

## .... with East Dean and Friston Parish Council

### Hello and Welcome

..... here are some diary dates in May

- 8 May** – *Parish Council Meeting* starting with the public session at 6.30pm
- 19 May** – *Annual Village Meeting* – doors open at 6.30pm
- 22 May** – *Annual Council Meeting* starting at 6.30pm
- 27 May** – *Planning Committee* starting with the public session at 7pm
- 29 May** – *Council Surgery* at 10am at the Village Coffee Morning

### Annual Meetings

There are two (totally different) annual meetings arranged by the Council each year. The first is the *Annual Village Meeting*; this is not a council meeting but a meeting for all residents of the village. This year it will take place at 6.30pm on 19 May in the Village Hall, and the theme is the *Village Survey*. Do come along. The other meeting is the *Annual Council Meeting* at which the Chairman is selected, councillors are allocated to committees and formal documents are confirmed. This meeting will be held at 6.30pm on 22 May; it's a relatively brief meeting and you are very welcome to attend.

### Year-end Finances

For the year ended 31 March 2014 the council made a cash deficit of £13.5k. However, this included receipts from the OVHT and a greater payment to clear the remaining balance of the loan taken out to help with the construction of the present village hall. Excluding these transactions there was a cash surplus for the year of £9.1k. Year-end cash at bank (reserves) stood at £19.4k. This is being carried forward to help meet the budgeted deficit for 2014/15.

### Mobile Library



ESCC will shortly be consulting on changes to the mobile library service within their area. The impact on East Dean would be to reduce the fortnightly schedule for the mobile library to three-weekly visits. The Parish Council will await the consultation material, but whatever happens consideration will be

given to providing a library facility at Farrer Hall in due course.

### The Fridays

The grass area at The Fridays is owned and maintained by Wealden District Council. We asked WDC if they would consider transferring ownership to the Parish Council and we would then maintain it and cut the grass more regularly. WDC declined but said they would consider increasing the cutting frequency. We will be following this up with Wealden.

### Did You Know?

The average East Sussex household creates nearly a tonne of waste and recycling each year which costs around £155 per household to manage. The ESCC strategy sets a 2020 recycling target of 50% for the county's households increasing to 60% by 2025. Through the Newhaven Energy Recovery Facility, 91% of waste that previously went to landfill is now incinerated providing enough power to supply 25,000 homes and saving council tax payers £1.6m pa.



### Meet a Councillor

Dave Cooper joined the Parish Council in 2013 and is Chairman of the Village Hall Trust. Born in Eastbourne he attended Eastbourne Grammar School followed by a 4 year apprenticeship with British Rail. Dave is a Chartered Engineer and holds a BSc and two Masters Degrees.



He is a past President of Eastbourne Chamber of Commerce and more recently the organiser of the Eastbourne Carnival, for the third time. He is a member of the Eastbourne Commission, a think tank set up by Eastbourne MP, Stephen Lloyd. Dave received the Freedom of the City of London in 2002 and is a Liveryman in the Worshipful Company of Engineers. He also holds the post of Honorary Visiting Researcher at the University of Northampton. His most recent award-winning project was as Chief Technical Advisor to the Government, for the Emirates Cable Car over the Thames for the London Olympics. Dave lives with his partner, Lyn, and they have three children.

### 2013/14 Statistics

Public at Council meetings	31
Public at Planning meetings	44
Planning applications rec'd	27
Community Bus passengers	2,252
Website sessions	>6,500
Website pages viewed	>25,000
Number on email register	175

## Parish Council Elections – May 2015

This is the third article in our series. Only a year to go before the current Parish Council comes to the end of its term of office. Who will be the new councillors? Are you interested? To whet your appetite here are some of the generic issues of interest to Parish Councils:- planning, highways, transport and traffic, community safety, housing, street lighting, allotments, cemeteries, playing fields, community centres, litter, war memorials, seats and shelters, rights of way. The list is growing as Central Government is encouraging local councils to deliver more services and play a greater part in their communities. Some of our own current and planned projects will be a challenge and need hard work and commitment – but they are achievable. It is essential, however, that we are seen to provide value for money by ensuring that public money (your money) is spent efficiently to provide an effective service. We aim to get more activity for the least expense without compromising quality. Why not come along to one of our meetings to find out what goes on?

### Village Action Plan

Live actions on the VAP include road safety on the A259 (a meeting with ESCC is arranged for early May), Youth Club (a feasibility study is being undertaken - where, when, who); Exceat Bridge (a campaign will be launched for permanent traffic control).

### Community Bus

The Community Bus has been running three return shopping trips from



Eastbourne to East Dean on Tuesdays since October 2010. In April 2013 a Thursday service was introduced, albeit at slightly different times to the Tuesday runs. The Parish Council is pleased to support the continuation of the service provided by Cuckmere Bus and has agreed some slight changes to the timetable so that the services on both days are now the same.

The revised timetable, which also takes in Jevington and Wannock is shown below. You can request the bus to stop anywhere en route as it goes around the village. That's like a taxi service - without the cost!

Eastbourne Terminus Road stop M	1010	1140	1450
Eastbourne, Old Town, opposite Waitrose	--	1143	1453
Wannock, Village Hall	1024	--	--
Jevington, Eight Bells	1031	--	--
East Dean, Village Hall Green Lane Car Park	--	1150	1500
Friston, Windmill Lane	1038	1154	1504
Warren Lane, junction The Brow	1040	1156	1506
Hillside, junction Dene Side	1044	1200	1510
Dene Side, junction Peakdean Lane	1046	1202	1512
Peakden Lane (top)	1048	1204	1514
Dene Side (east)	1051	1207	1517
The Link (top of Michel Dene Road)	1054	1210	1520
East Dean, Village Hall Green Lane Car Park	1058	--	--
Jevington, Eight Bells	--	--	1527
Wannock, Village Hall	--	--	1534
Eastbourne, Old Town, Waitrose	1105	1218	--
Eastbourne Terminus Road Arndale Centre stop E	1109	1222	1548

Concessionary passes are accepted on all CCB scheduled services

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## Your Parish Council

### Parish Councillors

Rob Page (chair)	423484
Phill Hill (vice chair)	423990
Tim Bryant	422442
Dave Cooper	422486
Joe Cullinane	423834
Stewart Fuller	423710
John Hine	422275
Simon Hunt	423669
Jen Sargent	422326

### Parish Clerk

Katrina Larkin

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### Parish Council Meetings

The next two regular Council meetings will be held in the Small Village Hall at 6.30pm on:

#### 8 May and 5 June

Residents are very welcome to attend, observe and participate in the public sessions. The agenda and minutes are placed on Council noticeboards and on the Council website.

### Standing Committees

Name	Chair
Finance & General	
Purposes	Stewart Fuller
Planning	Stewart Fuller
Rec Ground	John Hine
Rights of Way	Phillip Hill
Village Events	Tim Bryant

### Finances for year to March

Receipts *	£68,778
Payments #	£82,267
Cash in Hand	£19,359

Figures subject to year-end audit

\*includes £13.5k from the Old Village Hall Trust; # includes £36.1k to pay off the PWLB loan

### Email Register

The Parish Council has an email register for use in sending out urgent or important items or where timescales are short. If you would like to be included on the register please send an email, with your name and address in the subject line, to:

[edf.email@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:edf.email@yahoo.co.uk)