



Udimore Parish Council Newsletter

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Next Council meeting

The Parish Council will meet on
Wednesday

15 January 2014

at 6:30pm

in Udimore Community Hall. All
are welcome to attend.

The agenda at a glance

Volunteer Car Scheme

Community Speed Watch

Community Hall generator

Budget for 2014/15

Next Meeting

When the Parish Council meets on 15 January it will agree its **draft budget for 2014/15** and decide **the amount of precept**. The precept, which is currently £5,800, is collected by Rother District Council on behalf of the Parish Council as one component of each householder's Council Tax bill.

Other items on the agenda include consideration of a **volunteer car scheme** and the **possible acquisition of a generator** for the Community Hall to enable it to be used by residents in the event of any future extended power outages.

Application to extend the Hall's hours

At the last meeting the Council considered a request by the Hall Management Committee, that the Parish Council should make an application to Rother District Council to extend the Hall's opening hours to provide more time for the hall to be cleared and tidied up after a large function. If the Parish Council makes the application the fee would be £97.50, compared to £195 if the Hall Management Committee applied.

After some debate it was agreed to make the application. Following the Parish Council meeting the Management Committee decided to write to those residents living near to the Hall to ask if they had any concerns or questions about the proposal to extend the hours.

Once the application is submitted to Rother residents will have the opportunity to comment on it, and the Parish Council will be formally consulted. The decision whether to extend the Hall's hours will be taken by Rother District Council.

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Volunteer car scheme?

The Parish Council is considering setting up a volunteer car scheme in 2014 to help residents without cars to be given lifts for medical appointments. We need to consider the details of how this can work with local volunteer drivers, and have been asking other near-by parishes how their schemes work. When we have all the information we need, we hope to take this idea forward in Udimore.

Anyone who might be interested in becoming a volunteer driver should give Dominic Leahy their name in the first instance. The matter will be discussed at the January Parish Council meeting.



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Christmas Power Cuts

If you wish to record your experiences of Christmas in the dark, or to share innovative ways of cooking, or unusual menus please email the clerk. Responses will be attached to the Council minutes and eventually transferred to East Sussex County Council Record Office and kept for posterity.

"Inspiring development of Local services" event.

Two Councillors and the clerk attended this free event in Battle before Christmas. It was organised by Rother Voluntary Action and Action in Rural Sussex. Various experts and practitioners gave talks or held workshops on Community Energy; Volunteer Car Schemes; Community Planning and Community Buildings.

Your District and County

Information provided by Rother District Council, East Sussex County Council and other authorities within our county is passed on where it appears to be relevant or helpful to Udimore residents. The accuracy of this information is the responsibility of the originating authority and not Udimore Parish Council.



East Sussex County Council - some statistics

There are 3,402 km (2,113 miles) of road in the county. In 2013 operators repaired 12,231 potholes.

Table from ESCC Transport Plan 2011-2026

Class of road	Road length in Km		
	Rural	Urban	Total
Trunk	90.3	7.3	97.6
A	258.4	84.4	342.8
B	236.8	47.6	284.4
C	679.0	115.0	794.0
U/C	927.7	955.6	1883.3
Total	2192.2	1209.9	3402.1

Between Christmas and New

Year the County Council dealt with 200 fallen trees and 100 flooding issues.

Water management in our area

Southern Water have published their business plan for 2015 to 2020

Details can be seen at <http://www.southernwater.co.uk/about-us/about-southern-water/planning-for-the-future/current-plans.asp>



Christmas Tree recycling

If you missed the free collection of real Christmas trees from any recycling point for the period from 6 to 11 January, you can still use your green wheelie bin. Only trees with a maximum wood thickness of 10cm can be recycled this way. If your tree is bigger you will need to take it a recycling centre. The nearest ones are at Pebsham or Mountfield.

Emergency Planning

Severe weather can raise concerns and questions about how emergencies will be dealt with by local authorities. District and County Councils have a statutory duty to make plans and to liaise with other local authorities to make sure resources will be available in a range of emergency situations, from flooding, fuel shortages, flu epidemics to radiation accidents. There is lots of advice on Rother's website, including downloadable public information leaflets.



Here is the link:

<http://www.rother.gov.uk/article/324/Emergency-Planning>

Udimore planning applications

All planning applications are decided by Rother District Council. Udimore Parish Council is always notified of new applications in the parish so that it can submit relevant local information or comments to the planning department at Rother DC.



Since your last newsletter the following planning decision was made:

RR/2013/2205/P Stocks Barn. Proposed pole barn for storage of micro-light. Approved 9.12.13

Full details of all applications and decisions can be found at

<http://www.rother.gov.uk/article/361/Online-Applications-and-Decisions>