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CHANGES AT SOMPTING PARISH COUNCIL

What a summer we have had in terms of extremes: hot temperatures and torrential downpours. I hope by the time you read this, things are more settled!

There have been some significant changes. As many of you may know, I am now Chair of the Parish Council and have excellent support from Councillor Caroline Baxter as Vice Chair.

We are trying to build a robust team of experienced and dedicated councillors in an attempt to build your trust and confidence.



Councillor Glynn-Davies is Chair of Amenities and Environment Committee

Councillor Caroline Baxter is Chair of Harriet Johnson Centre Committee

Councillor Mansfield is Chair of Planning Committee

Councillor Nicklen is Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee

I would also like to express how fortunate Sompting Parish Council is to have an excellent, hard working staff team: Carol Stephenson, Sue Tubb, Simone Williams and Leighton Clay

Sompting Parish Councillors have looked at their working practice and agreed a code of conduct:

- **Respect each others views**
- **Maintain a non-political status for the Parish and Council work**
- **Respecting confidentiality**
- **Where there is disagreement: discuss and take a vote and accept the majority**
- **Not to speak over one another**
- **Not to stifle initiative**
- **All councilors to fully commit and participate towards carrying forward and actioning the agreed business plan**
- **To participate fully and communicate in community engagement**
- **To acknowledge and respond where appropriate to Clerk and councillor communications in a timely fashion**
- **A council representative represents the council as a whole, rather than acting in a personal capacity. This means that the representative must always act in accordance with council policies and procedures; the Members Code of Conduct and bear in mind the limitations of the council as a corporate body**





The Sompting Festival raised nearly £900 and this will be divided equally between the RNLI and Help for Heroes. My thanks go to all those who helped to organise the event and to our sponsors who as always, were very generous in their support.

Earlier in the year you may recall the Sompting Parish Neighbourhood Plan went out for consultation and although much of the content within the plan was well developed, the Plan was not passed by an external and independent examiner. Unfortunately, this was mainly due to the time lapse between being written and submitted to an examiner for adoption. There have been many changes which need to be reflected in the SPNP and unfortunately there are elements which will need to be rewritten. There will be dates published when we consult on the new Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Glynn-Davies and her committee are working with partner agencies to consider solutions to prevent cars parking on pavements, causing adults and children to be vulnerable as they are forced to walk in the road.

Unfortunately the Public Toilets on Sompting recreation ground although well used, are frequently vandalised and this threatens this facility. The Bus Shelter in Western Road has also been vandalised and quotes are being sought to repair/replace.

I have recently met with Sergeant Peter Allan to discuss holding regular Police Surgeries and hope this will be taken forward in September.

The Air Raid Shelter is out of operation at the moment as restoration work needs to be carried out. We are working with Lancing and Sompting Pastfinders to apply for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to help pay for the restoration work.



The Health and Wellbeing project based at the Harriet Johnson Centre, should commence later in the year and I will provide more information in the next publication of Signpost about this exciting project - so watch this space!

The Sompting Resident Survey is now available to view on our new website - hope you like the new style website and find it easier to access information you need.



Finally, as councillors we want to interact with you as much as possible and encourage you to join us at Full Council meetings – dates are posted on our website and our noticeboards. If you would like to talk to a Parish Councillor, we will always be available before the Full Council meeting or if there is a particular councillor you want to talk with, please email the Clerk of Sompting Parish Council who will arrange this for you at clerk@sompting.org.uk

In the meantime, if there is anything you would like to email me about, please email the Clerk who will pass this on to me for reply at clerk@sompting.org.uk. I would really like to hear from you.

Anne - Chair - Sompting Parish Council

Sompting Parish Council's mission: “ To help foster a Sompting community which gives people a reason to be proud and engaged with the area we all live in”



TRAFFIC SURVEY

Following feedback from the 2017 Resident Survey conducted by Sompting Parish Council, it has become apparent that for all Sompting residents the problems of traffic congestion in Sompting has a major impact on their quality of life.

As residents are aware, in accordance with The Adur Local Plan, a development of around 500 homes has been approved in West Sompting, in addition to around 600 homes and a large retail development in New Monks Farm. In response to these concerns, it has recently been agreed at Full Council for a Traffic Count to take place. This will provide Sompting village with independent evidence of the current difficulties, and can be used to support requests for mitigation and transport solutions in the future. Sompting Parish Council recently responded to a consultation by WSCC on bus services. It has been agreed that sustainable public transport solutions would be an effective way to reduce the number of cars on the roads, and Sompting Parish Council are working to improve services and to restore Sunday bus services to North Sompting. Councillor Glynn-Davies Chair of Amenities and Environment Committee welcomes any suggestions from residents.

