

## **Rudgwick Parish Council**

### **Weekly Clerk's Update 9 – 15 September 2019 (Agenda October 2019)**

**To:** Parish Councillors

c.c: Christian Mitchell (West Sussex County Councillor)  
Richard Landeryou (Horsham District Councillor)

**From:** Jonna Foote

The weekly update provides information regarding:

- Announcements/delegated decisions by the Clerk
- Planning information
- Correspondence/communications from parishioners
- Correspondence/communications from outside organisations

#### **List of organisations that communicate with the Council on a regular basis.**

- AIRS (Action in Rural Sussex)
- APCAG (Association of Parish Councils Aviation Group)
- CAGNE (Communities Against Gatwick Noise Emission)
- CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)
- HALC (Horsham Association of Local Councils)
- HDC (Horsham District Council)
- NALC (National Association of Local Councils)
- SSALC (Surrey and Sussex Association of Local Councils)
- WSCC (West Sussex District Council)

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#### **Clerk's announcements/delegated decisions**

- **Open Space Warden has reported Kompan playground "bridge" on junior apparatus temporary repair broken – Clerk has contacted Kompan for permanent repair – confirmed that this will take place in the next 10 days.**
- **Open Space Warden reported a broken light bollard on KGV field, Clerk has asked handyman to repair and he has completed**
- **VAT £4,305.06 claim has been received from HRMC**
- **Second instalment of cleansing grant £1,034.92 received from HDC**
- **Salt bins audit returned to WSCC**
- **Community event booked: Rudgwick Swap Shop on 11 January at Rudgwick Hall – as this is of benefit to both environment and parishioners the 3-hour hire charge has been waived.**

- Completed and submitted the Business Audit documentation as required by the Office of Statistics
- Open Space Warden has reported a rabbit hole on the football field, he has on numerous occasions filled it – however rabbits are returning. Have informed football and cricket clubs to be aware and, if necessary, fill up hole with soil before the start of a match.
- Reported suds pond situation at Barley Croft Development to both Enforcement Team at HDC and Berkeley (Southern) Homes Ltd - to be addressed. A councillor reported pond being of such a depth that it could be a H&S issue.
- Appointed tree surgeon for tree work at KGV/Foxholes Copse, as recommended in tree surveys, felling of one tree will have bat scan representation.
- Microphone at Rudgwick Hall has been replaced.
- Notice of Vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor has been publicised on Council website, notice board and Facebook page.
- Electrical inspection/ Portable Appliance Testing has been undertaken. Some minor electrical issues found and to be addressed. Solar panels tripping switch, may require specialist electrical support.
- Roof repair at JH/RH starting on 16th September 2019.
- Letter sent to hirer regarding non-payment of hire charges.
- RPC comments regarding Ewhurst & Ellens Green NHP submitted to Ewhurst Clerk/ NHP Steering Committee
- Insurance company has taken last measurement at Jubilee Hall regarding possible subsidence.
- Clerk has responded to the email regarding ownership of the King George V field (see below in parishioners' correspondence).  
 For information: The KGV field was purchased before the second World War by RPC and it was then put in the National Playing Field Trust as the King George V field for the use of the public in perpetuity, in memory of King George V.  
 The Trust is "King George V Field", operates with a separate bank account. Although, income from the field does not cover expenditure and RPC supports the field's expenditure as it is considered an asset to the village and its residents/ general public. In 2004 a part of the field was used for the building of the then RSCC building and land had to be taken out of the trust as the building did not fall within the scope of the National Playing Field Trust (NB Then and now: Fields in Trust). RPC had "to replace" the loss of this land and this is when Churchman's Meadows became part of the King George V Field Trust. The land, although owned by RPC, cannot be sold or used for anything else than the enjoyment of the public.  
 The land on which the now King George V Building is placed is owned by RPC and part of it leased to Little Street, the other part being the changing rooms operated by the council to be used by various sports' clubs (at a charge).
- Completed and submitted Lloyds Banking documentation in relation to tax status of KGV field charity.

