



# Annual Village Meeting

**20<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

This is the Annual Parish meeting for Ashurst Wood 2010



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## Agenda

- Introduction & welcome **Don Sinclair**  
(Chairman Parish Council)
- Village Centre News **Marilyn Greatorex**  
(Chairman Village Cen. Trustees)
- Village Centre Development } **Jenny Forbes**  
• Affordable Housing Update (Parish Councillor)
- Improvements by Parish Council **Karen Lindsay**  
(Parish Councillor)
- Village Action Plan update **Brian Phillips**  
(Parish Councillor)
- Elections 2011 **Susan Wellerd**  
(Clerk to Parish Council)
- Question & answers **All**
- Refreshments and socialising



# Introductions (Councillors)



- **Chairman**
- **Vice-chair**
- **Councillors**

**Don Sinclair**

**Jenny Forbes**

**Ian Arnott**

**Michael Box**

**Paul Bridgland**

**Alan Del Mar**

**Karen Lindsay**

**Brian Phillips**

**Jonathan Samways**



# Introductions (Staff)



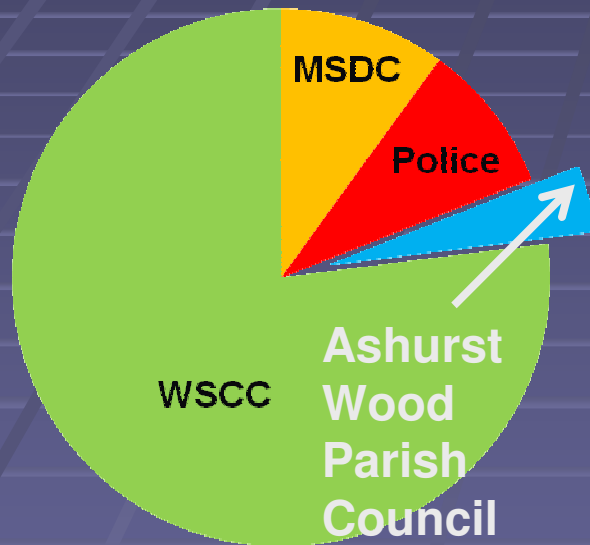
- Clerk to Parish Council      **Susan Wellerd**
- Handyman                      **Dick Tyrrell**
- Caretaker                        **Sue Pollard**
- New appointment**
- **Assistant Clerk**              **Rebecca Roberts**



# Some Parish Council Activities



## Precept for 2010 /2011



Ashurst Wood P.C.  
Total for Band D

- **£62.85 / annum**
- **£1.20 / week**

- Bought the Village Centre
- Employment of Assistant Clerk
- Employment of Handyman
- Employment of Cleaner
- Renewing bus shelters & seating
- Pedestrian refuge on the A 22
- EG Bus for shopping
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Provision of extra Litter Bins & Dog Bins
- Improved Communications
- Initiating & financial support for Summer Fair
- Improved Village street lighting
- Investigating provision of Allotments
- Investigating provision of Wall Hill Footpath
- Provision & installation of Cycle Racks
- Tree Planting around the Village.
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Village walks brochure in hand
- Grants for numerous Village Activities.



# Village Centre News





# Village Centre Development



## Present status:

- Purchased by Parish Council in Summer 2009
- Continuing to work with Village Centre trustees



## Proposed development:

- Enhance and extend facilities for benefit of village
- New office for Parish Council



