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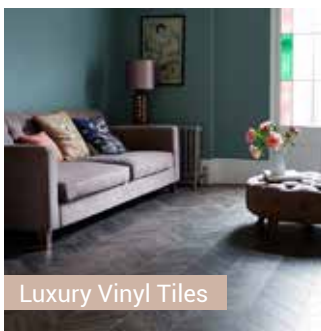
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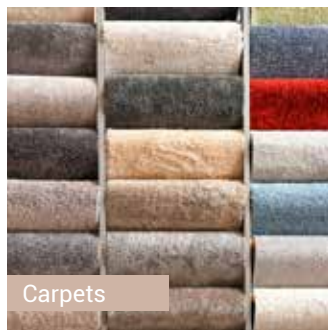
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Churchwarden	Mr Stephen Busby	01293 871219
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*Nick is here to minister to all who have need in our parish. He is keen to be told if someone has moved in and to have an opportunity to visit newcomers. 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.*

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### Services in September

#### **Holy Communion at 8 am [said] 11 am sung with hymns**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	11 am	Holy Communion
7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion
10 <sup>th</sup>	11 am	Holy Communion
17 <sup>th</sup>	11 am	Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup>	11 am	Holy Communion



## Lord of Earth, Seas and Skies

Living under the Gatwick flight path I often reflect on mankind's relationship with the skies. At the age of six my Grandad was taken up onto the cliffs near the Kent coast village where his father was the local shoemaker. There they joined a small crowd come to witness the great wonder which was Bleriot's monoplane in which the French pilot had flown across the Channel. In such a short time the aviation industry has brought freedom and prosperity to many, but sadly also it has led to pollution as well as playing its part in warfare. For this reason, many of us share serious caution about the expansion of our local airport and confess how during the first Covid lockdown how blessed we felt to hear birdsong and see clear skies.

Romance and imagination have always been fed by the freedom of the skies. When mechanical flight was in its infancy the aviator poet Antoine de Saint-Exupery wrote 'Behind all seen things lies something vaster; everything is but a path, a portal or a window opening on something other than itself.'

There are a number of words for which the Hebrew has no singular form. It knows nothing of *the* sky only of the skies in plural. Perhaps this suggests the complexity and mysterious relationship we have with that realm of life, so poetically linked with Heaven in the language of faith.

*Nick*





## **MUSICAL NOTES**

A date for your diaries:

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm**

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### **Rusper Church Choir**

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Enjoy music by listening and singing and being involved in your local church at the heart of our village.

*Steve Busby*

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## **CASH BAR AND RAFFLE**

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## **HOPE KEITH TRUST**

Sadly, we no longer have an Age UK village agent but the search for a new Rusper village agent continues.

You will be pleased to know that the coffee morning previously organised by Age UK will continue for the time being, and we hope to see you on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September at 11am at The Star for a cuppa and a chat.

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## **RUSPER CHRONICLE**

### **Rusper Postcards**

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the small hall of Rusper Village Hall when, among other things, we shall be looking at postcards of Rusper, sales catalogues and other ephemera. Over 170 postcards of Rusper were produced between 1903 and 1935 by a dozen different firms, giving us a glimpse of Rusper life. We have bills of sale and sale catalogues from early Victorian times too – all available for browsing at the meeting.

Do come and join us – everyone welcome. Our meetings are friendly and informal.

*Margaret White*

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### RUSPER CHAT 2023



Fri 29<sup>th</sup> September      2.30pm      Louise Sweet Briar      871600

Please contact the host if a lift would be helpful. All very welcome!

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*Kay Drummond*

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## RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL

- Rusper Parish Council holds its **full meeting** on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at Rusper Village Hall.
- **Planning** sub-committee meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at Rusper Village Hall
- Agendas for all meetings are posted on Parish noticeboards and the web site prior to meetings
- Public and press are welcome to attend both of the above meetings – please contact the Parish Clerk for details of how to join the meeting online.
- All correspondence for the Parish Council and requests for copies of the minutes of meetings should be sent by email to [clerk@rusper-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@rusper-pc.org.uk) or by post to: The Parish Clerk, c/o Rusper Post Office, East Street, Rusper RH12 4PX.
- Full details of Parish Council meetings, proceedings and activities are available on the web site at [www.rusper-pc.org.uk](http://www.rusper-pc.org.uk) and the Rusper Parish Council Facebook page.

