

A scenic landscape featuring a wooden fence in the foreground, a pond to the left, and a paved road to the right. The background is filled with lush green trees and a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image in a blue, stylized font.

Birdham Parish Meeting

2017

May 13th

Agenda

- Welcome and introduction by Chairman -
- Approve the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting.
- Chairman's Annual Report.
- Matters arising from the Chairman's Report
- Surface Water Flooding and Ponds update. -
- Report on A27 Workshop.
- Any other business.
- Close

Cllr Laurie Pocock

High-lights

- Received £18504.00 from New Homes Bonus for new Children's Play Equipment and for the fencing. Have authorised the Clerk to make a selection of equipment, and it is hoped to allow the children of Birdham Village School to make the final selection.
- New Fencing (£7620.00) around the Play Park, but you will notice its only installed on three sides at the moment?
- Kingfisher Pond cleaned out. Should significantly reduce flooding in West lands Lane.
- New Fence around Village Pond.
- New Bus shelter close to Birdham Store.
- Working very closely with WSCC Operation Watershed Team.

South Downs Holiday Village

In January 2017, the South Downs Holiday Village was closed and was subsequently purchased by Chichester based housing developer, Seaward Properties.

When the site closed, the alcohol and gaming licences for premises on the site were surrendered. No valid licensing application has been received to date.

Planning permission for the Holiday Village was originally granted for the site in 1978 and was amended in 1999 to allow all year round holiday use. This is still in place. No new planning application has been received since that time.

We have been made aware that the site is being used to accommodate agricultural workers and we are urgently investigating the situation. We are in contact with both Seaward Properties and the company which has leased the site.

Sarah J Parker
Public Relations Manager

Birdham Farm

G&T's

- **Agree that development here will cause harm to the AONB.**
- They propose to remove the close boarding and replace it with hedgerow to disguise the site.
- They claim there is insufficient Gypsy sites to meet their needs.
- They follow a gypsy way of life.
- They cannot live in bricks and mortar without causing themselves psychosocial harm

CDC

- *Contest that the Appellants do not follow a true Gypsy Existence.*
- *Any development in the AONB should stand in its own right, ie should not require to be disguised.*

Chichester Harbour Conservancy

- *Argue development should not be allowed because it fails NPPF 14, 115 & 116, and point out that at no point in their submissions' have they made any attempt to justify this development*

BVRA + Birdham and Itchenor PC

- **Submitted a detailed Landscape Assessment.**
- **Detailed the differences between the medieval field system verses the modern agricultural landscape of the rest of the Manhood.**
- **Identified its scarcity.**

Six days of tedious time wasting
tedium, half a day site visit, and still
one more day to go.

May 22nd in the Old Court Room
North Street

Surface Water Flooding



- If you have a ditch or culvert running along the boundary of your property you are the **riparian owner** of the ditch and/or culvert and you have a responsibility and a legal obligation to maintain them to a satisfactory standard.
- Please don't put your neighbours property at risk.

Ponds update.



- In the past, Westlands Lane was prone to flooding.
- Pond cleared on advice of WSCC Operation Watershed, plus the help of local farmer Tom Monnington, we cleared out the pond, cutting down the trees,.
- The primary aim was to increase the 'tankage'.
- The pond, plus the entrance to the culvert had become choked with the roots, causing the road to flood.
- We will now improve the visual aspects, assisted by Jane Reeve of the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group, who has arranged for matting to be installed to retard the growth of nettles and tree saplings.
- This matting will ensure that the pond and ditch do not simply return to the position they were a couple of winters ago.

Culverts



- All this work has been done in conjunction with WSCC Operation Watershed Team
- Cleared along Westlands Lane
- No work will be undertaken at the south end of Crooked Lane until levels of the ditches have been checked in adjacent fields
- Looking to replace culvert at north end of Crooked Lane and Church Lane

A27

Summer 2016 Consultation -

Based RIS1, on-line solution, £250K HE budget Significant data - traffic volumes AADT 46,298 vehicles, 42% thro' traffic

HE had seven aims :-

- 1 - improve capacity to support economic growth
- 2 - improve road safety
- 3 - reduce environmental impacts - noise , air pollution
- 4 - improve journey time reliability **on strategic network**
- 5 - facilitate timely delivery
- 6 - improve regional connectivity (along the A27)
- 7 - improve accessibility to areas with tourist activity

Consultation Response

- * 93% respondents - there is problem which needs intervention
- * 31% respondents preferred option 2
- * 47% 'None of the options'
- * 85% of 'None of the options' respondents and 56% of total respondents called for Northern Bypass to be considered

Louse Goldsmith WSCC Initiative

Aim - To Develop the Communities' important Criteria to add to HE's by

- Community involvement, workshops, £100k, external experts
- The **community establish** the **criteria** which specifies a solution acceptable to the **majority.**
- Run local workshop with professional facilitator, **involving neighbouring parishes**

Existing Key Policy Document - Dept Transport "National Policy Statement for National Networks" Dec 2015

- HE's bible for assessing major highways projects :- safety, air quality, noise, habitat etc
- Includes consideration of impact on AONBs, RAMSAR sites and National Parks

New Key Policy Document - "South Coast Central Route Strategy" March 2017 basis for RIS2

1. **Safe and Serviceable network**, Concentration on safety issues (A27 at Chichester one of worst)
2. **More free-flowing network**, unreliable journey times, seasonal impacts ie *beach & Event*; small incidences cause major delays. (A27 3rd trouble spot after M25)
3. **Support local economic growth**, situation worsen with economic growth and housing, business identified existing A27 barrier to growth
4. **An improved environment**, AQMA's (designated Air Quality Management Areas) along existing A27 includes Chichester. Noise also important
5. **A more accessible and integrated network**, Location with poor accessibility
6. **Diversionsary routes**, ability to divert traffic away from blocked carriage way in the event of an unplanned incident - an essential facet of a resilient road network

Where are the Diversiónary routes, with capacity, between the Bognor roundabout and the Fishbourne roundabout?

