

Fishbourne Village Voice

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DEVELOPERS MOVE IN ON FISHBOURNE

A firm of developers who claim in their website to help their clients "keep ahead of the game" are targeting Bethwines Farm as a suitable location for substantial new building in Fishbourne.

The initial bids are for 25/75 houses but one developer has said in his published objection to the District's draft Local Plan that the whole farm should be used for new houses. **Many readers will remember 2008, when the village successfully fought off an attempt to build 200 houses on the site.**



Until our Neighbourhood Plan and Chichester District's Local Plan are approved, the key document for building applications is the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). It says clearly that "The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development." The site is not included in the draft Fishbourne Neighbourhood Plan 2014-2029 because it is not considered sustainable.

At its January meeting, Fishbourne Parish Council unanimously objected to any housing development on Bethwines Farm, arguing that this would not be "sustainable development" on the following grounds:

1. The location of the site is outside the Settlement Policy Area.
2. Development of high quality agricultural land when poorer quality land is available elsewhere runs counter to the NPPF.
3. Para 80 of the NPPF clearly states that planning should prevent neighbouring towns and villages "from merging into one another".
4. It would have an adverse impact of the development on Chichester Harbour's designation as a European Habitats Directive Site for overwintering birds.
5. It would intensify the traffic problems on the A259 and the Fishbourne roundabout.
6. It would increase the rat-run dangers associated with traffic on Salthill Road and Clay Lane, particularly during the morning and afternoon school runs.
7. Flooding is already a perennial problem in Fishbourne as the village is low-lying and, because of five decades of development with no improvement in infrastructure, the existing infrastructure already struggles to cope with twice the original demand.

TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE, PLEASE CHECK ON OUR PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

www.fishbourne-pc.gov.uk

**If you want to have your say, send your comments to us at
fishbourneplan@gmail.com and we will pass them on at the appropriate time.**

St Peter Project - Forthcoming events

www.stpeterproject.org



Date and Time	What	Where	Contact
27 th March 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.	Auction of Promises	Fishbourne Primary School	Helen Frost 01243 785378
9 th April 7.30 p.m.	Call My (Wine) Bluff	Old Church Hall, Mill Lane	Iain/Sue Harrison
10 th May	Plant Sale	Fishbourne Parish Church	Sandra Westacott

CHICHESTER SCIENCE GROUP

11 March (2-4 p.m.)

A spokesperson from Network Rail – *Crossings, Incidences, Forensic Detection and the Future of the Network*.

8 April (2-4 p.m.)

The Royal College of Surgeons – Subject TBA.

13 May (2-4 p.m.)

Penelope Schofield, West Sussex Coroner – *The Work of the City Coroner – Medical, Forensic Legalities of a Post Mortem*.

10 June (2-4 p.m.)

Andrew Gaunt, Plant Health and Seeds Inspector for West Sussex – *Dealing with Ash Die-back, Plant Quarantine & Disease Legislation*.

Entrance charge £3 per meeting including refreshments

Contacts: Margaret & Denis Borsberry

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FISHBOURNE CENTRE

www.fishbournecentre.org.uk

Cool Jazz Nostalgia presented by Lions Club of Chichester – 25th April 7.30 p.m. Tickets £12
Fundraising on behalf of The Snowdrop Trust
Contact 01243 788368

FISHBOURNE ROMAN PALACE EVENTS 2013

www.sussexpast.co.uk/events

15th March – An introduction to mosaic making

14th April (Mon-Fri) – Easter Surprises

5th May – Myths and Music

25th May – The Celts – Friends or Foe?

28th June – Colours of the Romans

FiRST - Fishbourne Residents Support Team

FiRST welcomes men and women 60-100 years old to our coffee mornings at the Fishbourne Centre, on the first Tuesday of each month from 10.00am to 12.00pm. Each month we have speakers on a wide range of subjects, from the light hearted to the more serious or informative. Our programme is tailored to the interests and needs of older people who wish to remain mentally and physically active. In the warmer months we have additional activity when we hire charity minibuses to go out on trips, taking in lunch or tea.

