

### Fly tipping – again!

Once again rubbish is being dumped in the countryside by people who can't be bothered to dispose of it properly – causing problems for residents and costs for Mid Sussex District Council who are responsible for clearing it.

Please report any fly tipping either by the simple secure fly tipping form on MSDC's website ([www.midsussex.gov.uk](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk) Environment and Planning) or by phone 01444 458166 – the sooner they know, the sooner they clear. If you see anyone fly tipping PLEASE report to MSDC with as much details of any vehicle involved so that they can try to prosecute the offenders.

### Parish Council Vacancy

We are delighted to welcome John Welch to the Parish Council (for the Slaughtam and Warninglid ward). We have recently said “goodbye” to David Ross from Pease Pottage and Dorothy Crossan from Handcross, and would like to thank them for all their contributions to the Parish Council. We now have two vacancies for the Handcross and Pease Pottage ward – if you live in one of those villages and are interested, please contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors to find out more.

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# Slaughtam Parish Council

Summer 2013

Handcross, Pease Pottage,  
Warninglid and Slaughtam

### Welcome to our Summer newsletter.

At the time of writing, the weather is not in a summery mood, but let's hope that changes so that the various summer events planned across all the villages can be enjoyed without umbrellas!

On 23<sup>rd</sup> May we held our Annual Parish Meeting, and were pleased to welcome all those who joined us despite a cold and threatening evening. The wonderful home-made cakes and biscuits provided by Pease Pottage WI certainly lifted the spirits.

The overview of the past year described how the impact of preparing a neighbourhood plan, and responding when the resulting premature planning applications came in, had stretched our resources to the limit. Progress on the NHP is detailed later in the newsletter. Meanwhile, all the “normal” parish council activities, whether to do with allotments, transport matters, the recreation ground, or the ever-present problems of dog-poo, fly tipping and other anti-social activities continue unabated.

We are a parish of four villages, and this can make matters more challenging, but the “whole parish” approach from both Councillors and Clerk ensures that the best interests of **all** the villages are served.

We had two speakers at the APM: Tom Warder from Action in Rural Sussex gave us an intriguing introduction to Community Land Trusts and the ways they are being used across the country. Brendan O'Neil from rCOH then outlined some of the possibilities for the new community hall, and why using the mechanism of a Community Right to Build Order will allow local people to determine how this facility takes shape.

Before the next Annual Parish Meeting is held everyone in the Parish will have had the chance, for the first time ever, to vote in a referendum on whether to adopt the Neighbourhood Plan. We hope to see you at next year's APM, and at many of the meetings and events over the next twelve months.

## Neighbourhood Plan published...

On 13th June, the Slaugham Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan (SPCNP) and two related Community Right to Build Orders were published by Mid Sussex District Council. You can view these at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans) or [www.slaughampc.co.uk](http://www.slaughampc.co.uk) – the consultation period runs until 25th July 2013. Paper copies have been lodged at the Handcross Hardware Store, 'Tim Haynes' Florist in Pease Pottage, Seaforth Hall, Warninglid and The Chequers Inn, Slaugham.

**An enormous “thank you”** to everyone who has helped us to get to this stage, including Committee members, focus groups and all the members of the public who have joined in the process.

### So what happens next?

- Once all representations have been received, MSDC will appoint an Independent Examiner to examine the Plan. A report will be issued on the examination.
- MSDC will publish the report and how it intends to respond to it, and if positive, a referendum will take place (probably Autumn 2013) – everyone in the parish will have a vote.
- If the majority of voters vote “yes” at referendum the Plan becomes the Planning document that will guide the future of the Parish.

**Representations :** If you would like to make representations, please send them to [neighbourhoodplans@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodplans@midsussex.gov.uk) or to Planning Policy and Economic Development, Mid Sussex District Council, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1SS

### ... and attracts the attention of the Minister of State for Planning

During a recent visit to Mid Sussex, the Minister of State for Planning, Nick Boles MP met members of Mid Sussex District Council and SPC's Neighbourhood Planning Committee to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan and how we got to this stage. You can hear a short clip of Nick Boles talking about the “remarkable progress” that our Parish has made in producing the plan by visiting the SPC website.

## Latest Pease Pottage Events

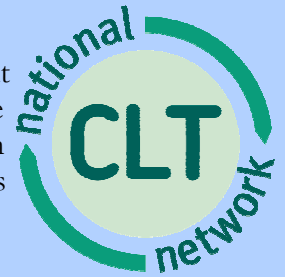
Following our Jubilee celebrations last year, plaques were put in place at one of the trees planted in the village to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the success of the London Olympics.

Some of the children show off their bonnets at our successful first ever Easter event.



## Community Land Trust – allowing the Neighbourhood Plan to deliver what the community wants?

If the Neighbourhood Plan passes all the statutory tests, it proposes that a Community Land Trust (“CLT”) should be formed to oversee how the new community hall in Handcross and the housing at St Martin Close /Coos Lane are provided.



### Why?

As the National CLT network says: “Community Land Trusts are powerful examples of communities taking control and transforming the future of their local community. They are **non-profit, community-based organisations run by volunteers** that develop housing, workspaces, community facilities or other assets that meet the needs of the community, are owned and controlled by the community and are made available at permanently affordable levels.”

Through a CLT local people can decide what they want from a new hall, how it should look, how best to organise it.

A CLT could decide on the design and nature of the proposed housing, what the letting policy should be to ensure that affordable housing is for local people in perpetuity, not just on first letting. They could explore “green” possibilities – building affordable homes that are affordable to run with a very low carbon footprint.

CLTs have also been used to rescue village pubs, run local shops – it can adapt to future needs of all the villages in the parish.

### Interested?

To succeed, we need to find a range of local people with different interests and skills to take the idea forward. Whether your interest is in the new hall, the option of self-build housing, if you need affordable housing, or want to keep our villages as viable, sustainable communities you could be a part of the CLT.

Volunteers won't be expected to do the work themselves – whether drawing up a business plan for the new hall, designing new homes, or administering affordable housing – that is for the professionals, but under the direction of the CLT. Some volunteers with legal, financial, construction or other skills would be really useful as well.

### To find out more...

Visit us on the Parish Council's stall at the Handcross Fun Day on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Keep an eye open for future events and Information over the coming months. Find out more about CLTs at [www.communitylandtrusts.org.uk](http://www.communitylandtrusts.org.uk)