

STEDHAM WITH IPING PARISH COUNCIL (SIPC)

Chairman and Chairman of Planning: **Eddie Lintott**

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

Chairman Environment & Amenities and emergency officer: **Colin Moseley**

Other members: **Debra Chalton, Caroline Frost, Olia Mitskevich, Rowland Page, and John Wheelhouse**

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

DIARY OF EVENTS

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL 2016 at 7.00 pm
at STEDHAM MEMORIAL HALL**

**ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN, Saturday 16 APRIL 2016, 9.30 am by
telephone box in The Street – all welcome. Refreshments provided.**

**SIPC ANNUAL MEETING followed by SIPC meeting WEDNESDAY
18 MAY 2016 at 7.00 pm, STEDHAM MEMORIAL HALL**

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2015 – 2016

Parish Council

No election was required in May and there was a vacancy on the Council which was immediately filled by the co-option of Debbie Chalton.

Stephen Trussler resigned in October and John Wheelhouse was co-opted to replace him.

A further vacancy has occurred for the Iping Ward due to the recent resignation of David Burton who finds he has too many commitments. If anyone, preferably a resident of Iping, is interested in being co-opted on to the Council, please let the Clerk know.

During the past year the Parish Council has met 9 times and there have been 12 planning meetings at which 24 applications were considered.

A Public Inquiry into the fencing of Iping Common will be held on 26 and 27 April 2016 at Cowdray Hall, Easebourne.

Our parish precept for the coming year is set at £16,950, an increase of 1.1% making the council tax on a Band D property £41.10 per annum, up by £1.47p. Copies of the full accounts are available for inspection or can be emailed to you if preferred. They are on the SIPC website.

St Cuthman's School site/ Durand Academy planning

There are indications that the Durand Academy are contemplating new

planning applications and have appointed Chichester architects to deal with the plans. Further details are awaited.

20 mph in Stedham

The WSCC County Local Committee has rejected our application to reduce the village speed limit to 20mph because WSCC Highways speed limit policy is not fully met. We are continuing to pursue the matter further with the help of our County Councillor, but in the meantime please can we all keep to a self-imposed 20 mph limit when driving through the village.

30 mph in Iping

WSCC Highways has indicated that this stretch of road would not meet the necessary criteria for a 30 mph limit. To pursue the matter further would cost the Parish Council much money with no guarantee of ultimate success. It will be discussed and the APM Agenda item 5.8.

Minerals Planning

Draft West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan 10 March 2016

Extracts from SDNPA Agenda Item 9 Report PC13/16

- *With regard to the production of minerals from within the South Downs National Park, the strategy is to allow existing sites to be worked and not to plan for any additional capacity.*
- *To make provision for soft sand to meet the needs of West Sussex from outside the South Downs National Park, where possible; and only make provision for a declining amount of extraction within the SDNP over the plan period.*
- *To protect the South Downs National Park by only providing for silica sand in exceptional circumstances and when in the public interest.*
- *The Plan will rely on existing reserves, a new site allocation beyond the SDNP at Ham Farm1..., and increasing levels of imports from other areas, in order to facilitate a 'managed retreat' from working soft sand within the SDNP. This strategy accords with national policy as it will conserve the landscape and scenic beauty of the National Park.*
- *Proposals to extend existing sites will only be supported where the existing site does not have any outstanding or unresolved issues in relation to controls aimed at ensuring that the site operates without harm. For example, if a site that should have been partly restored in accordance with a phased restoration scheme were to be extended, this would exacerbate the ongoing impact on the landscape.*

There are some 10 milestones between now and March 2018 before adoption of the Plan. Minsted West is a proposal for a site extension as well as a new source of silica sand. There is no indication when this matter will be decided.

Broadband

We regret to inform you that little or no progress has been made with regard to superfast broadband for Stedham, although it is now available in Iping and Ingrams Green.

Parking beside the Recreation Ground

Due to the heavy use and extremely wet winter, action is now required to make good the grass verge between The Street and Recreation Ground. Following a suggestion to look at Lavender Row, we are hoping to use Grasscrete as being a more permanent and substantial alternative to the existing plastic webbing. Grasscrete is honeycomb concrete blocks through which grass can grow and is laid on a hard core base. This plan is acceptable to WSCC Highways and we are obtaining estimates for the work at the moment. The developer of the former Collins Club has agreed to make a contribution towards the cost. See APM Agenda item 5.10.

Play equipment

The new equipment which was discussed at last year's meeting has now been installed on the Recreation Ground and is proving to be popular.

We have also been approached about the possibility of creating a skate park at the Common View play area. Unfortunately, the provisional estimates obtained for a simple skate park of between £20,000 - £30,000 is more than can be afforded.

Parish Council Website

I am delighted to report that after many years of trying, the Council's website is up and running. The address is:

<http://www.stedhamwithiping-pc.gov.uk/>

I would like to give special thanks to Debbie, Lucy and Jane who have worked hard to achieve this.

Finally, a word of thanks to my fellow councillors and clerk who give their time and work conscientiously on behalf of all parishioners, and also to County Councillor Gordon McAra and District Councillor Caroline Neville.

In turn may I, on behalf of the Council, also thank all those involved in running our village organisations and all those who support them. Without all of you our parish would not be such a pleasant place in which to live.

Eddie Lintott

**AGENDA FOR STEDHAM WITH IPING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL 2016 at STEDHAM MEMORIAL HALL. AT 7.00 pm**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **MINUTES:** To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 15 April 2015
3. **STEDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Sally Dreckmann
4. **PARISH COUNCIL**
 - 4.1. **The Chairman's Report** (circulated with Parish Magazine)
 - 4.2. **SIPC Budget:** Parishioners questions
 - 4.3. **St Cuthman's** update
 - 4.4. **Annual Spring Clean** Saturday 16 April 9.30 am
 - 4.5. **Faster broadband**
5. **PARISH ACTION PLAN**
 - 5.1. **Cycleway to Midhurst** - crossing near Half Moon
 - 5.2. **Dark night sky reserve status**
 - 5.3. **Change Stedham Crossroad lights to downlights**
 - 5.4. **20 mph throughout Stedham** - *rejected by WSCC*
 - 5.5. **New play equipment on Recreation Ground** - *completed*
 - 5.6. **Parish Council website** – *completed*
 - 5.7. **Iping signs** – waiting for WSCC to issue licences
 - 5.8. **30 mph in Iping**
 - 5.9. **Iping telephone box** – to decide on its use
 - 5.10. **Recreation ground parking**
 - 5.11. **Defibrillators**
 - 5.12. **To invite further suggestions for consideration**
6. **STEDHAM & IPING CHURCHES:** Church Wardens
7. **STEDHAM MEMORIAL HALL:** Bill Crawshaw
8. **STEDHAM SPORTS ASSOCIATION:** Sue Yates
9. **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:** Vanessa Blaber
10. **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:** Hannah Stanley
11. **COMMONS, N. WATCH, LUNCH CLUB:** Sue Payne
12. **QUESTIONS TO COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**
13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
14. **DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING:** Wednesday 5 April 2017
(Easter 16 April 2017)