



# Willowhayne News

## AGM 2014 - 18th June 19.15

Conservative Hall, Sea Road, East Preston, 18th June 19.15.

To ensure that all residents are aware of certain AGM protocols we would remind you that if you wish to have any subject included in the AGM or wish to propose any members resolution, details must be made in writing (and received by Hobdens) at least 6 weeks prior to the date of the AGM., this being no later than **Monday 28th April 2014**. In terms of a resolution this must be supported by at least 10 paid up members and you must include the full names and addresses of the residents who are supporting your resolution, otherwise it can not

be included.

Any resolution which repeats the substance of a resolution, or part thereof, put to any previous meeting within the preceding three years needs to be supported by at least 30 paid up members.

We would urge all residents to attend the AGM.

If a vote is required on any subject you need to make sure that you are represented in any decisions taken.

We would ask that any questions relating to the audited financial accounts be submitted to Hobdens no later than **1st June**, this will ensure we can answer your questions with clarity at the AGM.

During the informal part of the meeting we will deal first with any questions which residents have raised in advance. If you have any subject you wish to be included in the discussions if you could please write in to Hobdens, this will ensure inclusion. The floor will then be opened for remaining questions.

We would encourage you to support the estate and board by coming along to this important annual meeting. Without your attendance we could find ourselves in the situation that the minority make and influence a decision which affects the majority!

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## Annual Angmering Lane & The Ridings Gate Closure

A date has now been set for the 2014 closure of the Angmering Lane and The Ridings gates. This closure preserves our right to close the gates.

Angmering Lane will be closed **Saturday 12th April** and The Ridings will be closed **Sunday 13th April**, between 08.00—17.00.

## 2014 Estate Rate Payments & AGM Protocol

For those of you that have already paid your annual estate rates—Thank you, prompt payment is always appreciated.

If you have not yet paid we would remind you that your estate rates need to be fully paid up to date to allow you to vote at the Annual General Meeting. This year, more than any other, needs as many

residents as possible to be eligible for voting.

The general resolution being proposed by the board regarding the changes to how estate rates are calculated is an important one and needs your input, if you don't vote then you can not complain if the result is not as you wished.

To enable us to reconcile the records it would be helpful if all payments could be received no later than 30th May.



## Trees and your Responsibilities

Following on from the February Newsletter we would confirm the need for you to refer to your deeds before taking any action in respect of tree cutting. Whilst the law may permit you

to cut back branches to your fence, if the covenants in your deeds prohibit this action then you MUST comply with your properties covenants. Below is an extract of one property on the estate

which allows only branches which extend more than 20ft into their property to be cut. This may not be the only property which has this type of restriction.

(9) Not to lop or cut back the existing trees to the south of the southern boundary of the land hereby transferred which overhang the land nor to cut the roots of such trees (except in the case of branches or roots which project more than Twenty feet within the boundary of the land hereby transferred when the same may be cut at a point not less than Twenty feet from the said boundary) and to allow the adjoining owners or occupiers to enter upon the land hereby transferred from time to time for the purpose of maintaining topping and cutting the said trees as they think fit

## Wheelchair Access at AGM venue

Whilst the Conservative Hall, East Preston has steps at the front of the building making this entrance unsuitable for wheelchairs, there is a fire

door at the North of the building which is used for wheelchair access. A side path runs down the side of the hall. Anyone who needs

wheelchair access is advised to use this side path and rear door.



## Windmill Cinema - Littlehampton

The Windmill cinema in Littlehampton is now fully up and running, showing a wide range of films. This local cinema needs our support to make sure it becomes a success. The cinema is run by

an independent company called "Windmill Cinema Ltd" Tickets can only be booked online or in person at the box office (30 minutes before the first screening each day). To avoid disappointment we would

suggest that you book on line [www.windmillcinema.co.uk](http://www.windmillcinema.co.uk).

## Road Sweeper - 2nd March

Those of you who were up and about Sunday morning, 2nd March, may have seen the road sweeper working its way around our roads. We are not quite sure how this sweeper

came to be on the estate as it was a council sweeper and not organized by the WRA - perhaps he got lost! Either way the roads have been swept at no cost to the resi-

dents; which can only be good news. We will be reviewing the state of the roads at the end of April to see if a further sweep (funded by the WRA) would be beneficial.

