



NEWSLETTER

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Summer 2014

Dates for your diary 2014

Planning Committee Youth Centre	3rd July
Parish Council Meeting Robertsbridge Hall	21st July
Planning Committee Youth Centre	7th August
Planning Committee Youth Centre	4th September
Parish Council Meeting Robertsbridge Hall	15th September
Planning Committee Youth Centre	2nd October

Change at the top.... At the Annual Meeting in May, Councillors chose Nick Greenfield to be Chairman of the Council. Nick has been a Councillor since 2011 and was born and raised in Robertsbridge. He lives in Salehurst with his wife and two daughters, both now at Robertsbridge Community College. Our thanks go to Dicky Clymo, who valiantly stepped in at short notice in January 2013, to lead what was, at that time, a predominantly new team; he has done a sterling job, managing to continue as Chairman of the Planning Committee at the same time (he has been reappointed to this position for the coming year).

'Who does what' details for the coming year can be found on page 3.

Would you like to make a difference to your community?

You will probably be aware that there will be a general election next year. But did you know that there will also be **Parish Council elections** too? Councillors are appointed for four years and in May 2015 all nine parish council places will be open for nominations (as well as the two Rother District Council posts). Councillors can be nominated for a further term, but new nominations are welcomed and encouraged.

Councils need active, interested and committed people who care about the village and its inhabitants; ordinary folk (no specific skills or qualifications required) to work as part of a team, representing the interests of local residents in a positive and proactive way. *So why not consider standing for council?* This could be your opportunity to *really make a difference* to your community.

Advance Warning - A21 Road Closures...

The Highways Agency contractor has advised that they will be carrying out a series of resurfacing work on sections of the A21, including Coopers Corner, Hurst Green, Johns Cross roundabout and Kent Street, which will be done under a *full carriageway closure in both directions*, from Flimwell Crossroads to the A28 junction at Hastings.

All work will take place *overnight between 8pm and 6am, weather permitting, for five consecutive nights from 4th August*. The A268 and A28 will be used as the diversion routes with local access maintained along the A21 for residents (escorted).

For further information go to area4@bbmmjv.com or call the Customer Care Line on 0845 6000414. The project reference number is: 7708 7728 7730

Note: Meetings of the full Council now take place on the 3rd Monday of alternate months. Planning Committee meetings are held monthly if applications are submitted.

All meetings start at 7.30 pm and a period of up to 15 minutes is allowed at the start of the meeting for public comment or questions if required.

Agendas for meetings are posted on the parish notice boards and web site at least 3 days before the meeting - planning applications are available for inspection at the parish office during normal opening times or on the Rother District Council web site - www.rother.gov.uk and you can comment on planning applications on-line