## Planning Information

Delegated Applications for noting at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2019				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	Recommendation	Official Response Date
<a href="#">DC/19/1787</a> 04.09.2019	Smithers Farm, Guildford Road, Rudgwick	Erection of two detached buildings for office and workshop use		<b>25.09.2019</b>
<a href="#">DC/19/1814</a> 05.09.2019	Holy Trinity Church, Church Street, Rudgwick	Change of use of grassland to an extension of the adjacent Holy Trinity Churchyard		<b>26.09.2019</b>
<a href="#">DC/19/1810</a> 03.09.2019	Chequered Oak Bungalow, Rowhook Road, Rowhook	Non Material Amendment to previously approved application DC/19/0887 (Erection of a single storey side/rear extension with habitable living space in loft and the erection of a porch) Installation of an additional window in the proposed en-suite bathroom and to replace the proposed bifold doors in the new living area with french doors and side lights.		<b>Not available</b>

### Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2019				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	RPC Recommendation	HDC Decision
<a href="#">DC/19/1104</a>	Waterside Barn, Howick Farm, The Haven	Retrospective planning permission for the construction of a below ground level swimming pool.	No objection	<b>HDC Permitted</b>

### Appeals Lodged / Appeals Decided

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Decided – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2019				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	RPC Recommendation	Public Inquiry/Written Representation
APP/Z3825/W/18 /3213518 <a href="#">(DC/18/1233)</a>	Mill Hill House, Guildford Road, Rudgwick	Erection of a link from the back door to a small ancillary building	No Objection	<b>Appeal Allowed</b>
APP/Z3825/W/18 /3213523 <a href="#">(DC/18/1234)</a>	Mill Hill House, Guildford Road, Rudgwick	Erection of a link from the back door to a small ancillary building	No Objection	<b>Appeal Allowed</b>

		(Listed Building Consent)		
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**Enforcement Numbers**

<b>Enforcement Numbers – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b>	
<a href="#">EN/19/0427</a>	Alleged: Renovation to derelict stables for a different use without planning permission Swains Cottage, Tismans Common, Rudgwick
<a href="#">EN/19/0426</a>	Alleged: Increasing residential curtilage Swains Cottage, Tismans Common, Rudgwick

**Correspondence/communications from parishioners to the Council**

- Parishioner phoned regarding debris left in her garden after Council pruning work had been undertaken, Clerk has addressed the matter.
- Parishioner phoned regarding parking on KGV car park – Clerk has informed parishioner that the item will be on the agenda later this year.
- Parishioner email regarding the ownership of King George V Field – information had been given that the field is owned by Rudgwick Parish Council. (forwarded to the Chairman).
- Parishioner send a letter thanking the council for clearing paths in Foxholes Copse as well as pointing out that the access path to Foxholes Copse is overgrown. Clerk has responded, cutting back vegetation had been planned for September and should be done within the next fortnight.

**General correspondence/emails**

**09.09.2019 Email from HDC  
Road Closure – Pathway Close**

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION

PATHFIELD CLOSE, RUDGWICK

NOTICE IS hereby given that in pursuance of the provisions of Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended, the use of (and parking on) Pathfield Close, Rudgwick from junction with Queen Elizabeth Road to end is temporarily prohibited from 23/09/19 at 08.00 until 27/09/19 at 18.00

The restriction will be in place day-time only 08.00 to 18.00

This closure is necessary to allow Balfour Beatty to carry out carriageway microasphalt surfacing on behalf of WSCC

Emergency vehicle, Residential and Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times  
There will be no alternative route for traffic as this is a dead end road

This restriction will be effective for a maximum of 5 days from the start date given above

Any queries about the effect of the closure on traffic using the highway please contact West Sussex County Council on 01243 642105

Any queries about the works please contact Balfour Beatty on 01243 642105

Dated 09 September 2019

Matt Davey Director of Highways, Transport and Planning

### 09.09.2019 Email from WSCC

WSCC E-Newsletter



## WSCC E-Newsletter September 2019

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### All the latest news from West Sussex County Council

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### Have you checked out our Budget 2020/21 animation?



An animation outlining the financial pressures West Sussex County Council is facing is now live on the county council website.

You can find it on the [Budget 2020/21](#) web page, together with lots of information on the budget setting process for 2020/21 including the budget challenge we are facing, the national and local picture and the next

steps for the county council.

