

**STEDHAM WITH IPING PARISH COUNCIL (SIPC)
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 11 APRIL 2018
7 pm at STEDHAM MEMORIAL HALL**

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence and minutes 5 April 2017**
2. **Stedham primary school:** Sally Dreckmann
3. **Parish Council**
 - a) The Chairman's Report (attached)
 - b) SIPC Budget: 2018-2019
 - c) Neighbourhood Plan
 - d) Minsted sandpit update
4. **Parish action plan**
 - a) Stedham Crossroad lights shuttering - *completed*
 - b) Iping signs and Iping telephone box – *completed*
 - c) Faster broadband for Stedham and Minsted - *completed*
 - d) Recreation ground parking - *completed*
 - e) Defibrillators
 - f) To invite further suggestions for consideration
5. **Reports:**
 - a) Stedham and Iping churches
 - b) Stedham Memorial Hall
 - c) Stedham Sports Association
 - d) Iping and Stedham Commons LNR
 - e) Women's Institute
 - f) Horticultural Society
 - g) Stedham campsite:
 - h) Neighbourhood Watch & Lunch Club
6. **Reports from County and District Councillors**
7. **Any other business**
8. **Date of next Annual Parish Meeting:** Wednesday 10 April 2019

**Annual Spring Clean
9.30 Saturday 14 April.
Next SIPC meeting at
the Hall 7.15 on 16 May**

**Neighbourhood Plan
Is on the SIPC
website. Find out
about drop-in days.**

Everyone is invited to stay for wine and refreshments after the meeting

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2017 - 2018

Members of the Council

Chairman: Lucy Petrie

Vice Chairman and Chairman of Finance & General Purposes: Debra Chalton

Chairman Environment & Amenities: Martin Perry

Chairman of Planning: John Wheelhouse

Emergency officer: Rowland Page

Other members: Elizabeth Griffiths, Adrian Hearle, Eddie Lintott and
Olia Mitskevich,

Clerk: Jane Crawford 814284 clerk@stedhamwithiping-pc.gov.uk

Adrian Hearle joined the parish council and we all appreciate his involvement. Debra Chalton and Eddie Lintott are leaving the council. Debbie has been instrumental in setting up and running our website. Eddie has been a member of the Parish Council for over 51 years and his huge contributions is unlikely ever to be matched. They will be missed and we would all like to thank them both very much indeed.

**For information
about the Council
vacancy and what is
involved, please
contact the Clerk.**

During the past year, the Parish Council has met 9 times and there have been 9 planning meetings at which 16 applications were considered.

Issues and Achievements of the Past Year:

Parking beside the Recreation Ground

The replacement of the often muddy verge of the Recreation Ground with 'Grasscrete' has provided about 8 parking spaces which although they are designed for visitors rather than residents, have taken some pressure off the parking situation in The Street.

Neighbourhood Plan

This year saw the start of the creation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the parish. This began with a parish wide questionnaire and has subsequently involved the Steering Group researching and producing Evidence Papers on the Local Economy, Natural Environment, Transport and Getting around, Heritage Assets, Key Views and Open Spaces as well as the Assessment of Potential

Development Sites. The aim is to enable the residents of the village, and indeed the whole parish, to have an input into the density, style and type of housing we wish to have in our neighbourhood.

The Regulation 14 Public Consultation of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan is now starting, it runs from 5 April to 17 May 2018. During this time all residents of the Parish can let the Steering Group know their thoughts on the Draft Plan as well as on all of the Evidence Papers. All these documents are available on our website as well as in the Memorial Hall every Saturday of the consultation period. There will also be drop-in sessions throughout with members of the Steering Group available to talk through the policies and evidence.

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Parking in Common View By far and away the biggest complaint received on our survey concerned the parking in Common View. We appreciate this has been an ongoing problem which residents there have had to cope with for years. However, we would like to see 2018 as the year we try to find a solution which takes into account the views of the residents affected and is more than a papering over of the cracks. We have already been in talks with West Sussex County Council and have looked at some 45degree parking in School Lane, as

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well as a few more spaces near the playground. However, these are not really comprehensive enough solutions and we aim to have a more far ranging discussion about the options.

Iping Common.

The fencing is being completed this spring. Unfortunately, the Sussex Wildlife Trust (SWT) chose a very dry, windy day to burn the birch and rhododendron they had been clearing from the route of the fence and this resulted in 75 acres of the common being burnt. The fire service will be meeting with SWT for an operational debrief on 16 April. We hope to have a representative of SWT at our Annual Parish Meeting and to have a representative of the fire service at our next SIPC meeting on 16 May 2018.

Minerals planning

At a public hearing in August 2017 the Inspector made an initial recommendation that the whole of SDNPA's soft sand policy would be struck out requiring a new policy to be determined. We and the Minsted Residents Group have made strong representations against the Inspector's modifications of the plan which are being considered for his final decision before the end of March. At the same time, we are endeavouring to get SDNPA to deal with the Minsted sandpit and the longstanding breaches of planning.

St Cuthman site.

The Durand Academy has now closed its campus and we wait to hear their future intentions for the site.

Broadband

The cabinets serving Stedham, Minsted and Ingrams Green with superfast broadband are in place and connected. Iping has a problem with their cable line which we are attempting to get renewed.

Watershed grants Grants have been obtained to deal with flooding south of Stedham bridge. Further works are due to begin on 21 May 2018.

"At risk" volunteers

Thank you to all those who have joined the volunteers which cover the whole parish if there are emergency conditions.

Defibrillator

Provision of a defibrillator is underway for Stedham. This will be placed in a box outside the Memorial Hall.

A personal word of thanks

A large part of this year has been spent on the Neighbourhood Plan. I would like to pay particular thanks to members of the Steering Group who have given their considerable time and expertise to this.

I would also like to thank Kate O’Kelly our County Councillor and Caroline Neville our District Councillor and my fellow Councillors for all the work they do for the parish.

Finally, a big “thank you” to all those involved in running our village organisations and those who support them, many of whom will be speaking at our Annual Meeting.

I hope you can join us.

Lucy Petrie