Chichester Harbour: Celebrating 50 Years of Outstanding Natural Beauty

2014 is a very special year for Chichester Harbour. This year marks 50 years since it was designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), one of Britain's finest landscapes.

To help celebrate this milestone Chichester Harbour Conservancy is putting together an exciting programme of activities from special conservation walks through to a cycle ride, a beach picnic, rural skills workshop and an arts exhibition and lots of our fascinating local history.

Siún Cranny, Director of Chichester Harbour Conservancy said, 'Chichester Harbour is here for everyone to enjoy, through our special events this year we look forward to welcoming people of all ages to the Harbour, whether it is to join in with our Big Beach Picnic, or to take part in our Then and Now photo project'.

Pieter Montyn, Chairman of the Conservancy said, 'The AONB designation has been essential to the protection of this coastal gem, we are very proud as members of the Conservancy to do our part in looking after it for future generations. We look forward to meeting lots of people at our celebrations during the year.'

Further details of the activities and events can be found on www.conservancy.co.uk or contact the Harbour Office on 01243 512301.

Fishbourne Neighbourhood Watch needs you...

There is someone suspicious in the area... garden sheds are being broken in to at night, cars are being damaged... How can you help yourself, your neighbours and other residents in Fishbourne?

I am trying to set up a complete Neighbourhood Watch network for the whole of Fishbourne.

At present there are 5 people, points of contact, serving 5 roads/areas:

Blackboy Lane (North), Roman Way/Dolphin Close/Gilpin Close, Halfrey Road/Halfrey Close, Godwin Way and Creek End.

If you live in the above roads but do not know your point of contact please contact me and I'll put you in touch.

If you live outside these areas, let's face it – most of us do – and would like to be part of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme contact me for more information.

There are about 30 other roads not in the scheme!

To be a point of contact for a particular road you will be responsible for forwarding emails to others in your road and informing those without email addresses by telephone/letter. It's as simple as that! All it takes is a few minutes each week.

If you are part of a **Residents Association** perhaps you would include Neighbourhood Watch for your members.

If you do not have a computer or an email address you can still be involved.

None of the above takes up much time once things are set up – but it will help to create a complete network for our village.

Useful websites for more information:

www.talktomeicanhelp.com www.sussexnwfd.org.uk

www.fishbournenhw.weebly.com website maintained by a Fishbourne Neighbourhood Watch contact.

To sign up, become a point of contact, or for more information PLEASE CONTACT Councillor Ruth Keeley, 28 Mosse Gardens, 01243 539721, ruthfkeeley@gmail.com



FISHBOURNE SPEEDWATCH

Can you spare three or four hours a month to help attend a speed indicator (daylight hours only)?

To volunteer you must:

- be over the age of 18
- agree to have a basic pnc check
- consent to Sussex Police holding your details
- agree to use the SI in accordance with Sussex Police Policy.

Come and help at selected sites within Fishbourne advising road users of their speed. YES... Become part of our team. email your name, address and phone number to:

fishbournespeedwatch@outlook.com

EDITOR'S SNIPPETS

- **New to Fishbourne?** For a Welcome Booklet please contact 01243 539721 or visit the Parish Council Website where you can download a copy: <http://www.fishbourne-pc.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=16776> Please contact the editor if you know of new residents who might like a copy.
- **Would you be willing to help deliver Village Voice in your area on an occasional basis?** I am looking for a small group of volunteers to cover our regulars in case of illness/holidays etc. Please contact Ruth Keeley on 01243 539721.
- If you spot a supermarket trolley you can report it using this app. www.trolleywise.co.uk/trolleywise-app

The Parish Council meets monthly at The Fishbourne Centre. Meetings start at 7.30 pm and standing orders are set aside so that members of the public can speak on "Matters raised by Members of the Public" and on "Planning Applications".