Budget savings options are currently being developed and will go before the council's four scrutiny committees this autumn and then to a formal meeting of the Cabinet on Tuesday 26 November. All these meetings will be [webcast](#) live.

Keep checking the [Budget 2020/21](#) web page for the latest information.

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## Time to apply for your child's secondary school place

Families with children due to start secondary school in September 2020 can now apply for places online.

Applications will be open until **31 October 2019**.

Parents should apply for their child's secondary school place by the deadline. Applying after the deadline will seriously affect the chances of your child being offered one of your preferred schools.

The quickest and easiest way to [get information and apply is online](#) but those unable to apply online can request a form by calling 03330 142903.



The secondary school application online process is quick and simple, and an automatic email will acknowledge that the application has been received. Free use of computers with internet access is available in all [West Sussex libraries](#).

West Sussex County Council staff are available to advise parents on the admissions process. Parents can telephone 03330 142903 or email the [admissions team north](#) or the [admissions team south](#).

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## Confused about recycling? Mia is here to help



Mia recycles is a series of short videos to help West Sussex residents cut the confusion of recycling.

The videos follow Mia around the home as she educates her family on which items can and cannot be recycled in the bathroom, the kitchen and on a takeaway night. Mia will be ending the series by visiting the Ford Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) to show what happens to recycling once it has been collected.

The videos can now be watched from the @WSRecycles [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts with a new video added every Sunday until 6 October.

You can find the videos and information on recycling in West Sussex by visiting the [Mia recycles webpage](#).

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## Helping communities improve their local places

We're working with Parish and Town Councils and community groups across the county who are keen to get involved with highways initiatives that improve their local environment.



We've developed '[Improving local places and the spaces we live in](#)' - this brings together in one place what communities can do, how the County Council can help and examples of what communities are already doing. The scheme will highlight opportunities available in three areas.

[Henfield Parish Council](#) and [Tarring Flood Action Group](#) have both embraced these opportunities and shared why the scheme has been of such benefit to them.

In Horsted Keynes, the [Village Verges](#) group plant verges with wild flowers. Their project has been so well received that they are now looking to extend to a second site in the village. This type of project also links very closely with the County Council's [Pollinator Action Plan](#).

Please [contact us](#) if you'd like to find out more about how your community could get involved.

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## Have your say on electric vehicle infrastructure in West Sussex



Last year we conducted a survey asking residents, businesses and commuters what would help them make the switch to electric vehicles.

It showed lack of public charging points as a significant factor discouraging the switch.

We've now produced a draft Electric Vehicle strategy taking into account those results and are consulting to seek additional views before it's formally adopted.

The consultation is open until Tuesday 1 October.

You can find out more about the consultation and take part by visiting the [Have Your Say consultation hub](#).

If you require the survey in an alternative format, please contact the Sustainability team on 0330 222 6455 or via email at [sustainability@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:sustainability@westsussex.gov.uk).

If you are deaf or hard of hearing and have an NGT texting app installed on your computer, laptop or smartphone you can contact them on 18001 0330 222 6455.

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## Get prepared for an emergency

From flooding to fires, heatwaves to heavy snow, incidents at home or on the road, emergencies can happen at any time and often with little or no notice.

West Sussex County Council and West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service's (WSFRS) Resilience and Emergencies team are working to prepare you and your family for how to deal with an emergency.



Throughout September useful tips will be posted to Twitter [@WSCCResilience](#) and Facebook [@WhatIfSussex](#).

Older residents are also being invited to 'tea and tips' events with some local fire stations. During 2018/19, WSFRS attended almost 150 house fires involving people aged 65 and over. For dates and locations visit [www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/home-fire-safety](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/home-fire-safety).

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## Latest headlines:

[New 'wildlife' has landed at Buchan Country Park](#)

[GCSE pass rates up across West Sussex](#)

[First day for new Chief Fire Officer](#)

[Your chance to question the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner](#)



### #SaveTimeGoOnline

1. How can I request a birth/marriage/death copy certificate? Order a copy or make amendments [here](#).
2. How do I book a Registrar for my wedding? Click [here](#) for details on how to book.
3. How do I report a pothole? You can report it quickly via [Love West Sussex](#).
4. How do I find out where our grass cutting crews are working? [Click here](#).