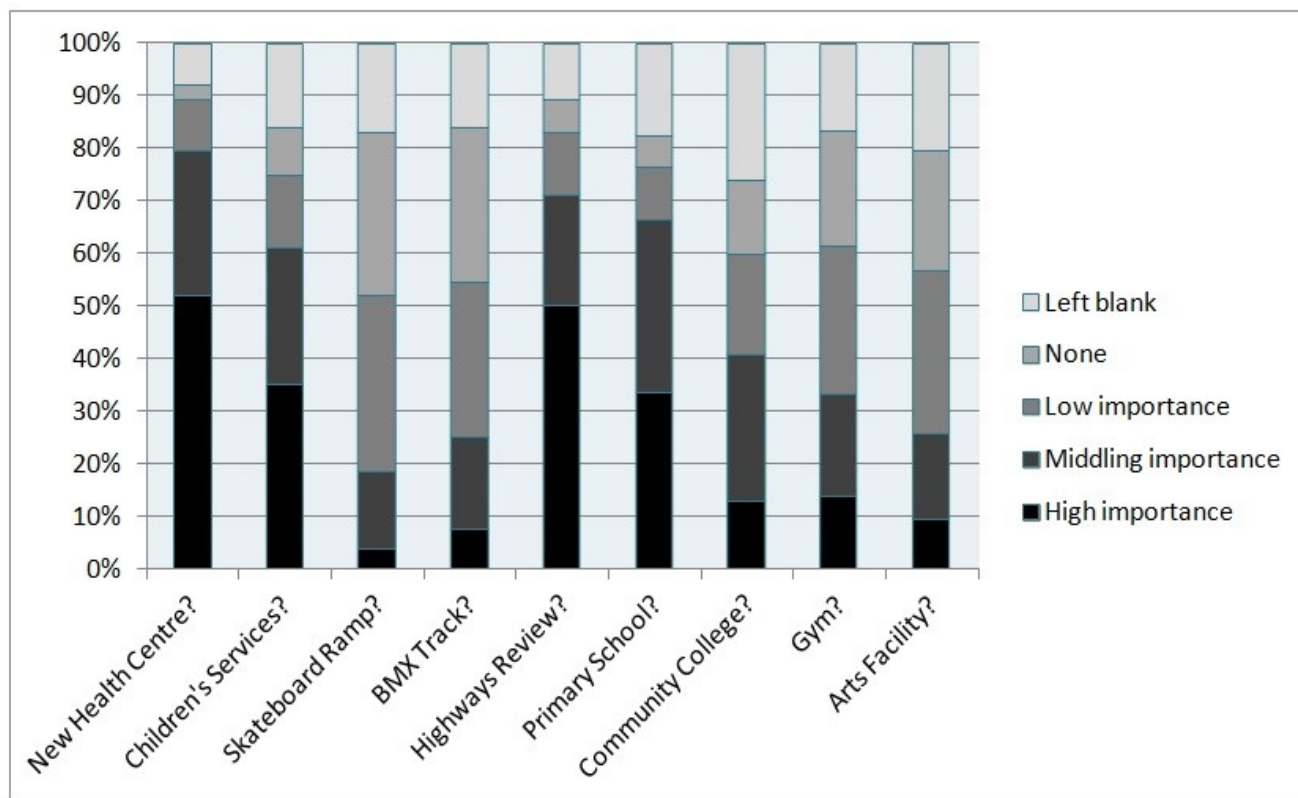
FACEBOOK – we now have our very own FACEBOOK page, in an effort to reach a wider audience with matters of interest to the community. We will use it to 'post' information that may be helpful to local people (we will not enter into any discussion or dialogue; we prefer to do that directly via the normal channels – telephone, email or face-to-face at the Parish Office). So please look for us – Salehurst & Robertsbridge Parish Council - and invite us to be your 'friend' if you would like to receive occasional updates.

Questionnaire results - Developer's Contributions

Thank you to everyone who returned the questionnaire included in the March newsletter. 101 questionnaires were received, giving responses for 187 residents of voting age. This is about 10% of the households and 9% of the adult population in the parish. The full summary ('Developer Contribution Survey 2014 - Summary document') can be found on the parish website, on the Agenda & Minutes of Council Meetings page. This was sent to Roger Comerford, the Principal Planning Officer at Rother District Council on 8th May 2014 - everyone's comments were included. Here is a reminder of Questions 1-9, and a barchart of the responses to them.

- Q1 New 'health centre' premises for current doctors and dentists surgeries
- Q2 Extension for over-subscribed Robertsbridge Childrens' Services
- Q3 Skateboard ramp (half-pipe)
- Q4 BMX track
- Q5 Financial help towards a Highways review of parking restrictions and yellow-lines
- Q6 Facility / classroom improvements at the Primary School
- Q7 Robertsbridge Community College (unspecific support)
- Q8 Equipped Fitness Gym
- Q9 Arts facility

Comparison of responses to Questions 1 to 9, from 187 respondents



ROBERTSBRIDGE & SALEHURST
 HELPING HANDS 
 07726 592 739

Do you need some help at the moment? Then HELPING HANDS could be for you. If you don't know about us already HELPING HANDS was formed last year to bring together those in our community of Robertsbridge & Salehurst who might need assistance with those who are able and willing to offer such help. It could be a friendly chat, help with shopping when you can't manage, some gardening assistance or a lift when you are stuck for transport. Try us - we may well be able to help out. Call 07726 592739 and a volunteer will get back to you. We welcome more volunteers and particularly drivers. To offer your time please contact Sue Prochak 881309 or Anne Wells 880832 or email cllr.susanprochak@gmail.com or annecwells@gmail.com

SALEHURST & ROBERTSBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL 2014/15

Chairman – Nick Greenfield **Vice Chairman** - Sean O’Hara **Clerk/RFO** Mrs Karen Ripley

Councillors - Ruth Augarde; Neil Barden; Dicky Clymo; Nigel Lockwood; Keith Marden;
Gillian Smith; Anne Wells

COMMITTEES (DELEGATED POWERS)

Cemetery – Chairman or Vice Chairman, Neil Barden, Nigel Lockwood; Gillian Smith

Planning – Ruth Augarde; Dicky Clymo; Keith Marden; Sean O’Hara; Gillian Smith

WORKING GROUPS (NO DELEGATED POWERS)