### Summary of Rusper Parish Council meeting & Planning Committee meeting – July 2023

*The full Minutes of these and all other meetings are available to view on the Rusper Parish Council web site [rusper-pc.org.uk/meetings](http://rusper-pc.org.uk/meetings). These Minutes are **draft and subject to change** until they have been confirmed at our next meeting.*

*To get regular updates from us, including local roadwork notifications, please visit our website and subscribe: [www.rusper-pc.org.uk](http://www.rusper-pc.org.uk).*

**The Planning Meeting took place on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at Rusper Village Hall.**

**Agreed responses to the following planning applications**

**Apologies** None

**Declaration of Interests** No declarations were made.

**Climate Emergency** To acknowledge that there is currently a climate emergency, and to ensure that all decisions made within meeting have consideration to this.

**Minutes of previous meeting** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the previous Council meeting.

**Open Forum** 2 members of the public were present.

**Report from other Authorities**

District Councillor Tony Hogben – HDC budget has not been approved so there are no massive changes as yet. 34 acres near Steyning have been purchased to create a wildlife corridor. HDC are supporting the rehousing of Ukrainian refugees. Local water mitigation strategy is due to be finalised. Kilnwood Vale phase three has gone forward for planning. Café at Holmbush Farm licence application had 457 comments, most are positive. Moto GP café Langhurstwood Industrial Estate also applied for a late-night licence. Questions regarding the water neutrality issue mentioned in relation to a full planning application granted back in 2021 when no water supply statement was needed, but now HDC require a water neutrality statement even if planning permission had been granted.

County Councillor Katie Nagel – reported that a new fire station has been opened on 10<sup>th</sup> July called 'Platinum House' and this is a central training station. Air traffic, Gatwick group are calling for members to join. Drainage and rural roads – where damage has been caused by heavy traffic these areas are being repaired by WSCC. Noted that any roads in Rusper need to be flagged now to the County Councillor.

District Councillor Liz Kitchen – there will be a briefing for councillors at the end of the month on the Local Plan. Water Neutrality is still being discussed and boreholes are still being considered. There is a HALC meeting tomorrow where the Local Plan is on the Agenda.

### **Active Planning Applications**

#### **DC/23/1245 Two Acres Langhurst Wood Road, Horsham RH12 4QD**

Demolition of existing greenhouses and siting of a mobile home (Lawful Development Certificate – Proposed) – no objection.

**DC/23/1264 The Mount Farm, The Mount, Ifield RH11 0LF** Application to confirm the continuous use of the site for equestrian use and livery yard purposes for a period in excess of ten years (Lawful Development Certificate – Existing) – no objection.

**DC/23/1290 Chowles Farm, Lambs Green, Rusper RH12 4RG** Prior Notification for the demolition of 2No. existing agricultural barns – no objection.

**DC/23/1285 Chowles Farm, Lambs Green, Rusper RH12 4RG** Prior Notification for the erection of a new agricultural storage barn and field gate access – objection.

**DC/23/1296 Chowles Farm, Lambs Green, Rusper RH12 4RG** Prior approval for demolition of existing Class B1(c) workshop building and construction of 8 x 1 bed new dwelling houses – objection.

**DC/23/1275 Bella Vista, Ashmore Lane, Rusper RH12 4PS** Erection of a single storey rear extension – no objection.

**DC/23/1191 Former Longfield House, East Street, Rusper RH12 4RB**

Variation of condition 2 of previously approved application DC/23/0069 (Variation of condition A to previously approved application DC/14/0413 (Erection of two detached dwellings and garages (to the rear of the site) and revisions to approved dwelling (permitted under DC/12/0353 dated 16/04/2012) together with a new access road)) to allow for amendments include changes to the internal layout of the dwellings, resulting in Plot 2 becoming a 5-bed (previously 4-bed) property, with associated fenestration changes and the increase in size of the permitted garage serving both Plots 2 and 3 to include first floor home office space.) Variation sought to finished floor levels for Plot 2 and Plot 3 – objection.

**DC/23/1080 9 Stud Farm, Capel Road, Rusper RH12 4PZ** Change of use of land to the front and rear of Plot 9 to create residential curtilage and amenity including a parking area with two parking bays and an enclosed rear garden with patio – objection.

**DC/23/1351 21 Steeres Hill, Rusper RH12 4PT** Fell 2x Oak and Surgery to 1x Oak – no objection.

**Agree responses to planning applications received since publication of the agenda.**

**DC/23/1422 Ifield Park Kennels, Bonnetts Lane, Ifield RH11 0NY** Conversion of existing buildings to create 7No. dwellings with associated demolition works, car parking, and landscaping – carried to the next meeting.