**09.09.2019 Email from Moore Stephens  
Name Change**

I am writing to let you know that from today, 9 September 2019, Moore Stephens will simply be called MOORE. This is a change across the entire Moore Stephens global network – with member firms in more than 110 countries beginning to adopt the new name and branding. Our new website address is [www.moore.co.uk](http://www.moore.co.uk)

This won't change anything regarding your local authority audit – your existing team, which I head up, will continue to deliver your Limited Assurance Review as per our contract with the SAAA.

You will see our new name and logo on our website and email footers, and our email addresses have also changed. The new email address for Smaller Authorities in West Sussex is [wsussex.sa@moore.co.uk](mailto:wsussex.sa@moore.co.uk)

Please be reassured however that any emails sent to the previous Moore Stephens email address will be automatically forwarded to us for the foreseeable future. Our postal address and contact telephone numbers remain unchanged.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us on 01733 397300 to find out more or to discuss any aspect of the changes.

**wsussex sa,**  
Moore East Midlands

**10.09.2019 Email Horsham District Older People Forum Question Time event with MP  
22.11.2019**

Dear Parish and Neighbourhood Councillors

The Horsham District Older Peoples Forum is pleased to announce that their annual '**MP Question Time**' event will be held on **Friday 22nd November 2019** in the Park Suite conference room, Council Offices, Parkside, Chart Way, Horsham.

We are grateful to the **Rt. Hon. Nick Herbert, MP** for Arundel & South Downs, who has again agreed to come and answers questions.

The conference room will be open from 10 am for tea/coffee/networking and the meeting 10.30am - 1 pm.

All local councillors are of course, especially welcome and encouraged to attend.

If you are attending, please send us an **email to confirm** (catering etc.) [hdopforum@gmail.com](mailto:hdopforum@gmail.com)

Mr. Herbert would appreciate details of questions in advance in case research is needed and to ensure a fair range of questions. Please send them to us when you can.

The Horsham District Older Peoples Forum thanks you for your ongoing support, looks forward to seeing you and hearing your questions at the meeting.

Martin Bruton

Chairman

[Horsham District Older Peoples Forum](#)

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The Horsham District Older Peoples Forum (HDOPF) is a voluntary group that is non-political, free to attend and take part in. It acts as the 'ears' and gives a 'voice' for people aged 60 and over who reside in the Horsham District Council area or who cares for someone who is. The Forum also exists for anyone to raise issues that relate or affect local older people. The Forum holds quarterly public meetings around the district. We also work on projects, act as an information hub and consultative group for anyone seeking the views of older people in the district on particular plans, topics or schemes that may affect older people.

The Forum is actively working towards an 'Age-Friendly' and 'Dementia Friendly' Horsham.



### 10.09.2019 Email from JAH regarding meeting

Dear all,

In advance of the next JAG meeting, due to be held on **23 September**, I am pleased to provide a link to the reporting form for Parish issues.

I can confirm receipt of forms from Storrington, and North Horsham parish councils.

If your parish has any issues to raise, please complete the following form to report community issues for consideration by the JAG membership.

Please note that the JAG meetings are to discuss **crime and anti-social behaviour only**. For road safety/speeding issues and for the state of roads/pavements please contact WSCC.

**\*Note that this form in no way replaces the need to contact Sussex Police or the other emergency services in1 real time on either 999 or 101 for non-emergencies.\***

[http://ebusiness.horsham.gov.uk/outreach/COM\\_JAG.ofml](http://ebusiness.horsham.gov.uk/outreach/COM_JAG.ofml)

Many thanks,

Debra

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Horsham District Council, Parkside, Chart Way, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 1RL

**12.09.2019 Email – NALC Newsletter**



The Princess Royal to attend the NALC Annual Conference

Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, Princess Anne, will be attending NALC Annual Conference on 29 October 2019 as this year's special guest

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NALC pilots first Peer Review in Chippenham

NALC arrived this week at Chippenham Town Council in Wiltshire to pilots its first-ever Peer Review. A joint initiative with the LGA to help showcase the ambition in the sector to raise the levels

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NALC supports Communities Week  
NALC is proud to support this year's Communities Week to help recognise the work of local (parish and town) councils across the country are doing to drive positive change that helps build stronger communities

