

STREAT PARISH NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2016

Best Wishes for the New Year from the Streat Parish Meeting committee to all residents.

This newsletter is to update you on events since our meeting in October which was the first Parish meeting to be held in Stonehealed Barn. The meeting was attended by 14 people which is more than 10% of those registered to vote, a very high percentage compared to other Parish Council meetings.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

In November an Exhibition was held in Ditchling village hall, when reports based on the evidence collected by the five focus groups (Housing, Conservation, Community Infrastructure, Traffic and Transport and Business and Economy), and the draft policies/statements to be included in the Plan based on these reports, were displayed. Over 200 attended, and the presentations were also put on the internet, and nearly 150 villagers contributed by giving their opinions and suggestions, either on the day or by completing a Comment form. This input has since been collated and studied by the appropriate Focus Group, and, where considered relevant and appropriate, certain of the policies are now being amended to reflect the opinions expressed. It is hoped to produce the first draft of the complete Plan by mid-February, with a view to this being submitted to South Downs National Park Authority and Lewes District Council for their pre-submission assessment. Each of the three parishes has to approve the plan, and we will endeavour to ensure that everyone in Streat has the opportunity to see this, before the Committee indicates its approval to the final draft.

PLANNING UPDATE

SDNP/14/03610/FUL Middleton Laine Farm, The applicants have advised the committee that they have decided not to continue with any development in the barns at the present time.

LW/15/0371 Roxborough Farm Conversion of existing barns to create a single dwelling house. The developer has sold this part of the site with planning permission for the conversion and work has recently started. The situation with the Farmhouse and the Bungalow is unchanged.

SDNP/15/03633/HOUS Rectory Cottage, Streat Lane Replacement of external wooden staircase and installation of roof light. The committee raised no objection subject to the roof space accessed by the proposed new staircase being for storage purposes only. LDC Approved the application September 2015.

LW/15/0901 Gatehouse Farm Streat Lane, Rear single storey orangery and new pitched roof and cladding to Existing rear store and stable block for Mr R Clark. The committee have made a site visit and have made no objection to the proposed alterations.

HELP NEEDED

Your committee still need an Internal Auditor, a job which usually involves a couple of hours work checking the books around June each year. Anyone who feels able to volunteer for this important role should contact the clerk for more information.

JOB VACANCY

The Parish Clerk has indicated that she will be leaving the post within the next 6 months. If anyone is interested in applying for the position, which is a paid post for 3 hours a week, please contact a member of the committee or the current Clerk, who can provide further information.

DOG FOULING

Many of us enjoy using the local bridleways and public footpaths to exercise our dogs, but unfortunately, the amount of dog excrement left on our bridleways, paths and verges is now causing real concern to villagers whose homes adjoin these. Quite apart from this, we would remind you that dog fouling on bridleways, public footpaths and verges is an offence under the Dog Fouling Act (2005) and dog owners are liable to be fined. So please be considerate and responsible, collect your dog's excrement and take it home!

CONTACT DETAILS

Please visit us at www.hugofox.com/community/streat-parish-meeting-7947/about-us

We continue to send out information to residents by email wherever possible so if you would like to be included in our mailing list, please contact the Clerk, Elizabeth Berry using streat.pm@btinternet.com

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