

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 2021/22

I am happy to report that as a Parish Council we were able to return to Face to Face meeting at The Ark from June 2021 and we have seen a steady increase in bookings in 2022 as people have more confidence to meet and celebrate.

S106 from Clock Field was used for the upgrade to the play area which was completed in January 2022 and the half-pipe was installed in April 2022. Both look very smart and during the holidays we have seen lots of children enjoying both facilities.

The upgrade to the outside changing rooms have been finished with the football clubs enjoying the new facilities. The rest of the requested upgrades to The Ark and the rear car park are at the final stages for approval and work is expected to start this year.

We were delighted to present the Civic Award to Mrs Chris Jarvis who has been a School Governor for 29 years and on the Parochial Church Committee for more than ten years.

Additional grass cutting continues to be undertaken on the verge on North Street which is used as a 'footpath' and also the verge on East Street. In addition, the hedge on East Street is being cut annually to keep the footpath clear. This work is funded by the Parish in addition to any grass cutting carried out by WSCC.

The Council remains pro-active in its dealings with both Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council attending numerous meetings and conferences and commenting on consultation documents from them and from Government. When doing so, our main priority is always to put forward the needs of Turners Hill.

Our successful Cluster Meetings continue to be held on a regular basis. These meetings allow us to share information and discuss current issues with our neighbouring Councils of East Grinstead, Worth, West Hoathly, Ardingly, Ashurst Wood and Balcombe.

We continue to deal with all the normal issues such as:

- Planning applications – of which there have been several of importance to residents
- Donations to St. Leonard's Church for the upkeep of the Church Yard; the Parish News, until it ceased publication in June/July 2021 and the new Two Villages magazine, which allows us to share information with residents, as well as grants for village organisations.
- Management, maintenance and letting of The Ark, we are pleased to report that bookings are nearly back to pre-Covid levels.
- Managing the letting of the court and football pitch on behalf of Mid Sussex District Council

We would like to take this opportunity to thank:

- Our Clerk and RFO who provide an excellent service to the Council and residents.

- Mrs Karen Bolt for her time as Steward and we would like to thank our current Stewards Mr Michael Keeler and Mr Bob Harper for keeping The Ark sterilised and clean for those that have been able to use The Ark, i.e. Osteopath, Foot Clinic and Post Office, as well as the clubs that were able to return and also the hirers of the venue who were able to return during 2021.
- Mrs Ann Bolt for all her hard work on the Neighbourhood Plan and Village Enhancement Scheme and for supporting the Clerk and RFO.
- Dr Ian Gibson for his support as our District Councillor.
- Worth Horticultural Society for judging the Best Kept Allotment competition.
- Mr Jonathan Pratt for co-ordinating Speed Watch and for dealing with the Speed Safety signs and Speed Indicator Device around the Village.
- Mrs Jennie Forbes for organising and collating the Museum documents and displays.
- Mr Cox for supplying skips on various occasions during the year.
- The Paddockhurst Estate for supplying the Village Christmas tree annually.
- The Fire Service and local companies who sponsored, erected and decorated the Christmas Tree.
- Turners Hill Parish News until its last edition in June/July 2021. We would now like to thank the Two Villages magazine for allowing us to use the magazine to keep you informed throughout the year.
- Mr Jarvis for his assistance in moving grit around the village in order to maintain a full supply for residents during bad weather.

Bruce Forbes, Chairman