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NALC responds to the 5G deployment consultation

NALC will be responding to the government's [consultation](#) on the proposed reforms to permitted development rights to support the deployment of 5G and extend mobile coverage

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## Member updates

[Chief executive's blog](#)

Minutes for Finance and Scrutiny Committee on 3 September 2019

Agenda papers for Larger Councils Committee on 17 September 2019

A new consultation on the *Comprehensive Spending Review*

A new consultation response on the *Data Sharing Code of Practice*

12.09.2019 Email from HDC Draft Corporate Plan



L19\_CO02 HDC  
Corporate Plan v16.1

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Dear all,

The Council Leader, Ray Dawe, has asked me to send you a copy of Horsham District Council's draft Corporate Plan for the period up to the next district council election. The Cabinet is required to produce this document for the Council approval.

The Plan is not intended as a detailed policy document but as a fairly wide overview of the direction the council will be taking over the next few years. The intention would then be to do a short annual review of it each year.

The plan will be reviewed at Cabinet on 26 September and Council on 16 October and the final draft published one week before each meeting.

Best regards

Jane

**Jane Eaton**

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13.09.2019 Email from AIRS annual conference 6 November

## VILLAGE HALLS & COMMUNITY BUILDINGS BULLETIN - September 2019

We have the pleasure of announcing the details of our Annual Sussex Village Halls & Community Buildings Conference.

**East Sussex Conference – Wednesday 6th November 2019**

**Time:** 9.30am to 2.00pm

**Venue:** James West Community Centre  
Brunel Drive, Hailsham, East Sussex  
BN27 3UB

**West Sussex Conference – Thursday 7th November 2019**

**Time:** 9.30am to 2.00pm

**Venue:** Thakeham Village Hall  
1 Abingworth Crescent, Thakeham, West Sussex  
RH20 3GW

### **Conference Programme:**

The conference will run from 10.00am to 2.00pm, with coffee/tea available from 9.30am. Refreshment breaks and a light buffet lunch are included. There will be ample opportunities for networking between participants, stand holders and speakers.

We'll provide access to key information, expert advice and offer opportunities to share experiences and network.

### **Speakers:**

- **Welcome & Introduction** – AirS and venue representatives
- **HeatingSave Building Energy Management System** - Simon Keast, [Tensor](#)
- **Mastering Social Media** - James Armstrong, [Digital Firefly](#)

### **Workshops:**

Attendees will be able to attend 1 of the 3 workshops run on the day. Please express your preference(s) on the booking form.

Workshop 1 – **Learning lessons from renovations and new builds**

Workshop 2 – **Identifying and securing funding**

Workshop 3 – **Building management: maximising energy efficiency**

***Please note that due to demand we may not be able to meet all preferences, which will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.***



## **Any Questions? Panel:**

A panel of those involved in managing and operating community buildings will take questions and enquiries from attendees. Please note, an opportunity to put forward a question in advance exists on the event booking form.

## **Stand holders:**

This year we are delighted to welcome the following organisations as stand holders at the event:

[Allied Westminster Insurance Services](#) - specialists in village hall and venue insurance.

[Tensor](#) - specialists in building management systems.

## **Booking:**

The conference is open to anyone who is involved with a community building of any type or size. 2019/20 subscribers to our [Village Halls and Community Buildings Advisory Service](#) may send up to 2 attendees 'free of charge', with additional attendees and non-subscribers charged £25 (inc. VAT) per person.

To make a booking, please complete the [Booking Form](#) and return it to us along with payment no later than **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019**.

## **Prices:**

Subscribers to AirS Advisory Service 2019/20 - No Charge (Up to a max. of 2 attendees)

Non-Subscribers/Additional attendees - £25 (Inc. VAT) per attendee

Payments can be made by BACS or cheque - please see the details on our booking forms.

If paying by BACS please include the full name of the applicant as a reference when making payment and email the completed application form to:

[villagehalls@ruralsussex.org.uk](mailto:villagehalls@ruralsussex.org.uk) including 'East Sussex or West Sussex Village Hall Conference' in the subject line.

