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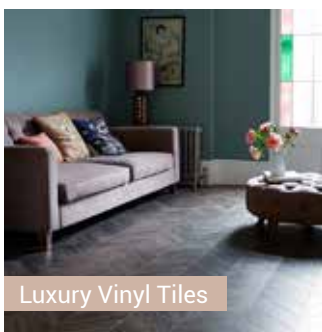
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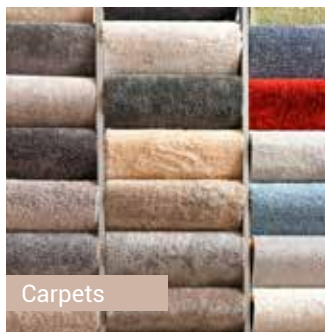
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If you want to get ahead... get a hat, is the old saying.

As over the years my once luxurious hair has thinned, wearing a hat has become a necessity. Yet, culturally and religiously hats carry more meaning and significance than being merely being a practical covering. We are more aware these days of the need to protect ourselves from potential harmful effects of too much sunlight, hence the ubiquitous baseball cap.

Within living memory for a lady to NOT wear a hat in church was unthinkable, as it was for a man to not remove his hat before entering a church. In Judaism a man ALWAYS wears a head covering - typically a skullcap.

I'm frequently asked about my priestly headgear.

CANTERBURY CAP



Both the *Canterbury cap* and the *biretta* which I sometimes wear have academic significance reminding us that clergy are *clerks* in holy orders. In addition the biretta in particular echoes the black hat of the judiciary, so may be worn when absolving sins, in particular with due solemnity at a funeral.

I tend to wear a *beret* for more practical reasons during rain and on colder days, while the summer months the wide brimmed *saturno* offers shade, a purely practical summer counterpart to the beret, without ceremonial meaning.



Call me old fashioned, but despite my abhorrence of sexism and firm belief in equality I do enjoy the fact that the hat gives one an opportunity to doff it in the presence of a lady quixotic chivalry. Ultimately it reminds me that I need a hat in the obvious absence of a halo!

Nick

Signed

Nick Flinn

Rector

**Check Website and Church Facebook for news and updates. Email Nick if you would like to receive the weekly update.
rusperchurch.org.uk**



Nick is here to minister to all who have need in our parish. He is keen to be told if someone has moved in and to have an opportunity to visit newcomers. Holy Communion can be arranged for the housebound or those who are sick. Nick tries to take Friday as a rest day each week, so he kindly suggests that you only contact him on a Friday in matters of urgency

PARISH REGISTERS

Funeral

August 6th

Charles Arthur 'Chas' Forrest

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ALL WELCOME!

RUSPER CHRONICLE

After our August break, our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th of September when we shall continue thinking about Rusper from 1930s onwards, a time when farming started to decline and leisure activities increased. Our meetings are very informal so do feel free to come along.

Margaret White

SAVE WEST OF IFIELD CAMPAIGN

News updates:

1. Horsham Council (HDC) have submitted their draft Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate and also published all responses to the Reg 19 public consultation earlier this year. The good news is that **370 of the responses were objections to the West of Ifield proposals – that's almost a quarter of all responses** – great work everyone, particularly given how difficult the consultation process was! HDC's summary report of the responses is the easiest way to get a feel for the responses about West of Ifield (policy HA2): [Regulation 19 Summary of Representations Appendix](#). We're now seeking legal advice on a list of issues ahead of the Inspector's examination hearings at the end of this year.
2. Various Horsham councillors tell us that West of Ifield is a good development because "Homes England are part of government and have deep pockets". But that doesn't fit with the new government's cancelling of various infrastructure projects due to a £22 billion black-hole in the public finances. And given the extraordinary amount of infrastructure needed for West of Ifield – schools, roads, new golf course, flood mitigation – let alone the new sewage plant that Thames Water obviously are not in a position to fund – **it's impossible to see where the West of Ifield's funding might come from, or that it could be viable for developers without a lot of corners being cut.**
3. You may be interested in the issues that Homes England must cover in detail in their **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)** as part of any planning application. For example the ancient woodland and Bechstein's bat colonies on and around the site, water supply, air quality, Gatwick noise, and heritage assets. And then of course they must mitigate the

negative impacts - more expense. SWOI submissions are on our website, and submissions from official agencies have recently been published by HDC
here: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/environmental-impact-assessment-public-register>.

Dates for your diary:

25th August from 12pm come and see us at **lfest** on Ifield Green playing fields.

