

STEDHAM WITH IPING PARISH COUNCIL (SIPC)
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 5 APRIL 2017
7 pm at STEDHAM MEMORIAL HALL

AGENDA

The West Sussex County Council Certificate of Achievement has been awarded to Eddie Lintott. The citation for the award will be read by Neil Hart, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, and the award presented by a representative of WSCC. The presentation will be followed by refreshments after which the main meeting will be held.

1. **Apologies for absence and minutes 13 April 2016**
2. **Stedham primary school:** Sally Dreckmann
3. **Parish Council**
 - a) The Chairman's Report (attached)
 - b) SIPC Budget: 2017-2018
 - c) SDNPA proposals for Sawmills site
 - d) Minsted sandpit update
4. **Parish action plan**
 - a) Stedham Crossroad lights: install shuttering
 - b) Iping signs and Iping telephone box – *completed*
 - c) Faster broadband for Stedham and Minsted
 - d) Recreation ground parking
 - e) Defibrillators
 - f) To invite further suggestions for consideration
5. **Reports:**
 - a) Stedham and Iping churches: Reverend Trish Bancroft
 - b) Stedham Memorial Hall: Bill Crawshaw
 - c) Stedham Sports Association: Sue Yates
 - d) Iping and Stedham Commons LNR: Jane Willmott
 - e) Women's Institute: Vanessa Blaber
 - f) Horticultural Society: Hannah Stanley
 - g) Neighbourhood Watch & Lunch Club: Sue Payne
6. **Reports from County and District Councillors**
7. **Any other business**
8. **Date of next Annual Parish Meeting:** Wednesday 11 April 2018

<p style="text-align: center;">Annual Spring Clean 9.30 Saturday 8 April. Next SIPC meeting at the Hall 7.15 on 17 May.</p>

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016 – 2017

Members of the Council

Chairman : Eddie Lintott

Vice Chairman and Chairman of Finance & General Purposes: Lucy Petrie

Chairman Environment & Amenities and emergency officer: Colin Moseley

Chairman of Planning: John Wheelhouse

Other members: Debra Chalton, Elizabeth Griffiths, Olia Mitskevich,

Rowland Page and Martin Perry

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

Elizabeth Griffiths was co-opted to fill a vacancy in May 2016 and Martin Perry joined us in January replacing Caroline Frost who retired in November. Also, Colin Moseley will be leaving the Council in May which will create another vacancy.

Both Caroline and Colin have been invaluable members of the Parish Council for many years and I would like to record our sincere thanks to them both.

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

During the past year, the Parish Council has met 7 times and there have been 12 planning meetings at which 35 applications were considered.

Fencing Iping Common. SIPC members attended the Public Inquiry which was held in April 2016. The decision was to permit the fencing subject to certain conditions.

St Cuthman site. The Durand Academy application for erecting temporary buildings at the site was unanimously refused by the SDNPA planning committee in November 2016. SIPC was also represented at that meeting.

20 mph in Stedham

WSCC Highways has made it clear that no further action can be expected despite all our efforts.

We can only exhort parishioners to maintain a self-imposed 20 mph limit when driving through the village.

Minerals planning

The draft SDNPA/West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan has been out for consultation and SIPC has previously made representations. A question mark remains over Minsted West (a new site south of the current sandpit) and we await clarification in due course.

Meanwhile after many years of endeavouring to ensure that action was taken to rectify outstanding issues at the Minsted pit regarding the workings in recent years, SIPC has now taken professional advice and as a consequence further courses of action are being considered.

Broadband – at last we are able to report some success.

The cabinet serving Stedham with superfast broadband is in place and we expect it to be connected imminently. Work has begun on constructing the Minsted cabinet so connection there will not be far behind.

Parking beside the Recreation Ground

A contractor has been appointed and proposes to start during the summer.

A condition of obtaining the grants is that the spaces should not be used for permanent parking, but kept available for occasional use by visitors and for users of the Memorial Hall and Church.

Please note there is parking space outside the former Collins Club for 5 cars if used as previously by parking at 45 degrees.

Please observe no permanent parking beside the village green - it is for occasional use only.

Parish Council website

The website is proving very beneficial and we are considering what further use can be made of it, particularly as the Stedham with Iping News is no longer delivered to each household in the parish.

I would especially like to thank Debbie Chalton who ensures that the website is regularly updated.

Telephone boxes in Stedham and Iping

Both boxes are now fitted out as Information Centres. Thank you to Sue Payne for organising them and keeping the information updated.

Watershed grants

Grants have been obtained to deal with flooding in Stedham Lane, both north and south of the bridge. Further works are in hand.

“At risk” volunteers

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

Defibrillators

Provision of defibrillators is still under consideration.

A demonstration which showed how easy they are to use was given at a well-attended First Aid training evening arranged by the Parish Council in November.

District Council boundary review

The Government has changed the boundaries so that all districts wards have a similar number of electors. This means that Stedham with Iping will in future become part of an enlarged Midhurst ward with two district councillors.

A personal word of thanks

When I was invited to join the Parish Council over fifty years ago, I considered it an honour and a privilege. I continue to feel that way and I urge and encourage you to consider making a contribution to the parish by joining the Parish Council.

Now as I am completing my very last report as Chairman, I would like to thank all those who have assisted in keeping the work of the Parish Council going for the benefit of all parishioners over the intervening years which especially includes current and former councillors and clerks.

A word of thanks also to Gordon McAra our County Councillor and Caroline Neville our District Councillor.

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.

Do come and join us.

Eddie Lintott