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## Earnley Fete



We would like to take this opportunity to thank Celia and Ian Parker for once again providing such a wonderful location and all the fantastic volunteers without whose help we would be unable to run this event.



We were able to donate a total of £1546.36 which was divided between three local organisations, RNLI Selsey, St Wilfrid's Hospice and Earnley Church.

Due to the difficulty of getting sufficient volunteers the Parish Council is considering holding this event biannually. The Parish Council would be interested in receiving your view on how often this event should take place.



If you would be interested in volunteering to help with this wonderful event in the future please email the clerk on: [clerk@earnleypc.org](mailto:clerk@earnleypc.org)



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# Autumn greetings to our residents

Welcome to our community newsletter

## Chairman's Report

Since my last report in the autumn of 2016 your Parish Council has made some progress against the key objectives set out in the Earnley Parish Plan 2016 – 2021. The Parish Council has limited funds and so progress is dependent on influencing and working with other organisations and bodies which can sometimes be a slow process. We have however made progress on the majority of these objectives as follows :-

Meetings have taken place with West Sussex County Council Highways on the possibility of some simple traffic calming measures at some key locations; this is still at an early stage. Traffic calming measures for Clappers Lane and the centre of the Earnley Village Conservation Area will become a live project once the developer starts constructing the 'no left turn in' / 'no right turn out' site access with a central island in Clappers Lane.

Whilst on the subject of this housing developments; we were able to negotiate a cycle/footpath just inside the site parallel to Clappers Lane which then

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The East Wittering branch of Barclays Bank will be closing on 6th December 2017.

The closure is due to the falling level of transactions taking place at the branch.

The closure means the nearest branches will be in Chichester, Selsey or Bognor Regis. Everyday transactions, typically carried out over branch counters (including withdrawing & depositing cash or paying in cheques) can also be carried out at any post office, including the post office in the Co-op.





You can contact your local police team in the following ways:

Call: 101 or 999 if it is an emergency

Email: [ArunandChichester.Localteam@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ArunandChichester.Localteam@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

Find out: what it happening in the local area by signing up to Neighbourhood Alerts: [www.intheknow.community](http://www.intheknow.community)

## Earnley Church restoration under way



At the heart of Earnley village lies our much-loved 13<sup>th</sup> Century listed 2\*

Parish Church. It has welcomed many people over the centuries, to worship, for weddings, christenings, funerals, carol and pet services; for art and craft shows, public meetings and receptions. It is always open, providing a welcome haven for many.

The Church Council (PCC) would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who responded to our July restoration appeal letter. As a result we have already raised over £4,000.

This year the PCC invested in an extensive internal redecoration. There was an enormous amount of preparation needed; much filling of holes and drying out before the special paint could be applied. The cost was about £7,000, which we have met from fund raising and a legacy. A new oak gate and notice board have been kindly donated and this work is now completed.

However, like any old building, the church is in constant need of maintenance. Our changing climate has eroded some of the large

stones on the exterior south wall. These need replacing and, to prevent the ever-increasing winter rain and storms continuing the damage, we need to install a gutter with down pipe along the south side and an escape through the east churchyard wall. In addition, work is required to restore the path to the porch; painting of the old barge boards is also recommended in the architect's recent report.

Work on the path and the stone replacement is planned shortly.

As you will realise the cost of all of this will be considerable. A conservative estimate is £12,000.

Thank you for helping to keep our historic little church in good order and safe for future generations.

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The Manhood Wildlife & Heritage Group is a friendly local conservation charity which is led by volunteers.

Members have weekly opportunities to take part in practical conservation, habitat surveys, monitoring wildlife, with free training days, plus the chance to get your voice heard through community events and our own publications.

You do not need any experience of conservation to volunteer with us and there are no entry fees or subscriptions when joining. Get in touch or visit our website to find out more...

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## Earnley Volunteers....

We are pleased to report that a resident has kindly "adopted" the Bell Lane Bus Shelter.



Would you be interested in adopting either the bus shelter opposite Easton Lane or the shelter adjacent to First Avenue? If you are please call the Clerk on 01243 203040 to find out how you can help the Parish and save funds.

## Schedule of Meetings

Planning Meeting & Full Council	23rd November
Planning Meeting & Full Council	25th January
Planning Meeting	22 February
Planning Meeting & Full Council	22 March

Planning Committee commences at 18.45 and Full Council commences at 19.15 or immediately following the Planning Committee Meeting at Bracklesham Barn. Unless advertised to the contrary. **We look forward to see you.**



## Medmerry Nature Reserve

As you are probably aware the dog waste bins have finally been installed at the nature reserve we hope that this will reduce the amount of dog waste on the site. See page 6 for more information.

## EMAIL ADDRESS

We currently have approximately 50% of residents' email addresses and we are continuing to work to increase this number so we share important information with our residents at the earliest opportunity.

We have been circulating the newsletter to those residents whose email address we hold and we need to assess how successful this has been. Although distributing the newsletter this way has given the parish council a significant saving in the printing it is only a saving if the newsletter is reaching all of you.

Therefore, we would be very grateful if you could complete the survey so that we can get a full understanding of whether this project has been successful and should continue, or if we should return to delivering the newsletters to each property.

If you would like your email address added to the circulation list please send it to the [clerk@earnleypc.org](mailto:clerk@earnleypc.org) with circulation in the subject line.

## Love West Sussex



Love West Sussex is a mobile and cloud based service. You can report environmental crimes such as graffiti, fly-tipping or potholes through your mobile phone or online to West Sussex County Council.

You may log an incident anonymously, however if you choose to remain anonymous the County Council will be unable to come back to you if there is any additional information required to action your report.



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gives safer and direct access through the development to Bracklesham shops etc.

