

## **FUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER MAY 2019 No.365**

**PARISH COUNCIL** – There were 13 candidates who put themselves forward as Parish Councillors. There will therefore be no need for an election of Parish Councillors although, however, there will still be an election on 2<sup>nd</sup> May for the District Council member for the new Ward of Lavant and Funtington, the old Funtington Ward having ceased to exist. The new Parish Councillors will take office on 7<sup>th</sup> May. We wish them luck.

**EAST ASHLING – HIGHWAY RESURFACING** - At very short notice WSCC, the Highway Authority, resurfaced the B2178 through East Ashling after years of requests having been made by both the Parish Council and the East Ashling Association. Unfortunately notice of the intention to carry out the work was given at such a late date that it was not possible to convene a public meeting to discuss it with the local residents as we managed to do when the road through Funtington village was resurfaced in 2017. The work certainly represents a great improvement on what previously existed. We hope that it does not lead to higher traffic speeds in the residential area particularly as the road to the east towards Chichester has also been resurfaced. It is a great relief that the work has been carried out and we thank the County Council for the expeditious way in which it was conducted and the little inconvenience which was caused.

**CYCLE EVENT – JUNE 2019** – We have been informed that a cycling event will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June called the Dallaglio Rugby Works Trail Fest The event will start and end at Goodwood. The starting time will be between 7.45 and 9.00am. The roads will not be closed to traffic. There will be three routes of 100 miles, 57 miles and 28 miles all of which appear to pass through Woodmancote, Funtington and East Ashling. The riders will be started in batches to endeavour to avoid bunching. It is expected that there will be approximately 700 participants The event will end at 5.00pm.

**LOCAL BUS SERVICE** – The 54 Service between Chichester and Petersfield will change as from 21<sup>st</sup> April. There will be an additional service from Chichester to Petersfield commencing at 0600 and the 1750 from Chichester to South Harting will be withdrawn.

**THE DELL** – The Parish Council has decided to plant a willow hedge to obscure the view of the fitness equipment. The picnic bench is now in place and will shortly be joined by two wooden benches. We hope that these facilities will be increasingly used by local residents and their families.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 commencing at 6.30 pm at the Funtington and District Village Hall, Southbrook Road, West Ashling. Please attend and support your new Council.

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