***Please note – refunds will only be considered for cancellations sought at least 14 days before the event date. If you cannot attend you may nominate someone else to do so in your place.***

#### Contact Us

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**Please let us know if you no longer wish to receive this newsletter by emailing**

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If you require further information related to any of the issues identified in this newsletter, have any questions, or would like to identify themes for future issues, then please email

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**13.09.2019 Email from NALC  
Chief Executives Weekly Bulletin**

## Chief executive's bulletin

### Chippenham Peer Review

I was delighted this week we held our trailblazing pilot peer review with Chippenham Town Council. Our head of member services, Charlotte Eisenhart, was part of the peer review team who spent two days onsite where through 20 meetings they spoke to more than 45 people including a range of council staff together with councillors and stakeholders, spending more than 80 hours to determine findings and feedback for the council! You can read our news story [here](#), and more details on this and future peer reviews will follow in due course.

### Communities Partnership Board

The new faith and communities minister at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), Viscount Younger of Leckie, attended the Communities Partnership Board on 10 September. In his remarks, he thanked all the organisations on the Board (which includes NALC!) for their support to the communities agenda which he is committed to as being key to building strong communities, helping unite the country, breaking down barriers in communities, and leading to greater integration. Other issues covered included communities policy priorities and the Towns Fund, where our head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, reiterated our call for local councils to have the opportunity to play a lead role in bidding for funding, especially as nearly a third of 100 areas selected have town council as their most local tier of local government! Details on the prospectus for the Towns Fund are still

being worked up and I will keep you posted on developments.

## **NALC Management Board**

Our Management Board – which brings together 10 councillors from across the country to oversee our work – met on 10 September, draft minutes will be available on our website shortly, but here are a few highlights:

- proposals to launch a new human resources (HR) service as part of our existing membership offer were agreed; this will comprise a suite of model HR policies and documents for local councils plus advice and guidance for county associations – further details will be available later in the year.
- the Board considered our **activity report** on the work we've done on your behalf since July, this includes: meetings with Ministers; concerted lobbying on exempting toilets from business rates; a presence Local Government Association annual conference to highlight the potential of the sector to principal councils, including a well-attended fringe event; commencing research into how May's local elections went and what changes we should be seeking; we've responded to 220 legal queries, issued new model financial regulations; facilitated a groundbreaking first peer review in the sector; attended a number of local training days and events. Not bad for a Summer of interesting events politically and on the cricket field!
- Councillors also agreed on plans for our engagement at some of the party political conferences – if you are attending the Liberal Democrat, Labour, or Conservative events over the next few weeks and would like to help fly the flag for our sector contact NALC at [justin.griggs@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:justin.griggs@nalc.gov.uk)

## **Prorogation of Parliament**

As I'm sure everyone is only too aware, the current Parliamentary session was brought to a close with a **prorogation** announcement on 9 September; the House of Commons and the House of Lords will next sit for the State Opening of Parliament on 14 October 2019 with a Queens Speech. One direct consequence of prorogation is the **Non-Domestic Rating (Public Lavatories) Bill**, which seeks to end the toilet tax, won't continue its passage and we are pressing for this to be carried over into the next session.

## Children's Funeral Fund for England

MHCLG has published details of the new [Children's Funeral Fund For England](#) which aims to reduce the financial burden for families by reimbursing burial authorities, cremation authorities and funeral directors directly. More information for local councils on how to claim is [here](#).

### And finally...

As this year's #communitiesweek2019 draws to a close, new housing minister Esther McVey gave a shout out for Knutsford Town Council's neighbourhood plan in the [latest edition of Notes on Neighbourhood Planning](#), which had 100 volunteers involved in its production and covering important local themes such as community places and transport. I was also pleased to read about the work of two neighbourhood champions very well known to us, National Assembly members Cllr Ron Simpson and Cllr Peter Allison from the Leicestershire and Rutland and Yorkshire county associations respectively – well done!

### **13.09.2019 Email from HDC Planning Compliance Team regarding Sussex Topiary, Naldretts Lane, Rudgwick**

Good afternoon

This afternoon I served an enforcement notice on the owners of the land with regards the day room. The requirements of the Notice are for the building to be removed; the materials and debris to be removed; and for the land to be restored to its former condition. A three month compliance period was given once the Notice becomes effective.

I hope that this clarifies the current situation.

Regards

Madeleine

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