

Earnley Parish Council

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We are looking for new Parish Councillor —could it be you?

LOCAL ISSUES NEED LOCAL PEOPLE TO SPEAK UP FOR THEM

YOU could help keep Earnley a vibrant, good place to live by becoming a Parish Councillor.

YOU could be in at the 'grass roots' level of Local Government and be involved in making things happen or getting things sorted!

YOU could get local views about local issues brought to the attention of the powers that be.

You only need to be able to give up one evening a month to attend Parish Council meetings, and in return you will receive the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping your local community.

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and a British subject or a citizen of the Commonwealth or European Union and must satisfy at least one of the following:

- be a local government elector for the Parish of Earnley;
- have, during the whole of the previous 12 months, occupied land or other property in the parish, either as owner or tenant
- have, during the whole of the previous 12 months, had your principal or only place of work in the parish;
- have resided in the parish during the whole of the previous 12 months

The Parish Council normally meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. New Councillors will hold office until the next local elections in 2015.

Any person interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should contact the Clerk, Louise Chater, by phone 01243 203040 or e-mail clerk@earnleypc.org for more information. The Parish Council hopes to fill the post at its meeting on 26th September.

See www.earnleypc.org for information about current Parish issues

Record Attendance at Parish Meeting of Electors'

It was fantastic to see so many of you at the annual meeting of electors which took place at Bracklesham Barn on 25th May 2013.

It was very enjoyable to share a drink and nibbles with so many of you after an interesting presentation on affordable housing and to have the opportunity to view the display on water voles and ditch maintenance.

We would be very grateful if you would take the time to answer a few questions which you can access directly via the QR code or via <http://earnleypc.org/?p=1367>. However, if you would like a paper copy please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk on 01243 203040.



The minutes of the meeting are available at www.earnleypc.org, the new parish council website.

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Local Plan

On 3rd June 2013 Chichester District Council Cabinet approved a revised Local Development Scheme which you can read at <http://chichester.gov.uk/index.cfm?ArticleID=5088> The Cabinet also confirmed an updated timetable for preparation of the Local Plan.

- **Spring 2013—the District Council asked for your views on the Local Plan. Your comments can be viewed on the consultation portal.**
- **Autumn 2013—You will have the opportunity to look at the revised Local Plan before it goes to the Secretary of State. You will be asked if it meets the Government guidelines.**
- **Spring 2014—The District Council will be submitting the Local Plan to the Secretary of State.**
- **Autumn 2014—this is when the District Council expect the Local Plan to be adopted.**

Superfast Broadband Update....

For those of you who have found that your internet connection is no faster than a snail's pace you will be pleased to know that West Sussex County Council have signed a contract with BT to provide superfast broadband to large areas of the county.



The County Council has confirmed that the areas between Earnley and Almodington who are connected to the Birdham telephone exchange will be included in the project to receive NGA (superfast broadband).

However, those residents who are served by the Bracklesham exchange are included in BT Openreach commercial rollout and so will be upgraded in due course by the supplier.

Bookers Lane Flood Alleviation Scheme

The Environment Agency have been liaising with local residents, West Sussex County Council Highways and the utility companies to design a scheme that will help to protect the homes in Bookers Lane from further flooding.

There are three sections of road that require pipes and as a result some temporary road closures will have to take place;

Closure 1, is due to take place from 5th to 28th August (north of Earnley Manor Close)

Closure 2, is due to take place from 28th August to 6th September (just to the east of the junction of Bookers Lane and Almodington Lane)

Closure 3, is due to take place from 9th to 20th September (Bookers Lane north of Apricot Cottage) a copy of the plan showing the locations is available on the parish council notice boards and <http://earnley.pc.org/index.php/road-closures-for-flood-relief-work/>

If you have any questions about the project please email medmerry@environment-agency.gov.uk Alternatively you can contact Jacqui Bandy, on 07917048912.

Living on the Edge

Did you know if a watercourse runs alongside your garden wall or hedge you should check your property deeds to see if the wall or hedge marks your boundary. If the watercourse marks the boundary, it is assumed you own the land up to the centre of the watercourse.



The Environment Agency produce a very good leaflet called Living on the Edge which gives you lots of useful advice (<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/31626.aspx>). Furthermore, Chichester District Council website (<http://www.chichester.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=14423>) provides lots of useful information on land drainage.

We have enclosed with this newsletter a flood survey form (you are welcome to photocopy this if need be and additional copies are available on the website www.earnley.pc.org). We would ask that if you experience any flooding problems you complete the form and return it to the Parish Council by 31 March 2014, 1 Charlmead, East Wittering, PO20 8DN. By returning this form we are able to gather evidence of areas that experience problems and the severity of the problems experienced. With this evidence we can continue to put pressure on other bodies to solve and issues.

Summertime...and the recycling is easy!

