



JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

It's officially summer. So, let's hope the good weather lasts.

Wood Field Playground

It's with great joy that we are able to announce that the new slide and toddler swings have been installed and inspected and are now being enjoyed by those young enough to play on them. This project was unfortunately delayed by about three months because of the waterlogged Wood Field at the beginning of the year.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The Parish Council will be soon be launching a public consultation into how this money is best spent within the village. At this stage, Councillors are asking for ideas about projects that could be funded in the majority by the community infrastructure levy (CIL).

These projects could be anywhere in the village and for the benefit of all in the village. Once we have received suggestions and tested the feasibility of them, we will be having a holding consultation on which schemes are the most popular with residents.

For further information please have a look at the website or contact the Parish Council.

Rother District Council Draft Local Plan 2020-2040

This is a draft of the RDC Planning Department's document which once adopted in a couple of years' time will be in force until 2040.

It is a large document and the Parish Council is hoping to be able to respond to those parts of it which are relevant to Fairlight. The next meeting to discuss this matter will be on Tuesday 11th June at 6 pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend and give their views.

Audit of Final Accounts

Every year the Parish Council's final accounts are audited by both internal and external auditors. For the year 2022/23 one resident raised objections to the External Auditor about the final accounts for that year. The External Auditor has investigated these objections and issued their final report to the Parish Council. The Parish Council has incurred additional fees for the External Auditor to carry out their investigations. Both the External Auditors report and the Parish Council's conclusion to the accounts are available on the Parish Council website.

The Parish Council will as always take seriously the recommendations in the auditor's report and has already made some minor changes to their procedures.

For the financial year 2023/24 we have now received the internal audit report and this is also published on the Parish Council website along with other year end documents.

The accounts will be available for anyone who wishes to inspect all or part of them please see the website for details.

D-Day 80th Anniversary

This day was commemorated within Fairlight in a collaboration between the local British Legion Branch, the FRA, and the Parish Council. Events started at 9 am with the raising of the flag at St Andrews followed by a short service.

Lunch in the Village Hall was enjoyed by over 50 people who had a traditional fish and chip meal with bread and butter, pickled eggs, onions and wallies. This was followed by jam roly-poly pudding and custard. Well done to Carol and her elves for their hard work to make this happen. Many thanks to those who attended and made it a memorable event. Also, to those who donated so generously towards the costs.

At the end of the day at 9.15 pm the beacon was lit to signify “the light of peace”. Around 45 people enjoyed the sun set followed by spotting the other beacons visible from the Mountain. A huge thank you goes to the Hastings Bonfire members who organised the lighting of the beacon and to Ollie Hunter for clearing the ground at the Mountain.

Thank you

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