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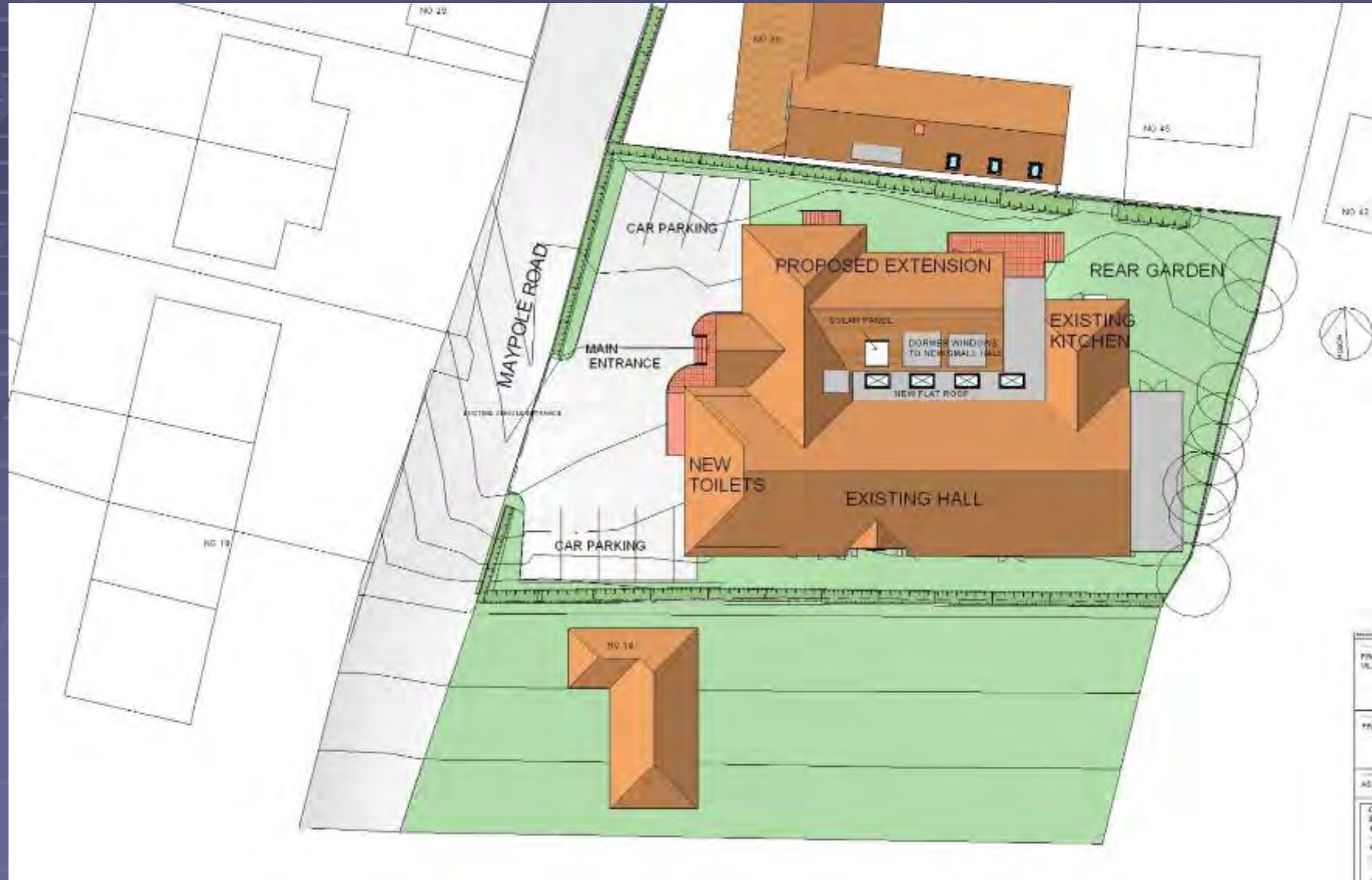


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## Status of proposed development:

- Architect engaged for concept design
- Outline plans

## Next steps:

- Initial presentation to residents (today 20<sup>th</sup> April)
- Receive comments and suggestions
- Investigate sources of finance
- Obtain planning consent
- Further presentation to residents



# Affordable Housing



- **At Village Meeting 2009 proposed site announced**
  - 8 residences on Box Farm in Maypole Road
  - Project in discussion with:
    - Landowner
    - Action in Rural Sussex
    - Mid-Sussex Council
    - English Rural Housing
- In late 2009 Landowner decided to terminate discussions

**Parish Council working with other agents to identify an alternative site.**



# Summer Fair 2009



**Planning for 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011**

**Volunteers needed**

**contact Keith Stacey**

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# Sports and fun day 2009



**Organised by the Parish Council**

- 47 children attended
- Variety of sports sessions
- Games and Craft area
- Volunteers from Local Clubs



**For 2010 two days with Forest Row**

**11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> August**



# Parish Council Handyman



## Employed by Parish Council

- Monitoring & collecting litter
- Ensuring bins are emptied
- Maintaining public areas
- Reports on safety issues
- Assists at events





# Community safety



## Working with West Sussex

- New refuge on A22
- New street lighting
- Reporting potholes etc.



## Working with the Police

- Neighbourhood Watch
- Speedwatch
- Neighbourhood Panel



# Bus shelters and seats





# Greening Campaign



Following 2009 Village Meeting “Greening” group formed

- Meeting held on March 17th
  - For villagers to find out about campaign
  - Select relevant challenges to village.
  - 8 chosen for printing and distribution to every household
- Autumn launch of the Greening campaign  
*Ashurst Wood village school*
- Come and see:
  - how to cut CO<sub>2</sub> omissions
  - save yourself money
- Lots of information, displays, and freebies.