Did you know all your glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, cans, paper and card go to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Ford where they are sorted and then sent on to manufacturers who turn them into something new.



We are asking residents to be careful that when they recycle after their party they are not recycling the wrong things as this could lead to some of their hard work literally going to waste - please make sure all items are not wet, dirty or tied up in plastic bags.

Let's get this party started!

- Place a container next to the barbecue for people to pop their empty drink cans and bottles in
- Consider using washable plates and cutlery rather than plastic knives and forks and paper plates
- If you are using packets of burgers and sausages, remember the card outer can be recycled, but the plastic inners cannot!

The party's over...

- Make sure drink cans and wine bottles are totally empty and put them LOOSE in the recycling bin
- Don't recycle paper plates which have leftovers on them
- You can't recycle plastic knives and forks
- Ensure everything is DRY
- Tip the cans and bottles straight into the recycling bin

The simple message is make sure everything that you recycle is...**CLEAN, DRY and LOOSE.**

Affordable housing

Following the presentation by Linda Grange at the Annual Meeting of Parish Electors it was resolved that the Parish Council investigate the need for affordable housing for residents with a local connection.

Would you be interested in joining a working party to progress this project? If so please call Louise, the Clerk, on 01243 203040 or email clerk@earnleypc.org

Your District and County Councillors....

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Schedule of Meetings

Planning Meeting & Full Council 18th July

Planning Meeting—August—No Meeting

Planning Meeting & Full Council 26th September

Planning Meeting 24 October

Planning Meeting & Full Council 28 November

Planning Meeting—December—No Meeting

All meetings will commence at 7.15pm at Bracklesham Barn unless advertised to the contrary. Planning papers will be available from 7.00pm

You are always welcome to attend please. It's your Parish Council and we would welcome guidance and involvement from you.



love.westsussex.gov.uk

The site allows you to review and submit environmental issues (including pot holes!) and have 'Love West Sussex' deal with it, and then let you know how they got on. If you have a smartphone you can download the free app.

So sign up and get reporting!!!

We would like your email address

The Parish Council occasionally receives information that it would be good to pass on to as many residents as possible. Please email the clerk@earnleypc.org your email address to receive this information. Your contact details will not be passed on to any other party and we will not bombard you with emails.

Accounts for year ended 31 March 2013

The Parish Council accounts have been open for inspection and are currently with the Auditor. The date for audit by Littlejohn LLP was set for 10th June 2013. The submitted accounts have been advertised on the notice boards and on the parish council website.

If you have any questions on the accounts you are entitled to contact the auditor from the 10th June until the completion of the audit.

The audited accounts will be advertised in due course.

Income	
Precept	9950.00
Interest	30.78
Grants	97.85
Bookers Lane Resident Association Fund	41170.00
Training Bursary	100.00
VAT Refund	266.26
West Sussex County Council - Pension Refund	64.92
Total Income	51679.81
Expenditure	
Insurance	265.00
Clerks Salary	4792.23
S.137 Grants	350.00
Other Grants	354.00
Bus Shelters	300.00
Printing	248.91
Public Lighting	242.34
Training	594.99
General Admin	1100.97
Audit Fees	135.00
VAT	178.91
Total Expenditure	8562.35

Chairman's Report.

The Parish Council has had a very busy year we have recently reached the end of an era following Bob Norris' resignation from the Council. He had been a member of the Council since its forma-

tion. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bob for his long service and contribution to this community. We had two other resignations in the year, Michael Karn and the Chris Bayley, again I would like to thank both Chris and Michael for their contributions.

Following exceptional rainfall the Parish suffered major flooding in June and again in December. The Parish Council has been active in working with local residents and various bodies to investigate the cause of the flooding. The Parish Council has supported the Bookers Lane Residents Association to get a flood diversion channel built. To this end the Parish Council has agreed to take out a loan in the sum of £5,000.00. The Parish Council continues to work with the Flood Action Group to address drainage issues in the whole Parish. With the support and input from residents I am sure a big difference could be made to improve the situation.

On a positive note to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee the Parish Council organized the presentation of 31 commemorative mugs to local children.

The whole community was relieved at the positive outcome of Madestein's Planning Appeal. A big thank you to Dries de Vaal and the other Committee members of the Almodington Association.

The Parish Council is represented on the Manhood Stakeholders Advisory Group (MSTAG) and this body works with the Environment Agency (EA) and the Royal Society of Protection of Birds on the Management of Medmerry Project. One recent positive outcome of our work on MSTAG is that the EA has agreed to improve the landscaping on the banks on the Earnley Diversion Channel as it heads south from Earnley village. This will be achieved by creating lower and wider wildlife habitat areas and some tree planting. We will be looking for volunteers from the Parish to help with the tree planting.

Finally, I would like to thank Louise our Parish Clerk for all her hard work administering the Council's affairs and for keeping our finances on a solid footing.

Keith Martin Chairman



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