

# Park Vision 2020

## Hotham Park, Bognor Regis

### Spring Bank Holiday

Around the world huge institutions – governments, the United Nations – are trying to combat the effects of climate change by planting trees. This is undoubtedly a good thing, but it risks creating the impression that only huge institutions can have any significant impact, or that because “they” are doing it ordinary individuals can’t make any difference or needn’t try.

In fact parish, district and county councils (together with many voluntary groups) are already preparing or enacting plans for new woodlands in their own areas. Most of these projects are in small corners of villages, but taken together they have the potential to bring about the largest re-forestation of Britain since the industrial revolution.

The problem is that a lot of concerned people don’t know about these plans or how they can be involved in them.

Park Vision 2020 is intended to be a forum to give all the organisations in West Sussex who are working to re-green different parts of the county the chance, for one weekend, to set up a stall in Hotham Park and showcase what they are doing. They will be able to share ideas with each other, and invite the wider public to roll up their sleeves and join in!

Taking place over the Spring Bank Holiday this year (23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> May) the event will include demonstrations by professional arboriculturists showing how to germinate seeds and nurture saplings. These will include question and answer sessions so that anyone from 10 years upwards will be able to go home confident that they can grow their own tree and, in two or three years’ time, plant it out somewhere close by where it will thrive.

With this combination of individual enthusiasm, collective action and professional guidance, people will be able to visit their tree for years or decades to come!

## Chairman's Report February 2020

I have met with the Clerk and Deputy Clerk during the month when possible and besides the usual Council Committee meetings I have attended the following on behalf of the Council.

- 18<sup>th</sup> January 3251 Squadron Air Cadets display of drill and band to start fund raising for replacement mini-bus.
- 24<sup>th</sup> January Aldwick Parish Council Chairman's Reception and award's evening.

**Clerk/RFO's Report of 11.02.20**

Creation of the next Buzz

VAT Return Q3

Business Talktalk contract review

Clerk meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> February - Sussex Community Transport attended.

Reports for meetings of 15.01.20 - Infrastructure, Forward Plan and Personnel.

Site meeting for Fencing

Reserve/funding review - funding application and evidence for:

- The Big Lottery - Reaching Communities
- AiRS - Inspire Leisure Grant
- Sports England

Playscheme arrangements for next year

Arun DC Offices CIL Meeting 07.02.20 (Clerk/Deputy)

WSCC Partnership Communities Team Meeting 11.02.20 (Clerk/Cllr Outen)

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Clerk Topics discussed

Partners/Business Plan

Advanced Excel - V-Look-up and Formulas

HSBC Banking - local authorisation - financial report

Model operators - 55A/C/D/L/C

Action required

Bersted/Wintonough Green (Landing and Westhampnett) - 55A/C/D/L/C

Bersted and Wintonough - assist with Excel query

Bersted and Landing - assist with HSBC query

Date of next Clerk meeting 2nd March 12.30

Clerks meeting 7<sup>th</sup> April 12.30 returning AIRS Report/Partnership Framework Review

**Clerks network meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> February and Sussex Community Transport (SCT) Matt Roberts**

**Attendees**

Angmering Katie & Tracy, Arundel-Carolyn, Bersted -Debbie & Sue, Findon-Fiona, Lancing -Helen, Singleton & Charlton Viv, Sompting-Carol, West Wittering-Sue, Wisborough Green -Louise, Westhampnett -Linda.

**Apologies**

Aldingbourne -Lindy, Boxgrove -Imogen, Petworth -Laura, Rustington -Carole & Rosie.

**Sussex CT Information**

Overview as circulated given by Matt Roberts.

Various questions asked by Clerks in attendance:

Q1. Would they meet with and establish how they can assist the existing providers, before presenting to each Parish Council?

A. Yes, they are currently doing this.

Q2. Is the £500 suggested contribution for a service level agreement (SLA) negotiable?

A. Yes, it is only a suggestion -they would like to work with each parish council to establish a way forward.

Q3. Councils used to assist with a grant donation -is this still acceptable?

A. Yes.

Q4. What is expected from PC's now and what benefit would PC's see for their residents if they contributed?

A. SCT would like an expression of interest, then they would work with each PC to establish the needs, a grant is acceptable initially until they have proved their value and it is hoped then to bring in a service level agreement (SLA) amount to be agreed with each parish.