ANTI SOCIAL PARKING

Sompting Parish Council have welcomed feedback and suggestions from members of the public concerning the problems caused by illegal and anti-social parking. These include obvious issues such as parking round Sompting Village Primary School, but also on pavement and grass verges. Inconsiderate parking of this kind often renders roads unsafe by damaging grass verges, cutting visibility, and renders pathways unsafe by making it difficult for pushchairs, wheelchair users and those less able to use them safely.



In response to these concerns, Sompting Parish Council have been co-operating with Lancing Parish Council, Sussex Police and Adur District Council to develop a new way of working. In conjunction with Operation Crackdown it is now possible for members of the public to be supported to report dangerous, illegal and anti social parking in a safe and confidential manner. Councillor Baxter has produced an outline plan which the Parish Council hope to be able to pilot in the coming months. This will involve posting preventative reminders and involving residents in monitoring their roads and reporting incidents.

Councillor Glynn-Davies, Chair of Amenities and the Environment, has met with Richard Cave, headteacher, Sompting Village Primary School to discuss school parking problems in Test Road, and meetings have also taken place with PCSO Ed Mitchell and Inspector Allan Lowe, Crime Prevention Sussex Police, Mike Thomas WSCC Highways and Geoff Patmore and Gloria Eveleigh from Lancing Parish Council

Any member of the public can use Operation Crackdown, whether to report anti-social parking or concerns with dangerous driving or safety issues. Reports can be backed up by photographic evidence but the public are urged not to put themselves at any risk in order to obtain this. Members of the public can use this link to report incidents: <https://webcontact.sussex.police.uk/AbvPrs/default.aspx>

SOMPTING YOUTH COUNCIL

Sompting Parish Council are looking into the possibility of working in partnership with others to get this off the ground.



SOMPTING SENIORS

Sompting Seniors is a friendly club for the over 60s. We meet every Wednesday morning between 10am and 12 noon at the Harriet Johnson Centre, Loose Lane, Sompting BN15 0BG for tea, coffee, biscuits, a chat and half an hour gentle exercise. This is followed by a game of bingo with a small cash prize. We also hold occasional raffles, go on a summer outing and a Christmas dinner. For further information contact the Centre Manager on 01903 208824.





HARRIET JOHNSON CENTRE

For further information phone 01903 208824 or email harrietjohnsoncentre@sompting.org.uk or see our website where you can download information and forms www.sompting.org.uk facebook. www.facebook.com/somptingparishcouncil1

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MOO MUSIC

My name is Lauren, otherwise known as Farmer Lauren! I have been running Moo Music sessions in Worthing since November 2017 and in Sompting since May this year.

I'd love to meet some more little ones when sessions re-start in September

We meet at 10:30am-11:30am at The Harriet Johnson Centre, every Tuesday in term time. Each session is 45 minutes long, with a different theme each week such as The Gruffalo, Dear Zoo and a Teddy bear's picnic. We will end with 15 minutes of play, chat and a biscuit.

Moo Music is great fun, for children and their parents/carers too. Music is an essential part of every child's development and our songs are positive, uplifting, fun and educational. Our interactive sessions will help your child gain confidence and develop memory, language and coordination skills in an exciting, enjoyable and multi-sensory way. All the songs are written by a professional songwriter and recorded by professional musicians and vocalists using real instruments. This is children's music that adults will enjoy too! Come and give us a try!

We sing! We Moove! We play! We learn! We have fun! We love it!

For more information visit our Facebook page Moo Music Worthing or contact Lauren on: 07980 376641 moomusicworthing@gmail.com www.moomusic.co.uk/worthing

LANCING & SOMPTING PASTFINDERS



Pastfinders is a small group of enthusiasts who meet on the first Tuesday of every month at the Harriet Johnson Centre to find out more about the local history of Lancing, Sompting and the nearby hamlets of Cokeham and Coombes. Anyone wanting to find out more should go to www.lancing-sompting-pastfinders.org.uk

Sustainable Sussex: Sustainable Sussex has been granted funding for the Community Farm. A local project which teaches people about better ways of living, Sustainable Sussex has been awarded £5000 by the The Rampion Fund at Sussex Community Foundation. To see details and complete a survey about this please see:-

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VZQM787>

The Sustainable Mind: This is a Sustainable Sussex Project that brings mindfulness classes to the community and to those who would not usually be able to access such sessions. They are held at the Harriet Johnson Centre from 6.30pm—8.00pm

for more details see Sompting Parish Council website www.sompting.org.uk

Age UK - West Sussex

Sompting Lunch Club

Harriet Johnson Centre, Loose Lane,
Sompting. BN15 0BG.

Thursday's 11am – 2pm

Meet: Peter, Karen, Jane, Richard, free parking on site. Minibus available £2 each way within Adur. For just £5.00 enjoy a home cooked meal and refreshments throughout the day with good company. Activities include quizzes, board games, carpet bowls, Bingo. Daily admission for members is £1.

Please contact Peter Hornsby for further information mobile 07904976736 email

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