Finance Working Group – RFO; Chairman; Nigel Lockwood; Keith Marden; Sean O’Hara

Amenities Working Group – Neil Barden; Nigel Lockwood; Keith Marden; Anne Wells

General Purposes - Chairman; Vice Chairman; Nigel Lockwood

Local Action Plan Project Group – Clerk; Ruth Augarde; Keith Marden; Sean O’Hara;
Anne Wells

Car Park Working Group - Clerk; Chairman; Ruth Augarde; Dicky Clymo; Keith Marden;
Anne Wells

Village Study Group (in partnership with RDC) – Clerk; Chairman; Dicky Clymo; Keith Marden;
Sean O’Hara; For RDC: Roger Comerford, Principal Planning Officer; Cllr. Sue Prochak;
Cllr. Graham Browne

LEAD COUNCILLORS

Bishops Meadow – Ruth Augarde; Neil Barden; Nigel Lockwood; (+Tree Warden)

Crime & Disorder – Ruth Augarde; Anne Wells

Footpaths & Bridleways – Keith Marden; Anne Wells

Jubilee Gardens/Pipers Field – Nigel Lockwood

Lighting – Neil Barden; Sean O’Hara; Gillian Smith

Pocket Park – Nigel Lockwood; Sean O’Hara; Anne Wells; (+Tree Warden)

Recreation Ground & Pavilion - Nick Greenfield; Anne Wells

REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Robertsbridge Arts Partnership – Anne Wells

Robertsbridge Enterprise Group – Dicky Clymo; Nigel Lockwood

Rother Association of Local Councils – Clerk; Nick Greenfield

Salehurst Charities – Clerk; Gillian Smith

Tree Wardens – Neil Barden; & (Mrs Jill Woodgate)

Twinning Association – Sean O’Hara

SALEHURST & ROBERTSBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Office is open to the public at the following times: (**note new times**)

Tuesday 2pm to 4pm

Thursday 2pm to 4pm

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CUTS, CUTS, CUTS – it seems that everything these days is being cut – except the one thing we would really like cut – the grass on our verges and roadsides!! You have probably noticed that this is not happening nearly as often any more, along with weed killing on pavements and road edges. These functions are the responsibility of East Sussex County Council and cuts to their budget have resulted in less frequent cuts for the grass! The Parish Council is in discussion with them to try and improve the situation, but in the meantime, if you find that long grass on a verge is affecting visibility and therefore safety, please report it to ESCC on 0345 60 80 193 or via their 'report-a-fault' at www.eastsussex.gov.uk

WE NEED YOUR VIEWS... Do you use the parish bus shelters?

- There are two bus shelters in the village: George Hill and Northbridge Street (near Rutley Close), and both are in poor condition. The Parish Council is currently considering whether to replace, repair or remove these. A new bus shelter costs over three thousand pounds. It would be very helpful get an idea of how well used these stops are, and how important (or not) residents feel bus shelters are.

In case you are wondering why there aren't shelters at other popular stops in the village, it is generally because they would not comply with the regulations about minimum pavement width: a shelter *including its roof* must be at least 500 mm clear of the kerb edge, and the walkway must not be reduced to less than 1000 mm (1 metre). Realistically that means a pavement of at least 1.8 metres wide for even a narrow cantilever design shelter.

We welcome your views on the two current shelters - email us at clerk@salehurst-pc.org.uk or drop us a line.

Wheelie bins - What happens from 30th June?

Here's a reminder of the imminent changes to your rubbish & recycling collections (you should also receive information, including collection days, direct from Rother District Council).

The **NEW BROWN** wheelie bins are for your **garden waste** in future - only people who registered *and* paid the first annual £25 by the deadline will have received one. If you registered but have not paid, RDC will have kept your registration on file and they'll contact you when they can provide the service. If you did not register but now would like to, register for the next 'phase' at www.rother.gov.uk/gardenwaste - this will commence when there is sufficient demand from residents. In the meantime, you will need to either compost your garden waste or take it to your local household waste recycling site.

Your **OLD GREEN** wheelie bin will become used for recycling **tins, cans, plastic (bottles, tubs, wrappers and trays), Tetra-Pak cartons, paper and cardboard**. Not glass! If you do not have one, you can request one at www.rother.gov.uk/contactus.

Your **RECYCLING BOX** will become used for **glass bottles and jars**.

Your **BLACK wheelie bin** will still be for other general waste/rubbish.

Rother District Council can be contacted on 01424 787000