**Clerk Topics discussed**

Parish/Business Plans

Advanced Excel -V Look ups and formulas

HSBC Banking -dual authorisation - Financial regs

Model agenda's -SSALC/SLCC

**Action required**

Bersted/Wisborough Green/Lancing and Westhampnett circulate -Business/Parish plan

Bersted and Westhampnett assist with Excel query

Bersted and Lancing assist with HSBC query

Date of next Clerks meeting 3rd March 12.30

Clerks meeting 7<sup>th</sup> April 12.30 Featuring AiRS Representative Francis Burrows

## **Deputy Clerks report – Council Meeting 11 Feb 2020**

Tea & Coffee Club – 21 January

Covering for the Clerk at the Finance Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January

Letters issued to the successful grant applicants

Clerks Meeting – 3 February

Health & Safety Meeting on 5 February with Cllr Thompson

Invitations issued for the Chairman's Reception on 27 March

Collecting letters of support for a new extension/carpark from regular and casual hall users to help with any grant funding

### **Meeting at Arun DC Chambers on 7 February – Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) & Planning Policy Update**

The Clerk and I attended this meeting.

**Planning Policy** - Kevin Owen gave an update on supplementary documents to the Local Plan that have been recently adopted – Open space, playing pitches and indoor built sport facilities and Arun Parking Standards for residential and commercial with provision for electrical vehicle charging points.

The new design guide is currently being consulted on and a report will go to the Arun's Planning Policy supplementary committee on 28 April, further report on 30 June with adoption at Full Council 15 July.

Supplementary documents for Gypsy & Traveller, Non-Strategic sites and a review of the Local Plan are also taking place during spring/summer.

### **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Nicki Faulkner (ADC)**

CIL comes into effect from 1 April 2020. CIL will affect any application lodged before 1 April but has its decisions made after this date. Arun DC can be contacted if you think an application falls in this period for clarification.

The charging schedule sets out the zones and can be found on their website

[www.arun.gov.uk/cil](http://www.arun.gov.uk/cil)

**ALL** strategic sites identified in the Local Plan are Zone 1 and attract a nil CIL rate as these will be subject to S106 money. Arun are setting up or have set up Advisory Groups that involve ADC, WSCC, developers and Parish Councils for these sites and this is where parishes can ask for money to be used in their parish.

There is an interactive colour coded map where you can see what zone a development falls in with regards to CIL money.

CIL is charged on developments over 100sqm.

CIL will be charged for any new dwelling not part of a development and for extension over 100sqm. There are some exemptions and an applicant can apply for this, these apply mainly for self-build, social housing and charitable housing. But if any of these are sold at the market value ADC can claw back some money.

**CIL INCOME for town/parishes** – this is a proportion of the CIL charged by Arun DC.

Parishes with a made Neighbourhood Plan get 25% uncapped

Parishes with no Neighbourhood plan get 15% capped at £100 per dwelling.

### **CIL Collection Process**

ADC issue sends a liability notice to the developer to explain how much CIL is due after a decision notice has been issued. (town and parishes do not get notified)

CIL receipts are collected on commencement of the development. There is a time lag due to when planning permissions are granted and commencement starts which can be up to 3 years after approval.

Parishes will be given guidance at a further meeting as to what they can use CIL money for. Parishes will be expected to complete an annual report and monitoring form, sent to ADC to show what they spent the money on and there are time constraints as to when they need to be.

**Future Arrangements**

Arun DC need to formalise arrangements for passing CIL income to town and parishes and provide information packs.

Arun DC to arrange a follow up meeting for town and parishes in the spring.

ADC Presentation slides will be available in sharepoint under Council and Planning.

## **The Mystery Warrior - The North Bersted Man** **Exhibition**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 two days before the Bersted Warrior exhibition opened at the museum Jonathan, myself and Gill were invited to a launch event at the Novium Museum in Chichester which was extremely impressive.

Various speakers were at the launch including Roy Briscoe cabinet member for Community Services at Chichester District Council and James Kenny WSCC archaeologist. Also in attendance were several of the academics who will be giving a series of public lectures on the warrior, and also archaeologists from Thames Valley Archaeological Services who originally discovered the Warrior.

There was also a speaker from the National Lottery Heritage Fund who explained how the museum had had to show that the planned exhibition would reach widest possible audience in order to be awarded a £50,000 grant. I feel this is one of the areas where the Novium has excelled with its programme of community days, its lecture series and its family days, all of which are free to attend. Dates of particular importance for Bersted will be the community day on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at Bersted Park, where an information panel will be unveiled, the community day on 16<sup>th</sup> May also at Bersted Park and the community day on 8<sup>th</sup> August to be held here. There is also an evening lecture on the Warrior at Bersted Park Community Centre on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April by Professor Andrew Fitzpatrick, on why the mystery Warrior may have fought against Julius Caesar in France, before having to escape to Britain.

The exhibition itself not only showcases the Warrior as a probable real life Asterix resistance fighter, but also explains the wider political context in terms of the Roman invasion of Britain. In addition, however, it also shows how advances in archaeology are allowing us ever more astonishing insights into the past. The amount we know about the Warrior is amazing considering he died 50 years BC.

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