Our next meetings are:

TUESDAY, 18 March, 15 April (Annual Parish Meeting), 20 May (AGM), 17 June.

Why not come along?



FISHBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Even if you've worked previously on a Village Plan, preparing a Neighbourhood Plan is a sharp learning curve!

The latest round of consultation - the pre-submission stage - has been really positive and helpful. **THANK YOU** to everyone who has given us feedback.

Among the many responses, the Environment Agency, Southern Water and English Heritage have been particularly helpful with technical information which is relevant to our local situation. We've also had helpful advice from the planning, historic environment, economic development and housing teams at Chichester District Council. As a result, we think we have a plan that expresses what the community wants in a way that is considerably strengthened.

We are about to enter the more challenging stages! The independent examiner has to assess how far the "basic conditions" of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 have been met and whether the plan is compatible with "EU obligations". It's another world from the Village Survey which started off the whole process! However, it's essential we get all the technicalities right because examiners are not slow to fail neighbourhood plans. So for the next month or so we shall be wading through bureaucracy to make sure we get everything right! It will all be worth it.

FROM VISION TO REALITY. For the rest of the year, five task groups, each led by a member of the Parish Council, will help to change the vision of the Plan into practical projects which will improve the quality of life in our village. **And that's where you can get involved!**

TASK GROUP	PROJECTS
HOUSING AND PLANNING	Consideration of planning applications as part of implementing Planning Policies in FNP Examination of viability of affordable housing development Monitor implementation of guidance on Good Quality Design Liaising with developments on preferred sites
LOCAL ECONOMY and TOURISM	Analysis of existing employment and of potential business space Consultation with self-employed/workers from home to see what support they would welcome
ENVIRONMENT	Development of a Flood Risks Policy to ensure regular review of flood risk areas and the taking of appropriate preventative action Work with CDC on updating of Character Appraisal of Fishbourne Conservation Area (AONB, listed buildings etc)
TRAVEL & TRANSPORT	Improvement of provision for cyclists and pedestrians Working with WSCC on prioritising and costing sustainable traffic safety measures including speeding (<i>already started</i>)
A SENSE OF COMMUNITY	Greater involvement of the community in the decision-making process Support for the vulnerable Further development of communication structures and of community facilities Making people safe – and empowering them to help themselves.

Come and join us! Just send your contact details and say which Task Group you would be interested in joining to fishbourneplan@gmail.com. This is not a lifetime commitment!

COULD YOU HELP SHAPE FISHBOURNE'S FUTURE?

"What me?
Oh no, I
couldn't ..."

"OH YES,
YOU
COULD!"

THE FISHBOURNE CENTRE is looking for up to three **NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS** for its trading arm, Fishbourne Centre Trading Ltd. "Non-execs" are not responsible for the day-to-day management of the centre but instead behave as "critical friends" and represent the views of the wider community. To find out more about the role and details of how to apply, please send your contact details to Tony Harrison, Company Secretary, Amberley, 121 Blackboy Lane, Fishbourne, PO18 8BL. Tel. 532893 or e-mail: Nosirraht@talktalk.net

EVER THOUGHT OF BECOMING A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

We currently have 3 vacancies – and there's never been a more exciting time to become a Councillor. Like the idea of helping to prevent building on Bethwines? Like to help with the final push for the Neighbourhood Plan – and then help to put in place the excellent ideas in the Plan?

ARE YOU THE SORT OF PERSON WHO LIKES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? If so, please contact the Parish Clerk (Rachel Huskisson) for further details and a simple application form.

e-mail: fishbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com or ring Rachel on 01243 888506



DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - THE 10TH ANNUAL FISHBOURNE FLAT FIVE WILL TAKE PLACE ON 1ST JUNE 2014. WE WILL BE RAISING MONEY FOR SOME MUCH-NEEDED NEW STAGING FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL. Further details at <http://www.fishbourneflatfive.co.uk/>



FISHBOURNE PLAYERS - ACTORS & HELPERS WANTED

Fishbourne Players is a new amateur dramatic group and is pleased to announce *Oscars A Musical With Short Comedy Sketches* will be our first show, running sometime in November 2014 at the Fishbourne Centre.

