming a Neighbourhood Watch member is not a time consuming endeavour and in reality means looking out for your neighbours, conveying crime prevention advice and helping to make your neighbourhood safer in partnership with the local Police, Parish Council and community groups. We would like to have as many members of any potential NHW scheme as possible, so please do not be put off sending in your details even if you think others may apply.

Once all details are collected, a meeting will be held with the local area PCSO to get the scheme(s) up and running and potential members will be contacted at that point to get things set up.

In the first instance would anyone interested please either email their details (name, address, email and telephone number) to <a href="mailto:david.clare@slaughampc.co.uk">david.clare@slaughampc.co.uk</a> or post to the Clerk at the address on the back of this newsletter.

## Please help us with this problem....

Dog mess is unpleasant and a serious health hazard. If you are a dog owner, you have a legal duty to clean up every time your dog messes in a public place. The Parish Council helps by paying MSDC for dog bins to be emptied – but if they are full, it is an offence to leave the bags on the ground.



If the bin is full – PLEASE TAKE IT HOME – and put (double bagged) in your household waste bin. MSDC are currently at capacity and unable to provide the Parishes with more bins or collections.

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

#### North Pole Bound!

One of our Parish Councillors, David Clare, is a shadow of his former self due to the training he has been doing to undertake the epic North Pole Marathon to raise funds for the Multiple Sclerosis Trust. Find out why David set himself this challenge by visiting www.runningthepole.com.

We all wish him the very best of luck!

## Freighter dates...

The mobile waste collection service will be in our villages on the following dates in 2013. West Sussex County Council is no longer funding these visits, and so the Parish Council will have to meet the cost from the Precept. We will review how well used the service is, so it really is a case of "use it or lose it"!

All household and garden rubbish can be brought along. Pease Pottage please note that the freighter is returning after a few years' absence.

Saturday	20th April 2013	Slaugham, St Marys Church Car Park	10.00 - 11.00
Saturday	20th April 2013	Warninglid, Seaforth Hall	11.10 - 12.10
Sunday	19th May 2013	Handcross, Truggers	10:00 - 11:00
Sunday	19th May 2013	Pease Pottage, Finches Field	11:10 - 12:10
Sunday	29th September 2013	Handcross, Truggers	10:00 - 11:00
Sunday	29th September 2013	Pease Pottage, Finches Field	11:10 - 12:00
Saturday	5th October 2013	<b>Slaugham,</b> St Marys Church Car Park	10.00 - 11.00
Saturday	5th October 2013	Warninglid, Seaforth Hall	11.10 - 12.10

#### Jubilee Tree Planting

At last the long planned tree for Pease Pottage to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee is going to be planted this month. Andy (Mr Jubilee) Kinder plans to position the tree, an oak, at Finches Field. It will hopefully be in view of the new community hall when it is complete for the whole village to enjoy.

A second tree, a flowering cherry will be planted to add a splash of colour on the green at the entrance of The Hemslys and The Squires in celebration of the success of the Olympics last year.

The planting will take place after a mass litter pick by the residents as part of the continued drive to keep Pease Pottage tidy.

