

FUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2018
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VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT – The Parish Council has received a CIL payment from the South Downs National Park of £23,794.08 in respect of the residential development at Orchard Barn, Funtington. We understand that to be the largest CIL payment made to date by the SDNP Authority. The Parish Council has resolved to donate the payment to the Village Hall trustees which, we understand, will enable them to prepare specifications and plans to obtain tenders for the work to be carried out so that grant aid might be sought. It is currently expected that the cost of the proposed works will be between £300,00.00 and £350,000.00 and the Parish Council is considering what grant it could afford to make to the trustees which it would have raised by way of loan repayable over a period of years.

SPEED INDICATION DEVICE – We have now purchased a speed indication device which is ready for deployment when the supports are erected in West Ashling, East Ashling and West Stoke. The advantage of the new device is that it may be operated without persons in attendance and it has provision for recording speeding motorists which will, if persistent, result in miscreants being contacted by the Police. We hope that this will assist in traffic calming. Since deciding to purchase the new SID we understand that the SID which we currently own jointly with four other Parish Councils can now be adapted for unattended use with recording facility. This is of considerable importance as it will mean that we shall not be dependant on the large number of volunteers which was previously required and we shall have a backup.

DEFIBRILLATORS – The Parish Councillor held a very successful training evening at West Stoke Village Hall which was attended by 15 parishioners. A common comment from those who attended was that they had not appreciated how the use of PCR and defibrillators were complimentary. There were a number of people who wished to attend and could not do so. The Parish Council therefore intends to have a further training session, probably in the New Year. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Parish Council Clerk.

FINGERPOSTS – The programme of refurbishment of the highway fingerposts is now complete. We feel that they are a great improvement and enhance the Parish. It has been commented however that verge and hedge growth is already obscuring some of the posts. If any hedge trimming or verge mowing is required, please contact the Parish Council.

PUBLIC BUS SERVICE – We have been informed that the 54 service which serves us is currently at risk of withdrawal. The Parish Council is making representations but it appears that the future of the service will be a purely commercial decision and will not necessarily reflect social need. If the service is to continue it must be used.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 5th December 2018 commencing at 6.30pm at the Funtington and District Village Hall, Southbrook Road, West Ashling.

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