## East Preston Parish Council Beach Clean

A final reminder that East Preston Parish council will be running another beach clean on Sunday, 27th April, between 11am and 1pm. Black sacks and litter pickers will be provided, all that is needed is

your time and help.

If you are able to help please can you contact:

Simon Cross, East Preston Parish Council, Council Office, 122 Sea Road, East Preston.



## Speeding on the Estate

In what seems to be an ever regular reminder, please reduce your speed. Our lack of pavements do not make our roads the safest of places to be walking or cycling, especially if vehicles exceed

the recommended estate limit of 20 mph. Driving too fast causes 77,000 injuries and 1,000 deaths a year in Great Britain.

When pedestrians are hit by a moving vehicle:

- At 30mph 5 out of 10 are killed;
- At 20mph 9 out of 10 will survive.

If you are tempted to speed, please remember these statistics and slow down.

## Concealed Entrance - Manor Cottage

As you leave the estate through the Angmering Lane entrance, you will notice Manor Cottage (Pink Cottage) on your left, but do you always check their concealed

entrance in Station Road, when turning left. We are asking this question as unfortunately on a regular basis cars from the estate seem to fail to spot the entrance and

the owners are wary of many near misses as they enter and exit their property. Please can you take a few extra moments to check for pedestrians and cars, when turning left at this junction.

## Proposed Change to Estate Rating System - Update

In the February newsletter the board announced their intention to put forward an AGM proposal to change how the estate rates were calculated. We have now received some helpful feedback and comments, which has enabled us to look critically at the proposal and information supplied. As a result of this feedback we have made some changes to the way the new estate rate is to be calculated, although the principle remains the same.

We would like to thank those residents that have contacted us. The board wants all residents to be in full possession of all the facts necessary to make an informed decision prior to the formal resolution being presented to the AGM.

### What has changed from what was advised in the February Newsletter?

When we made the initial calculations we were not aware that there was a slight difference in 2013/2014 in the amount of council tax paid between East Preston properties and Rustington properties. As this difference varies from year to year and we have properties in both parishes, we have decided to set the proposed WRA estate rate using the fixed ratio between the council bands rather than as a set percentage of individual property council tax. This ratio remains unchanged from year to year regardless of any changes to the amount of council tax charged and is shown in the table below.

Also, since the last newsletter, an additional new house in Cross Road has entered the WRA rating system resulting in a further reduction for the remainder of the estate. There are now 389 houses on the Willowhayne Estate.

### Is the new amount going to be more than previously advised?

No, under the revised system shown below the amounts you will be paying will be approximately 1% less than previously advised in February.

### How much will I pay if the new system is introduced?

If the proposed change is adopted, the table below shows the amount you will be paying for 2015.

Council Tax Band	Ratio	General Estate Rate	Pigeonhouse Lane	Fosters
Band A	1.00	£109.02	£84.65	£81.77
Band B	1.17	£127.55	£99.04	£95.67
Band C	1.33	£145.00	£112.58	£108.75
Band D	1.50	£163.53	£126.97	£122.65
Band E	1.83	£199.51	£154.91	£149.63
Band F	2.17	£236.57	£183.69	£177.43
Band G	2.50	£272.55	£211.62	£204.41
Band H	3.00	£327.06	£253.95	£245.30

Please note that no discounts will be given for single occupancy or any other reason where a council tax discount may apply.

In the event of a future change to the proportions of the council tax bands, or introduction of new bands, the WRA charges will be brought into line with these changes in the year following the introduction of the changes.

### Are you proposing an increase to the 2015 fees if the new system is not agreed?

No. There will be no increase in the overall estate rate for 2015 whatever the result of the resolution vote.

### How will this proposal be presented to the members for voting?

Resolutions can be presented at the AGM as either a "special resolution" or as an "ordinary resolution" and this is defined in the Memorandum and Articles dated 31.12.1973, sections 6, 13 and 20. The fixing of contributions paid by members is considered "ordinary" business and therefore the board has decided that this resolution will be an "ordinary resolution".

Sections 6, 13 & 20 detail the proceedings which need to be followed at General Meetings relating to how payments are calculated and set. A copy of the Memorandum and Articles is available for all residents to view on the WRA website under "Downloads".

### What does the above mean?

For an "ordinary" resolution, a basic majority is required for the proposed changes to be accepted. A majority is defined as 50% + 1 vote of those who voted.