4th September 8pm – **TBC – Quiz** at the Plough Rusper, back after a summer break. See Rusper Village Facebook page or email me for confirmation.

7th September from 10am – come and see us at the **CPRE Countryside Day** at the Knepp Estate.

15th September 2 – 4pm – Guided walk -

17th September 2pm – **Crawley Museum talk** by SWOI on the development and its impacts.

As always, to keep up to date, please read our newsletters and website: <https://www.savewestofifield.co.uk/>

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RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of Rusper Parish Council meetings – July 2024

*These Minutes are **draft and subject to change** until they have been confirmed at our next meeting.*

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www.rusper-pc.org.uk.*

Planning Committee – 16th July 2024 **Present:** Cllrs G. Sallows (Chairman), M. Cooke, F. Maitland-Smith, R. Gatt. G. Hussey,

Declaration of Interests – None.

Climate Crisis - The Council **acknowledged** that there is currently a climate crisis, and to ensure that all decisions made within meeting have consideration to this.

Minutes of previous meeting – it was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes.

Active Planning Applications

DC/24/0874 - The Lamb Inn Lambs Green Rusper West Sussex RH12 4RG – objection.

DC/24/0962 - The Owl Barn The Mount Ifield West Sussex RH11 0LF – no comment.

DC/24/0963 - Oaklees Ashmore Lane Rusper West Sussex RH12 4PS – referred to arboricultural officer.

DISC/24/0172 - 11 Steeres Hill Rusper West Sussex RH12 4PT – referred to planning officers.

Enforcement - Prestwood Lane – enforcement officer visited the area.

Correspondence - An email was received regarding the decommissioning of streetlights in Rusper Road. Cllr Sallows to respond.

Parish Council meeting - 25th June 2024

Present: M Cooke (Chair), Cllrs G Hussey (Vice Chair), G Sallows, F Maitland-Smith, R Gatt, S White, Cllr M Fenton.

Declaration of Interests – none.

Climate Crisis - The Council **acknowledged** that there is currently a climate crisis, and to ensure that all decisions made within meeting have consideration to this.

Minutes of previous meeting - it was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes.

Open Forum - SWOI representative - Reg 19 consultation papers being sent by HDC to the planning inspectorate. Noted there were 1600 responses to the

Local Plan of those 370 were objections to the West of Ifield development in the Parish. 3 responses supported the development and 2 were neutral. PSCO Chrissie Symonds reported that there was one report at Ghyll Manor of trespassing. Residents are encouraged to report any crime to the Police by dialling 101 for a non-emergency and 999 if it is an emergency. One member of the public reminded the Council that there is a Planning Consultation Open Day on 3rd August 2024 from 11am to 3pm at Barnwood, Faygate Lane.

Rusper Sports Ground

It was **agreed** that a formal sub lease will be drafted and raised at the next meeting.

It was **reported** that the Section 106 and the Courage Dyers Tennis Court refurbishment has now been completed and signed off. Thanks were extended to Cllr George Sallows for his management of the project. **Rusper Stores**

Break-ins

The issue of the Village Stores was discussed. It was **agreed** that this item is to be raised within the Planning Committee meetings.

GATWICK – reports can be found on the Parish Council website.

New Village Sign

It was noted that WSCC have agreed to the new village sign being placed by the staff entrance at Bohunt school. Council to obtain quotes.

Streetlights Cooks Mead

Project to replace the lights with new LED will now go ahead following a pause while the S106 Tennis Court project was in progress.

Salt Bins

Levels of salt have been reported to WSCC by the Clerk. A replacement bin for The Mount was agreed and ordered.

Reports from Representatives

The Parish Council send their condolences to the family of Chas Forrest who was a Parish Councillor for over 20 years. Noted that two Village Agents have been employed to facilitate things within the village for the elderly residents.

Councillor Training

It was agreed that Councillors will attend training of the possible changes to planning law. **Finances - It was RESOLVED** to approve the finances.

The next Planning Committee Meeting on 20th August is cancelled a combined meeting of the Parish Council and Planning Committee will be held on 27th August 2024 at 7pm at Rusper Village Hall – ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

HOPE KEITH VILLAGE TRUST

The search for a new Rusper village agent continues – but the search is nearly over!

In the meantime, the monthly coffee morning previously organised by Age UK will continue and we hope to see you on Tuesday 10 September at 11am at The Star Inn for a cuppa and a chat.

CHURCH CLEANING

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September 13 th	Sue Matthewson	871 266
September 20 th	Fiona Lear	871509
September 27 th	Mary Dawe	01306 627 663

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