

# Earnley Parish Council

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**See enclosed for more information on the  
Batchmere Road drainage project  
and the associated road closure**



**Parish Litter Pick— We hope you will be able to join us on 24th March 2018. We will be meeting at 10.30 at Earnley Church. We will pick litter for an hour and then we will have refreshments after as a reward for being a wonderful Womble!**



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## Autumn greetings to our residents

### Welcome to our community newsletter

#### Precept 2018/2019

The Parish Council set up a working party to review the Parish Council budgets for the year ended 31 March 2019.

The working party made several recommendations to the Parish Council which included a review of the reserves and the target figure for each reserve. This meant the working party recommended reducing the annual provision for the following reserves: Parish Plan Project Reserve and the noticeboard replacement .

The working party also advised the Parish Council that they needed to give consideration to the cost implications of the General Data Protection Regulations that are currently going through Parliament.

Given the strong level of support from the residents who attended the Extra-Ordinary meeting the Parish Council also considered the potential purchase of lot 4 (agricultural field) at Earnley Concourse and made provision for a loan.

All the recommendations were accepted by the Parish Council and the Parish Council resolved to set the precept at £17,927 which is an increase of 19.03% for a band D property. Although this is a significant percentage increase please note that the precept dropped by 10% last year. However, it should be noted that this equates to an increase of £0.15 per week, the annual cost being £47.78 for a band D property..

### Recycling Service Dates at Marine Drive Car Park

Open from 8.15–15.00

1st February  
1st March



15 February  
15th March

29th March



The Parish Council are very pleased to announce that the **Brilliant Gin Company** which is a small independent

Gin Production Company has kindly agreed to give a short presentation at the **Annual Meeting of Electors which is due to be held on 17th May 2018, at Bracklesham Barn, commencing at 7pm.** We look forward to welcoming you to the meeting and sampling so of this delicious local product.

To tempt you further there will also be a quiz with a bottle of **Champagne** for the winner!

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## No 144 Almodington Lane



In 1937 about 50 houses (No 94-144) were built in Almodington as part of the Sidlesham & Batchmere Land Settlement Association (LSA). The first occupants were unemployed miners and shipbuilders from the north-east of England and South Wales who moved here to begin new lives as market gardeners. The original houses were built by Stirland (Birdham) at a cost of £325 each.

With lottery funding a heritage trail has been created to commemorate the LSA as a significant national event at a local level. There has been an exhibition with our film at The Novium since November 2015 and now a house (No 144 Almodington Lane) has been dismantled, thanks to the generosity of the present owners Phil and Caroline Kemp, and is in storage at the Weald and Downland Museum awaiting re-erection once funding becomes available.

A website ([www.sidleshamheritagetrail.co.uk](http://www.sidleshamheritagetrail.co.uk)) tells the story of the LSA. The 'Timeline' section has two films at 1937 (archive footage) and 2015 (our film). Sidlesham School Admissions Register has proved a fantastic resource of names and, if children had been at school previously, their original town is identified. **If you live in former LSA house** (or know someone who does) the 'Stories' section of the website lists all the properties with the tenants and staff who worked on the LSA from 1936 until its closure in 1982 and then it's subsequent continuation as Sidlesham Growers. There are, however, gaps and with your help they could be filled?

I am in contact with the relatives of 30+ original miners/shipbuilders, including Holly (No 100 First Avenue), Cloud (No 130, now the Butterfly Farm) and Worden (No 135). Most houses on the website have information about previous tenants and staff, but there are gaps – which hopefully you can fill? If you don't

have access to the internet you can telephone me and I can share what I know about the history of your house.

For example:

No 100: Holly(38-46 Rhondda), Braisher (46-77), Roe (77-83?), Freer (?83-now)  
104: Barras (37 Durham-62), Bartkoviak (62-now)  
133: Cloud (38-96), Butterfly Farm (96-now).

No 144 (Almodington Lane) was the home of the Shirt family from 1954-88. Godfrey Shirt was an LSA manager with responsibility for Central Services, including transport. In fact it was LSA lorries which took the first historic buildings to the museum in the 1960s. Later Godfrey became a founder volunteer steward at the museum and his name is on a bench outside Bayleaf House.

The story of the LSA is told through a heritage trail leaflet, the website, an exhibition at the Novium Museum in Chichester and will now have a permanent home at the Weald and Downland Museum. If you would like a copy of the heritage trail leaflet they can be purchased (£1) from The Novium Museum in Chichester or the RSPB Visitor Centre.

Alternatively I can deliver locally – for free if you can fill in any of the gaps or have a story to tell! I look forward to hearing from you.

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### Richardson's Update.

On 13 December 2017, Chichester District Council's Planning Committee reviewed the application by Cr8 for the change of use to enable the site to be used for housing agricultural workers.

The Committee resolved to permit the application for 1 year limiting the number of residents to 300. For full information see 17/01722/FUL at <https://publicaccess.chichester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=ORFLC4ERH7D00>

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## Earnley Volunteers....

We are pleased to report that residents have kindly “adopted” the Bell Lane Bus Shelter and the shelter adjacent to First Avenue.



The bus shelter cleaning fairy is cleaning the Shelter opposite Easton Lane—please can you let me know who you are (we want to say thank you) by either calling 01243 203040 or emailing [clerk@earnleypc.org](mailto:clerk@earnleypc.org)

## Earnley Concourse is for Sale ....

Following the Extra-Ordinary meeting which was held on the 3rd January 2018, Earnley Parish Council has met with the agent for trustees and has put in an offer on lot 4, which consists of 7.2 acres of agricultural land.

The agent has put the offer to the trustees but they have decided to wait to see what is going to happen to the whole site before committing to our offer.

We will provide further information on this important matter as it becomes available.

## World War One Airfield

We have been contacted by the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust who have been researching the world war one airfield that was just south of Earnley Concourse.

Does anyone have any information on this site that they would be happy to share with the Charity? If so please contact the Clerk on 01243 203040 or [clerk@earnleypc.org](mailto:clerk@earnleypc.org) for more information

<http://www.abct.org.uk/airfields/airfield-finder/earnley/>



The Data Protection Act has been in place since 1998 and the information held on computers and smart phones etc has changed significantly since this Act came into place.

GDPR will come into force on 25th May 2018 but to make it more difficult for the Parish Council and any other organisation to prepare for, it is still going through parliament.

The one thing we can be assured of is that this is going to be an area that is going to cost the Parish Council both in time and financially.

As previously advised the Parish Council will not sell or pass on your details to any other organisation but in due course any of you that have provided the Parish Council with your contact details for the circulation of information will be contacted to give positive confirmation of your consent that the Parish Council can hold your details and for how long we can hold these details.

If you run a club or group please be aware that these regulations will affect you and the fines related to this Act are up to 4% of annual global turnover or €20 million (whichever is greater)! It also will not disappear with Brexit. So please do not ignore it.

The Parish Council is currently working with North Mundham Parish Council to provide a training event and this could be made available to groups or organisations. If you would be interested in this please contact the clerk at [clerk@earnleypc.org](mailto:clerk@earnleypc.org) to register your interest. Places will be limited and the cost will be £16 per person.