



Cuckfield

PARISH COUNCIL

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Cuckfield Golf Course

Remodelling using inert landfill proposal

Cuckfield Parish Council and Ansty & Staplefield Parish Council hosted a public meeting for the community and all interested parties to discuss the proposed plans for the remodelling of Cuckfield Golf course using Inert landfill. The application has a potential for major impact on both villages and the respective Parish Councils wanted to give the community the opportunity to understand the proposals.

It is important to understand the matter is not a formal planning application at this stage, with the final decision being made by West Sussex County Council. Both Parish Councils asked the applicant to share the proposal and to listen to feedback from the community.

The meeting was held at the Village Hall on Monday 20th November and was well attended by over 150 members of the community putting forward a robust set of questions to the proposals.

Community concerns were raised over a number of topics, including the quantity and frequency of HGV movements to bring in the landfill required for remodelling, numerous environmental issues on the

landscape and the type of material being bought in. The economic feasibility was also challenged along with the significant disruption to adjacent businesses and neighbours.

The applicant and Golf Club owner, Robert Dickman, explained the golf club needed investment and remodelling of the course to attract new members and attract tournaments and competitions.

Paul Taylor of PT-CE Limited represented the agents acting on behalf of Cuckfield Golf Course and provided an overview on the plans, landscape and design, ecology and HGV traffic considerations. The meeting concluded after 2½ hours with the applicant taking away the community concerns before they submit a planning application.

All the applicants and WSCC documentation and scoping documentation is available on the Parish Council website and Facebook page. A recording of the public meeting is also available at <https://youtu.be/8yIRCTOLING>

The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation and provide further updates via the website and newsletter.

Cuckfield allotments

Just a reminder that anyone who lives within the boundaries of Cuckfield can apply for an allotment, but it will require your time and effort to cultivate, so maybe think of starting with a small plot. However, the allotment community is on hand to give advice to any new allotment holder. For further information, please contact Caroline at caroline.hansen@cuckfield.gov.uk or call 01444 454376.



New website launched

We are pleased to announce that we have launched our new website www.cuckfield.gov.uk

Please do take some time to browse the website to see what is happening in Cuckfield and find out more about the activities being undertaken by your Parish Council.

New staff member

We are pleased to welcome our new Assistant Clerk to the office of Cuckfield Parish Council, Caroline Hansen. Caroline grew up in Cuckfield and has recently returned to live here after many years overseas.

Roads and highways

Community Speed Watch

As part of trying to make our village safer, Cuckfield Parish Council now has a speed watch group. Thank you very much to the 16 volunteers who have completed their first stage of training. The second stage of training will be on 23rd January. We will then be able to go out with a speed gun monitoring the speed of traffic. The results will be sent to the police for any further action. If you feel you want to support your village in our efforts to make it a safer place, please register with our speed watch group by going online to www.communityspeedwatch.co.uk. Click on Join Existing Group and follow the instructions. The name of the group is Haywards Heath Cuckfield Parish Council.

Cuckfield Parish Council has purchased a Speed Indicator Device (SID). The SID is moved around the village to different locations and is providing us with some useful data. It also has the effect of slowing traffic down. When drivers see the speed they are travelling they generally show down. Below is a sample of some of the results we have achieved so far.

SID Data	Average Speed mph	Total Vehicles
Location		
Church Platt outbound	21.7	9497
Church Platt inbound	32.7	19553
Whitemans Green opposite Inholmes outward	29.3	22846
Whitemans Green Inholmes inbound	31.6	39011
Ardingly Road outbound Longacre Farm south	26.3	25556
Ardingly Road inbound Bylanes	28.4	17150
Brook Street inbound near Sparks Lane	33.8	9854
Brook Street outbound (Ashdown)	32.4	9416
Broad Street opposite Fairfax inbound	29.2	29233
Broad Street outbound towards bypass (40 mph)	32.4	22320
London Lane (column 7 heading) east	27.3	18864
London Lane (junction Glebe Road) west	26.8	17031

London Lane

We are continuing to work on a project with West Sussex Highways to improve the safety of London Lane. The aim is to improve the environment for pedestrians. To date consultants have been engaged and we are waiting for the result of a full topographical survey before the scheme is adopted. West Sussex Highways will be holding their next gateway meeting in January at which the Parish Council will be in attendance. Preliminary plans will be available at the meeting. We will then be in a position to consult with residents. We are aiming to commence work during 2018. The basic proposal is to widen the pavement, introduce bollards along parts of it and to tarmac the two lay-bys.

Commemorative sculpture or bench for the unmarked baby graves in Holy Trinity cemetery

The committee will meet soon to discuss the grant application, donations and timeline of the project and a communication strategy. In the meantime, a representative from the committee will reply to emails from the public who have shown an interest and sent in a donation.

As the grant will not cover the overall costs we are very grateful to those who have donated.

Anyone wishing to make further donations should contact sam.heynes@cuckfield.gov.uk who can provide bank details if someone wants to make a donation.

Horsefield Green, Ardingly Road

After much negotiation the Parish Council are now the owners of the open space area at Horsefield Green, Ardingly Road. The transfer was completed on Monday 4th December. More details will follow as soon as we have them.

Christmas street festival

The Christmas Street Festival, organised by Cuckfield Parish Council, was held on 8th December and was a great success. The evening kicked off with a short address by our Mayor, Evelyn Stenning, followed by the brass band. So many volunteers helped us bring this evening together and Cuckfield Parish Council would like to thank them all. Mid Downs Radio broadcast Christmas tunes during the evening and carols were sung by the Baptist Choir. Andrew Leask and Katie Horne ensured Santa had an amazing grotto to greet children and the Irish Dancers entertained us. Special thanks go to 4x4 Assist for marshalling the road closure and Shaun Simmons for security and helping throughout the day setting up for the event. Thank you to the people of Cuckfield and surrounding area who came and joined in with the festivities. We hope to see you all next year.



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