The second Earnley Fete was a great success both from a financial aspect but more importantly as a community activity. I would like to give a big 'thank you' to Louise, Sandy, all the volunteers and of course to Celia & Ian, for making the fabulous location available.

Flood prevention projects continue to be driven forward by Robert Carey with the Grange Rife diversion being the next major project.



We managed to persuade BT to paint the 'listed' telephone kiosk in the centre of the village. This only took 2 years, which is an improvement on the time taken to get the black & white finger posts project completed! Another general project has been the replacement of the bus shelter opposite Eastern Lane.



I have had residents ask me about the frequency and quality of the verge grass cutting. This is a responsibility of West Sussex County Council and reflects the financial constraints the County Council is under. As a Parish Council we could supplement the existing verge cutting with the aim of improving safety and the appearance of the parish, but it would mean an increase in the parish precept. We would welcome your views on this, or anything else to [clerk@earnlypc.org](mailto:clerk@earnlypc.org)

## Recycling Week

Cllr. Carey volunteered to help Chichester District Council's Promote Recycling week .."I enjoyed my time at Waitrose, publicising Recycling Week and meeting and talking with shoppers. I persuaded a number of them to try the on-line quiz, of which about a third were stars, scoring 100%. The most frequent errors were thinking that shredded paper could be recycled (it can't, the machines can't handle it) and thinking that aluminium cartons couldn't be. So after your take-away wash the aluminium cartons and put them in the recycling." If you did the quiz, how would you do?



## Accounts for year ended 31 March 2017

The Parish Council accounts have now closed and the audit has been carried out by Littlejohn LLP.

Unfortunately, the Parish Council received a qualified audit this year because we had omitted to update the Asset Register with the replacement bus shelter. This matter has already been rectified and we apologise for this oversight.

### Income

Precept	14810.00
Grants & Donations	2468.28
Interest Received	2.65
Refund from Alto Card	6.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>17286.93</b>

### Expenditure

General Administration	2145.77
Clerk's Salary	8339.56
Chairman's Allowance	
Section 137 Grants	
Grants, other powers	803.40
Notice boards	30.04
Capital expenditure - computer package	
Capital expenditure - bus shelter	808.00
Debt Charge	
Agency Service	
Web Site	
Earnley Fete Expenses	558.06
Earnley Fete Donations	1714.68
Road sign maintenance	1065.00
Bus shelter maintenance	346.27
Public lighting	
Printing	484.95
Training	195.75
Loan repayment	568.48
VAT	405.90
Irrecoverable VAT	42.04
Alto Card Transfer	0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>17507.90</b>



## Parish Objectives 2016-2021

The Parish Council continue to work on the objectives set by you.

The priority for this council year have been set as:

Objective 1: To ensure that people drive within the speed limits within the Parish

Objective 5: To encourage community involvement and establish community volunteer groups within all areas of the Earnley.

## Planning Issues ...

The Parish Council continues to monitor activity at Earnley Concourse and Richardsons/Southdowns and we will provide you with updates as soon as we have any firm information at either of these sites.

## Dog Fouling is an Offence – Don't Tolerate it!



We all know how thoroughly unpleasant it is to come across dog waste caused by a few inconsiderate dog owners. Unfortunately there seems to have been an increase in such incidents in our parish of late, especially along public footpaths, in the Medmerry Nature Reserve and in our caravan parks. Dog waste is a health hazard: it can cause a nasty condition called toxocarasis that can lead to breathing difficulties and even blindness. Children are particularly at risk.

Our District Council have recognised this problem and are putting more resources into combatting it, including more wardens and remote cameras in rural areas. More significantly they are willing to follow up and prosecute. A fixed Penalty Notice of £100 will be issued (reduced if paid within 14 days). Failure to pay may lead to the dog owner being prosecuted and, if found guilty, will result in a fine of up to a £1,000 and a criminal record. This new initiative will also be applied to help reduce fly-tipping and littering.

We do not have to tolerate dog fouling: there are many dog bins around and owners can put the dog waste in their domestic black bin, provided it is in a sealed plastic bag. Your parish council would encourage you to report cases of dog fouling and this includes putting dog waste in a bag and just leaving it on the ground or hanging in a tree. Please contact Chichester District Council Dog Warden Service using the details below, giving as much information as possible: when and where the fouling occurred, a description of the owner and dog, possibly a car registration number and, if you know it, the name and/or address of the owner. The information given will be treated in the strictest confidence.

District Council Dog Warden Service:

Phone 01243 785166

or email [environmentalhealth@chichester.gov.uk](mailto:environmentalhealth@chichester.gov.uk)

## Fly tipping in the Parish...

Unfortunately recently there has been a significant increase in fly tipping in the Parish. A particular hot spot for this anti-social behaviour is the Medmerry Nature Reserve car park. Drew, the Community Warden, has done a sterling job of removing most of this rubbish and if he is not able to fit it in his van he arranges to have it removed.

If you see anyone fly tipping please try and get the registration details and make a model of the vehicle and report it to Chichester District Council. The District Council have successfully prosecuted a number of fly tippers recently and they can only do this with your help to compile the evidence.

The District Council spend £1 million a year clearing litter and fly tipping and I am sure you will agree this money could be better spent elsewhere on other services. The District Council have recently resolved to make litter a priority and are entering into a contract with Havant District Council to employ Enforcement Officers. We will be notifying these officers of the problem areas in our Parish.

Are you aware that if you employ a trader to take away your waste and they fly tip it - YOU are liable for prosecution—The maximum fine is £50,000 and there is the potential jail sentence. Ensure you ask to see and take a copy of the trader's waste carrier's licence.

Would you be interested in becoming the parish litter champion? If so please contact the Clerk.