# Project 1 - Communications



## Still the number one priority

**Ashurst Wood Parish Council**

Quality Parish Council

**Ashurst Wood Parish Council Newsletter Winter 2009**

**CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE**

It is the time of the year when the Parish Council discusses the budget for the year 2010 to 2011. Members of the community who wish to attend the Parish Council meeting should contact the Clerk in advance to ensure they are on the list. The Parish Council will be meeting on Friday 4th December 2009 at 7.00pm in the Village Centre. The Parish Council will be discussing the budget for the year 2010 to 2011. Members of the community who wish to attend the Parish Council meeting should contact the Clerk in advance to ensure they are on the list. The Parish Council will be meeting on Friday 4th December 2009 at 7.00pm in the Village Centre.

**THE PARISH NEWS**  
The magazine of Churches Together in Forest Row and Ashurst Wood

**Christmas Market**  
Friday 4th December 2009  
7.00pm

**Ashurst Wood Newsletter**

**THE PARISH NEWS**

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## Project 7 - Speeding



### Speed measurements at 4 locations in 2007

- Results reported at 2008 Meeting
  - While speed may be excess for conditions few exceed 30m.p.h limit.
  - Hammerwood Road by Leisure Pursuits worst



### Still agreed to go ahead with Speedwatch

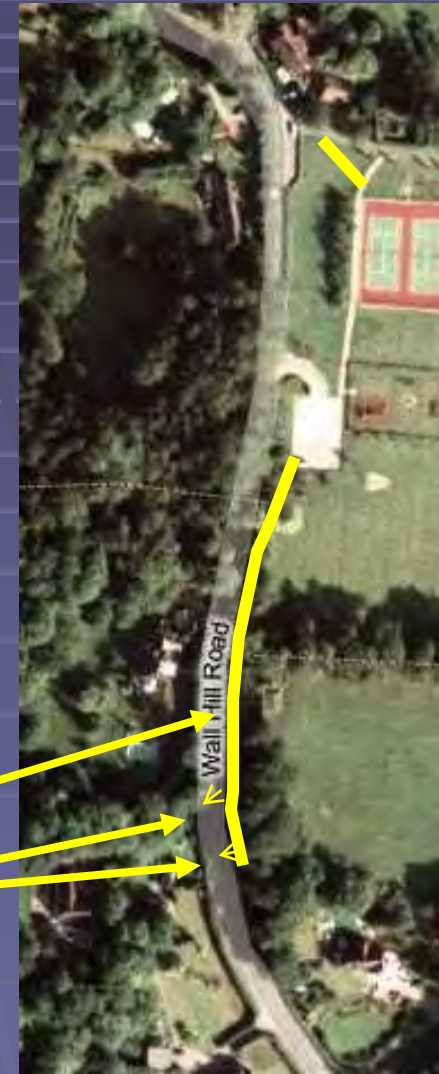
- 6 people volunteered to be trained with speed “guns”
- Police agreed safe locations in village for measurements
- Dick Tyrrell initiated organising group
- **Project Co-ordinator volunteered - Carol Beamond**



## Project 9 - Pedestrians



- Investigation of feasibility of footpath to Forest Row
- Requires collaboration with:
  - Mid-Sussex District Council
  - Forest Row Parish Council
  - East Sussex highways dept.
  - Owner of land beside Wall Hill
- **Key issues:** use of private land  
road crossings
- Discussions still ongoing





## Project 18 - Businesses in the village



During Village Plan process this list considered by residents to be most valuable



- Nikki Holley took over task to update list



- All on existing list contacted (telephone / letter)
- Response to date poor
  - Due to other publications etc ?

**Parish Council reviewing Project**



# Allotments



- **Reminder of Site requirements:**
  - Land owner willing to sell or lease land to council
  - Free and easy access to a public road
  
- **Many options investigated**
  
- **Potential site identified**
  - Discussions on-going





# Summary from 2007/2008/2009



## The 18 Projects

- 1) Communications
- 2) Bus Services
- 3) Community Bus
- 4) Facilities for Children up to 11 years
- 5) Facilities for 11 to 18 year olds
- 6) Housing in the village
- 7) Speeding
- 8) Parking
- 9) Pedestrians
- 10) Cycling
- 11) Schools in the village
- 12) Recycling
- 13) Litter and dog bins
- 14) Neighbourhood watch
- 15) Crime and vandalism
- 16) Mobile library
- 17) Meeting places and social events
- 18) Businesses in the village



# Parish Council Elections 2011



## Parish Council elections scheduled every 4 years

- **Ashurst Wood elects 9 Councillors**
  - All unpaid volunteers
  - Opportunity to serve the community
  - Non-political
- **Present Councillors elected until May 2011**

To hold an election there must be more than 9 volunteers

**For more information contact Susan Wellerd.**

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**Refreshments and socialising**