

Streat Parish Meeting

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Streat Parish Newsletter – July 2017

Neighbourhood Plan. Thank you to everyone who took the time to reply to our various letters and emails regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. You'll be pleased to hear that as a result of your support and comments Streat Common Land has been designated as "Green Space" in the draft Neighbourhood Plan. The draft Plan has now been submitted to South Downs Planning Authority who will be conducting a further consultation from 6th July. The latest version of the plan can be viewed at <http://www.beaconvillagesplan.co.uk/>.

V on the Downs. You may have noticed some strange lights appearing on the downs on Thursday 15th June after 10pm. This was a test of some lights that may be used to illuminate the trees in the V for a short period in October 2018. It will form the centrepiece for a project which aims to educate schoolchildren about the ecology of the South Downs, to celebrate their bounty and beauty, and to commemorate their wartime role. The test was to explore the creative possibilities. You can find out more about this project at <https://thelightproject.com/>

Planning Matters. Since the Annual Parish Meeting in April, the following planning applications have been considered or determined:

LW/17/0180 Roxborough Farm, Streat Lane. Single storey rear extension and new access track. The Committee did not object, although did make some comments regarding the access and the application was approved.

LW/17/0254 Roxborough Farm, Streat Lane. Removal of dilapidated greenhouse and erection of new stable block and associated outbuildings. Subject to the buildings being at the level of the former tennis court, the Committee did not object and the application was approved on that basis.

SDNP/17/01581/HOUS Gotts, Ashurst Farm Lane, Streat. Erection of gazebo to replace former pool house. The Committee did not object and the application was approved.

SDNP/17/02229/LIS Streatwick, Ashurst Farm Lane, Streat. Installation of small bathroom on first floor and associated internal works. The Committee did not object and the application was approved.

SDNP/17/03058/TCA. Gotts, Ashurst Farm Lane, Streat.

Proposal: 1x Holm Oak – cut back two limbs over house. Reason: to bring the tree into shape as the tow limbs protrude from an even shape. To cut back because pigeons roost in

the limbs causing mess over roof and windows. The Committee did not object and the application was approved.

The Committee has also commented on one application outside of the parish.

SDNP/17/02209/HOUS Eryl, Ashurst Lane, Plumpton. Single storey rear extension and erection of a detached garage. The Committee has requested a condition or directive, that all traffic generated by any development, and particularly delivery lorries, should access Eryl from Plumpton Lane, and not via Streat Lane. This application has now been approved, but no conditions were imposed regarding the delivery lorries and access.

Change of date for next meeting. It has been necessary to move the next Ordinary Parish Meeting from 17th October to the 10th October 2017.

Probable Change of Venue. If Stoned Healed Farm is sold by 10th October, it is almost certain we will not be able to use that for our meeting on that day or thereafter. We have provisionally booked Westmeston Village Hall just in case, and will update you shortly before the meeting..

Proposed Bridleway, South of the B2116 below the downs. The appointment of new County Highways Contractors is causing delay, but work the planning of the project is now moving ahead, and positive progress is expected in the coming months.

Streat Lane Verges. This year our verges were cut in June, before many of our wild flowers had seeded. We can apply to ESCC to declare all our verges (or possibly just those on the Common Land Common Land), as Wildlife Verges", meaning they would not be cut until September. Please let us know your views, and we will consider the response at our October meeting.

Improvements to Streat Church. The Architect engaged regarding the installation of a toilet and a kitchen in Streat and Westmeston churches, has now completed his survey of the buildings, and will shortly be presenting his proposals. We assume these will reflect the Bishop's mission to make the churches community centres, and, particularly if Streat Church is to be used for our meetings in future, look forward to contributing to the process.

Beacon Good Neighbours Scheme. It is hoped to introduce this scheme throughout Ditchling, Streat and Westmeston to ensure everyone in the Community has a good neighbour just a phone call away. If you are interested, see [info@ beacongood neighbours.org](mailto:info@beacongoodneighbours.org) or a Questionnaire is available in Streat Church or on www.beacongoodneighbours.org.

Westmeston Summer Fare Saturday 29th July at Westmeston village Hall between 2.00pm and 5pm. We are invited to join our neighbours Fare, which will include Cream Teas, Races for the family, a Classic Car display, rides on a T Model Ford, a Bouncy Castle etc.

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

We send out information to villagers by e-mail wherever possible. To be included in our mailing list, which would help a lot, please contact Liz Bennett, streat.pm@btinternet.com

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