It is extremely important for issues such as this, that affect the entire estate, that as many residents as possible exercise their vote. If you wish to have your vote counted it is important that you either attend the AGM in person or you send in your proxy vote indicating how you wish your vote to be counted.

### Why did the board not follow the ordinary resolution procedures in 2012?

Although the resolution in 2012 could have been presented as "ordinary", the board at the time decided that a "special" resolution was more appropriate to their proposal, which differed in some detail to the proposal presented now. As the "special" resolution in 2012 required a 75% majority, it was narrowly defeated.

### What if I want to speak at the AGM?

Anyone wishing to speak on this at the AGM is requested to put their name forward as soon as possible, after the AGM paperwork has been sent out, stating for or against.

The board will put a formal proposal to the 2014 AGM and would again stress that they fully recommend this revised proposal as being a sensible way to update the current system to promote fairness throughout the estate. We are looking to receive your support.

## 2014 East Preston Festival week (30th May—8th June) List of Main events

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May & Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 10.00 - 17.00 Conservative Hall, Sea Road

An exhibition of ARTS & FLOWERS: Paintings by local artists and themed floral displays. Raffle and refreshments. All Flowers and Paintings are for sale.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 09.30 - 13.00 Angmering Race Track

Boys & Girls cycle race, under the auspices of "British Cycling" Age Groups Under 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16 years old. Voucher prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in all categories. Limited places.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May

ELVIS TRIBUTE SHOW: 19.30, Village Hall Tickets £7.50 from Box Offices (see below).



Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 12.00

PARTY ON THE GREEN (Village Green, East Preston)

A family event with many attractions including Kids Zone, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Tombola, Birds of Prey and a Tug Of War. Live Music from AMALGAMATION and VOLTZ as well as Ice Creams, Teas, Candy Floss, Pop Corn, Burgers, Hog Roast, Bar and a REAL ALE MARQUEE.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 19.30 Village Hall, Miller barn

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ: Entrance £10.00 per team of 4, 1<sup>st</sup> prize: £50, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: £30, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: £16. Entry forms from The Clockhouse, Sea Road or call Ian Gordon: 01903 779 720

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

OPEN GARDENS & ART TRAIL: 14.00 - 17.00 pm. Tickets from Box Offices and Art Exhibition.

CALL MY WINE BLUFF: 19.30 - 21.30, Village Hall. Entrance £9.50 to include wines & ploughman's supper. Tickets from Box Offices



Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

OPEN GARDENS & ART TRAIL: 17.00 - 20.00 Tickets from Box Offices and art exhibition. Anyone who wishes to enter their gardens in the Open Gardens please contact Jackie Pilcher 01903 782783

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 19.30 The Warren Room, Village Hall, Sea Road

MEET THE AUTHORS: JANE RUSBRIDGE and SIMON BRETT, who will be talking about their work and their inspiration. They will also answer questions, and sign books, which will be available to buy on the night, courtesy of Steyning Bookshop. Tickets: £8 to include a glass of wine or juice.

Friday 6th June 19.00 Village Hall, Sea Road

An exciting new event "Bollywood Evening". An evening of Indian food and traditional Indian dancers. Food to be supplied from all 4 East Preston Indian Restaurants. This promises to be a great evening of food and entertainment. Tickets £12.50 per person.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June

FESTIVAL CARNIVAL PROCESSION: 11.00 am, starting in Vicarage Lane.



Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June

ANTIQUÉ & COLLECTORS FAIR: 10.00-4.00, Village Hall - entrance 70p.

DOG SHOW: 14.00 - 16.00 Village green - entrance on the day

4.30 pm - GRAND FESTIVAL PRIZE DRAW

1<sup>st</sup> prize: £250, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: £250 voucher for use at L Guess Jewellers, Rustington, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Mini Spa day for 2 at Bailiffscourt 4<sup>th</sup> prize: Tea for 2 at The Grand Hotel, Brighton. Tickets available at Village Hall during Festival week and at other locations to be announced.



The SCARECROW competition, will be back again- great fun for families - details will be available from Buds n' Blooms, 7 Sea Road from end of April. Entrance: £1.00 1<sup>st</sup> prize £10 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £5 Participants are requested to keep their entries up all week for viewing and judging

The two winning entries will ride in the procession

Box Office details are as below:

Seaview Stores, 114 Sea Road

Hedgers Newsagents, 44 Sea Road

All evening events at the Village and Conservative Halls will have a bar and raffles.

