



Udimore Parish Council Newsletter

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Next Council meeting

*The Parish Council will meet on
Wednesday*

17th September 2014

At 6:30pm in Udimore
Community Hall. All are
welcome to attend.

The agenda at a glance

*East Sussex County Council's
Highways Self-service Scheme*

Newsletter delivery

Appointment of new clerk

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The July Parish Council Meeting

Cllr B. Turgoose presented Barbara Balkham with a bouquet and thanked her for her work over the past three years. Cllr Dean proposed that Sarah Willoughby should be appointed as the new clerk and unanimously agreed.

Cllr Turgoose read out the response by East Sussex County Council to his letter expressing concern about the traffic accident in April. The email will be shared with the affected householder and Cllr Turgoose would respond to it on behalf of Council.

Cllr Turgoose informed all present about a meeting he had attended regarding the Community Self Serve Scheme, in which expressions of interest should be made by the end of July. It was agreed that as traffic safety is important to residents, a focus group could be formed to identify the main issues and possible solutions. Projects related to this could be considered for matched funding and advertised via posters, website and village voice. Please see overleaf for more details.

Annual Parish Meeting. A report summarising discussions from the Annual Parish meeting had been circulated to councillors. Most comments centred around highways issues, which would be addressed by the focus group mentioned previously.

It was agreed that general doorstep delivery of the Newsletter should cease and be replaced with circulation via the website, noticeboard and email. Paper copies will be available in local pubs, the community hall and home delivery be special arrangement.

Two residents shared their concerns about loud music coming from the community hall and breaches of permitted hours of use by some who hold events there. Council will urge the Hall Management Committee to ensure planning compliance and thus minimise the effect on neighbours.

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East Sussex Self Serve Scheme

At the July meeting the Parish Council considered the ESCC self-serve scheme for highway maintenance and improvements. It was decided to begin consultations in the village about what schemes would command a high level of support. This is an essential first step. Unless we can show that a proposed scheme enjoys public support we are unable to apply to ESCC's match funding scheme. Please let any councillor or the clerk know of the highway improvements you would like to see in Udimore. A public meeting will be arranged for October at which all suggestions would be considered.



Community Speed watch (CSW) management have changed the hand-held device which CSW groups must use. As a result each group's co-ordinator must be trained on the new device, and then each co-ordinator will be responsible for training volunteers. Also tablet computers are being introduced to transmit recorded speeds and vehicle details directly to DVLA.

At the time of writing, details of forthcoming training dates and the availability of the new devices for each group are unknown.

Bob Turgoose is the interim co-ordinator for the Udimore CSW but will willingly stand aside if a replacement comes forward.

Support to Udimore Community Hall

The Parish Council has received a request from the hall management committee to contribute to the cost of noise reduction equipment that the management committee propose to install. The management committee believes that the equipment would ensure that music is not played at too high a level at future events. The request will be considered at the next parish council meeting.

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.



Speed limits for HGVs on B2089



The Department for Transport have announced that they intend to raise the national speed limit for HGVs on single carriageway roads from 40mph to 50mph. The change will take effect in early 2015.

Local highway authorities, in our case East Sussex County Council, have discretion to retain the present 40mph where local road conditions (pedestrians, cyclists, settlements, air pollution and road safety) make an increase undesirable.

If ESCC take no action in Udimore, HGVs will be permitted to travel at 50mph from the Cadborough roundabout to where the 40mph limit for all vehicles begins at Cock Marling. Outside the parish HGVs would be able to travel at 50 mph on the narrow, winding roads between Udimore, Broad Oak and Cripps Corner..

The Parish Council will discuss if it should make representations to ESCC at its next meeting.

Bus Services

ESCC are consulting on reductions in bus services throughout the county in order to save about £2million a year. For Udimore this would affect the 326 service to Rye and the 342 and 344 services to Hastings and Rye. The Rye dial a ride service would be reduced to two days a week from its present five.

The Parish Council will consider the County's proposals when it meets on the 17th September.

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 there have been two planning decisions:



RR/2014/1217/P RR/2014/ 1217/P
Udimore House, Udimore Road, Rye.
Minor adaptation of existing shared vehicle access from Udimore Road to improve ease of access and safety (retrospective). Granted 9.7.14

RR/2014/2009/TN Mast at Great Sowdens Wood, Udimore. Formal approval not required.

Full details of all applications and decisions can be found at

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