### **Operation Watershed**

First stage of ditches completed at The Mount, second stage has not been done, funding for it has been in place for 2 years ago now. Flooding on The Mount is unmanageable and needs some intervention. It was **agreed** that the Clerk will write a letter to WSCC on behalf of the Parish Council.

### **Parking outside Rusper Stores**

Update from the Chair following a complaint by a member of the public of an access road between Normans Cottages and Rusper Stores. Photographic evidence given by the member of the public. Noted there are no signs and that the cones provided by Rusper Stores are no longer working. Suggested that the Parish Council will contact WSCC Highways to enquire if an H line marking should be painted on that portion of the road to show the access point. **Action**

Clerk to issue a letter to WSCC Highways. Clerk to email resident with the actions.

### **Removal of hedge West of Ifield**

The Council have been approached by a member of the public about the removal of a hedge. It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would report the removal of the hedge to the Countryside warden as it is believed to have been an ancient hedgerow.

### **Reports from Representatives**

Cllr M Fillmore – website needs updating so that subscribers are informed about new posts. This is to be an Agenda item. Gatwick meetings have been attended and a report will follow to be published to Councillors and the Parish Council website. Courage Dyer Trust have increased funding for the Pavilion which the Parish Council are thankful for.

Cllr V Hanstad-Pilcher – Police meeting – following a police review, there are 2 new Sergeants, 2 regular Constables and 6 PCSOs. Noted that Steve is still our PCSO – there is a bigger Police staffing in the area which has already been noticed.

Cllr G Hussey – wood required for the shed in the playground has been purchased.

Cllr M Cooke – there will be a new Village Agent for Age UK as the agent has now left. Parish Council will send an email to her to thank her for her good work.

Cllr F Maitland-Smith – attending HLC on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023. HALC members should have the opportunity to vote on the Local Plan when it is published. Parish Council do not have to hold Annual Meetings – noted RPC supports this motion.

Cllr S White – The contractor has started the works on the Pavilion and it should take 3 weeks in total.

Cllr G Sallows – grass cutting schedule to be passed for the committee to review.

### **Clerk's Report**

The report was read out to the group by the Clerk.

### **Rusper Stores Recycling Bin**

An area for the new recycling bin has been identified as suitable. It was **proposed** to order the bin at a cost of £499.

## **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

Update by Cllr Maitland-Smith. Next meeting is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 at The Plough. The NPSG are designing a questionnaire for residents, and starting to look at Policies that will need to be reviewed after Local Plan is released.

## **Transport Survey**

A site visit was completed and a redraft of the report will be in 2 weeks.

## **Broadband Issues**

Reported that Broadband issues around the junction with Rusper Road and surrounding area. There are works at the top of Langhurst Hill due to damage from squirrels chewing through the wires.

## **Financial**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the financial report, this was signed by the Chair.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Unity bank authority form to include 2 new signatories.

## **Schedule of Payments and Grant Application**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments, this was signed by the Chair.

It was **RESOLVED** to decline the grant application based upon the lack of information. Council have asked CAGNE for further information – carried.

## **Future of Council and Planning Meeting**

It was **proposed** that meetings should last 2 hours. The Council took a vote and there were 2 votes for 2 meetings and 5 votes for one meeting starting at 6.30pm. Carried – the next meeting in August will be combined commencing at 6.30pm.

Next combined Parish Council and Planning Meeting will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at a new start time of 6.30pm.

*Clerk to Rusper Parish Council  
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## SAVE WEST OF IFIELD CAMPAIGN

Just a reminder that the SWOI campaign is holding a **public meeting / AGM on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September** at St Mary Magdalene, Rusper. Doors open and refreshments served from 6.30pm followed by a very short AGM at 7pm, and then the public meeting where we will hear from guest speakers and have the opportunity to discuss the issues. The new leadership at Horsham Council is determined to publish a Local Plan in the next few months, and we have every reason to believe that West of Ifield will still be part of that Plan. **Please come to the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> so that you're up to speed on points to make Horsham Council objection to The West of Ifield proposals.**

Also a reminder about **SWOI's Plough to Plough Challenge** – a circular walk between the Ploughs in Rusper and Ifield through the proposed 3,000 house site and back again: 16<sup>th</sup> September start at The Plough, Ifield at 11am.

And SWOI will have a stall at **CPRE's Countryside Day Out at Knepp Estate** – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 10am-4pm. More details here:

<https://www.cpresussex.org.uk/news/sept-2-cpre-sussex-is-hosting-a-countryside-day-out-at-knepp-estate/>

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*Fenella Maitland-Smith*

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- Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November

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*Judy Butler 871845*  
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*Sue Matthewson 871266*

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