There are many other daily events during Festival Week - to be published in the programme, which will be available from the library, box offices and many shops in East Preston from the end of April.

## What's on?

If you know of a local event please let us know so that we can let our residents know, how many times have we all said "I didn't know that was on or I would have gone along?"

### April

**Wednesday 9th April 2014 - 19:15** Sussex by the Sea - the ebb and flow of history (Conservative Hall, Sea Road, East Preston) From the Romans to the Blitz, over the last two thousand years the changing coast of south-east England has influenced the history of the United Kingdom - and of the world as a result. Historian and popular speaker Mark Perry Nash's talk "Sussex by the Sea", which explores the ebb and flow of

history along our shoreline, promises to be an enjoyable event for all those who love our region and our heritage. This talk follows the society's AGM. Visitors £3, members free.

**Thursday 17th April 2014 - 19:00 to 22:00** East Preston Films (Conservative Hall, Sea Road, East Preston) Saving Mr Banks (13) Tickets at £6.00 each are on sale at Seaview Stores & Hedgers Newsagents, both in Sea Road. Event sponsored by 'Cooper Adams Estate Agents'. Profits to go towards purchasing 2 bicycle shelters for the village. *Event organiser: East Preston Film Society.*

### May

**Wednesday 7th May 2014 - 19:30**

(Conservative Hall, Sea Road, East Preston)  
Ian Gledhill (speaker) Magic of Pantomime. Competition 'Darling Buds of May' Refreshments, raffle, sales table. Visitors and new members welcome.

Ring 01903 773017

*Event organiser: East Preston Floral Club*

**Thursday 29th May 2014**  
Pirates & Smugglers Day

Set on the Lower Lawns at Arundel Castle, this family day will be an opportunity to find out about the Smugglers of Sussex and the Pirates who menaced waters around the world. With The Yarnsmith of Norwich story teller, have-a-go-fencing, and pirates aplenty demonstrating crafts, weapons and activities of the

18th Century, this lively event will entertain all ages.



### Did you know?

About 1.5 million Cadbury's Creme Eggs can be made every day at the Bournville factory and over 200 million of them are sold in the UK every year.

The Queen has two Corgis: Holly and Willow and two Dorgis (cross-breed of Dachshund and Corgi): Candy and Vulcan.

A Cockapoo is the mix of a Cocker Spaniel and Poodle.

## Useful Numbers



Police Non Emergency  
Number : 101 or 0845  
60 70 999

Assured Control  
Room (Guards):  
01903 277345

Hobdens:  
01903 724040



Contact us by either writing C/O  
Hobdens, 41 Beach Road, Littlehampton,  
West Sussex, BN17 5JA

Or send a message using the website

[www.willowhayne.org](http://www.willowhayne.org)

(If you have forgotten the password please  
just give Hobdens a call and they will advise  
you; for security reasons we don't want to  
publish this information in the newsletter as  
the website is for residents use only)



One of our residents has set up a Willowhayne Forum, so that the residents can discuss various topics, ideas, help each other out or arrange trips etc. The username and password are the same as for the WRA website. This Forum is not a platform to address any issues relating directly to the WRA Board or as a method of communicating with the board. [www.willowhayneforum.co.uk](http://www.willowhayneforum.co.uk)

Directors : Amanda Adams      Kerrie Peskett      Steve Robinson      Adrian Gotts  
Garry Styles      Malcolm Barnett      Jeffrey Edwards & Richard Kirch (Co-Opted)

## What do you want from your Newsletter and board of directors?

The purpose of the Newsletter is to keep you informed as to what is happening on the estate. It would be helpful if you could let us know what you wish us to include in the Newsletter and what you want us to leave out. We welcome articles to be submitted for inclusion in the Newsletter, but please bear in mind that they may need to be edited for content and suitability (depending on content and space available). Please submit your articles via the website or post to Hobdens.

All the directors are volunteers and work many hours (often without any recognition and in addition to their day job) trying to improve the estate and ensuring we all benefit from living on such a lovely estate. Our sole objective is to serve the estate to the best of our ability so if there is anything you want us to consider or think we could do better then please just let us know.

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