We will be having an open day on Thursday 15th May 2014 at 7pm at the Fishbourne Centre. If you are interested in taking part or helping behind the scenes, or if you just would like to know more please come along.

For more information contact Tony Hudson email: tony.hudson@westsussex.gov.uk or ring 07582 023163

The National Flood Forum is a national charity dedicated to supporting and representing communities and individuals at risk of flooding. **We do this by:**

- Helping people to prepare for flooding in order to prevent it or mitigate its impacts
- Helping people to recover their lives once they have been flooded
- Campaigning on behalf of flood risk communities and working with government and agencies to ensure that they develop a community perspective.

How We Help

- Facilitating and supporting community flood groups. We now have 160 affiliated groups in England and Wales
- Helping communities to recover from flooding
- Providing a telephone help line for all flood related enquiries, including insurance.
- Providing information and guidance through our website and our regular bulletin
- Flood surgeries and exhibitions to help people with their problems raise awareness
- Training for local authorities, agencies and the voluntary sector
- Blue pages directory of products

Working with government, agencies and local authorities on issues such as flood risk insurance, property level protection and recovery to ensure that the needs of flood risk communities are represented.

The NFF works to support the recovery of victims of flooding, to improve resilience of communities to future flood threat and speaks out to highlight the plight of flood victims and the need for adequate flood prevention investment.

We are a registered charity that was established in 2002 with start-up funding from the Environment Agency (EA). We are a national organisation that helps communities and individuals to prepare for flooding and provides recovery support after floods.

The NFF also provides a strong and independent voice that represents the interests of people affected by flooding. This includes working closely with national and local government agencies, flood protection companies and the insurance industry, as well as flood action groups to ensure that the views and issues of those at risk of flooding are taken into account when decisions are made.

The National Flood Forum's '**Blue Pages**' is an independent directory of flood protection products and services. It has been put together to advise and inform you about what's available to help you protect your home or business against flooding. Whilst the National Flood Forum cannot endorse any of these products we are happy to provide this resource to help you make informed decisions.

In order to use these products most effectively, we recommend you sign up for Floodline Warnings Direct from the Environment Agency by calling Floodline on 0845 988 1188



“Our Main Road” Networking Group – free resource for local people

Our Main Road is a networking group that wants to promote local business, schools and groups in the community from Emsworth to Fishbourne.

The group will be holding a launch meeting at the Fishbourne Centre (Blue Room), 27 February, 8pm. All are welcome.

For more information about the organisation please visit www.ourmainroad.co.uk

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Problem? Here is a list of Who to Contact

PROBLEM	WHO TO CONTACT	HOW?
Rogue Traders & Nuisance callers	Trading Standards Sussex Police	08454 040506 101
Flooding from the public highway/ blocked road gullies.	Highways	01243 642105
Flooding from blocked drains General advice on water emergencies	Southern Water	0845 2780845 http://www.southernwater.co.uk/at-home/your-water/emergencies/
Flooding from a burst water main	Portsmouth Water	02392 477999
Street Lighting: how to report not working, and how to request patching	Southern Electric	0845 7581622
If you smell gas	National Gas Emergency service	0800 111 999
Emergency gas boiler and heating repairs	British Gas Emergency Repair Service	08001071046
Overhanging branches or impaired vision at junctions	Village Warden (Tony Harrison)	01243 532893 nosirraht@talktalk.net
Anti-social behaviour Anti-social driving	Sussex Police Operation Crackdown	101 www.operationcrackdown.org 01243 642222
Crime currently taking place	Sussex Police	999
Report criminal behaviour not currently taking place	Sussex Police	101

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