HUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Joan Foster

Chair

27 April 2022

Who we are:

Councillors:

Joan Foster	Chair	Parish Clerk: Carol Smith
David Betts	Vice Chair	Assistant Clerk: Carole Olive
Abby Smith		
Adam Brown		
Chris Vinton		
Shane Morton		
Theo Michell		

West Sussex County Councillor: Sarah Sharp
Chichester District Councillors: Chris Page, Simon Oakley

Overview

- First face-to-face meeting since 2019
- Parish Council allowed to meet online, great help, sadly not allowed now
- Wonderful volunteers who supported residents through Lockdown
- No Village Fete or Great Hunston Bake-off for two years – but now we're back!

Great Hunston Bake Off - 2022





Lots still happened

Installed two defibrillators in the village. Our sincere thanks to Chris and Steve of Kirklands, Selsey Lions Club and the Bake-Off for their donations.





VE Day 2020



We opened our Multi Use Sports Area – November 2020





Children’s Playground

- Have re-fenced
- Installed new swings, a zip wire and a disabled access roundabout



New bench commemorating the Armistice



Hunston Singalong



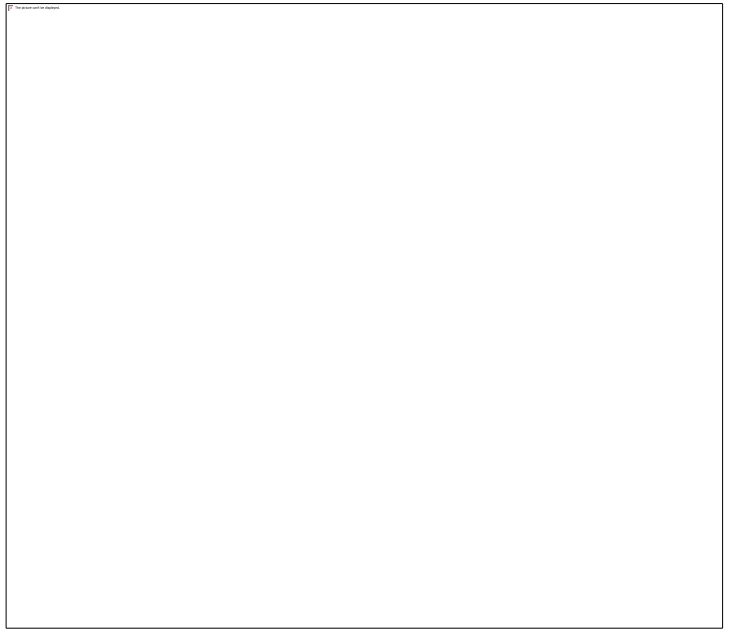
Carol Singing 2021

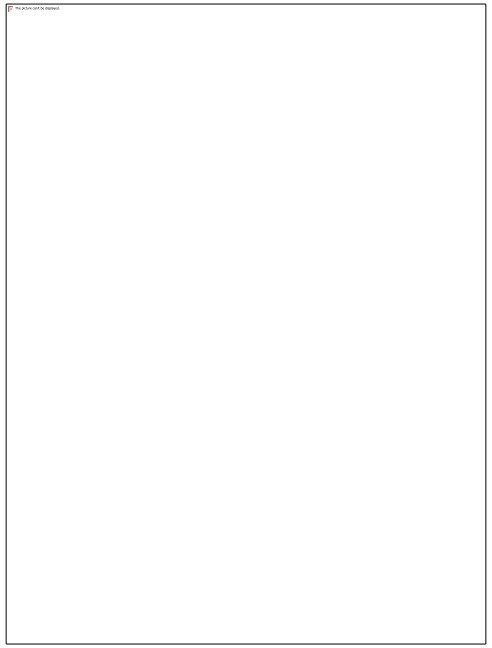
Thanks to Mark Anstead Music for leading the singing



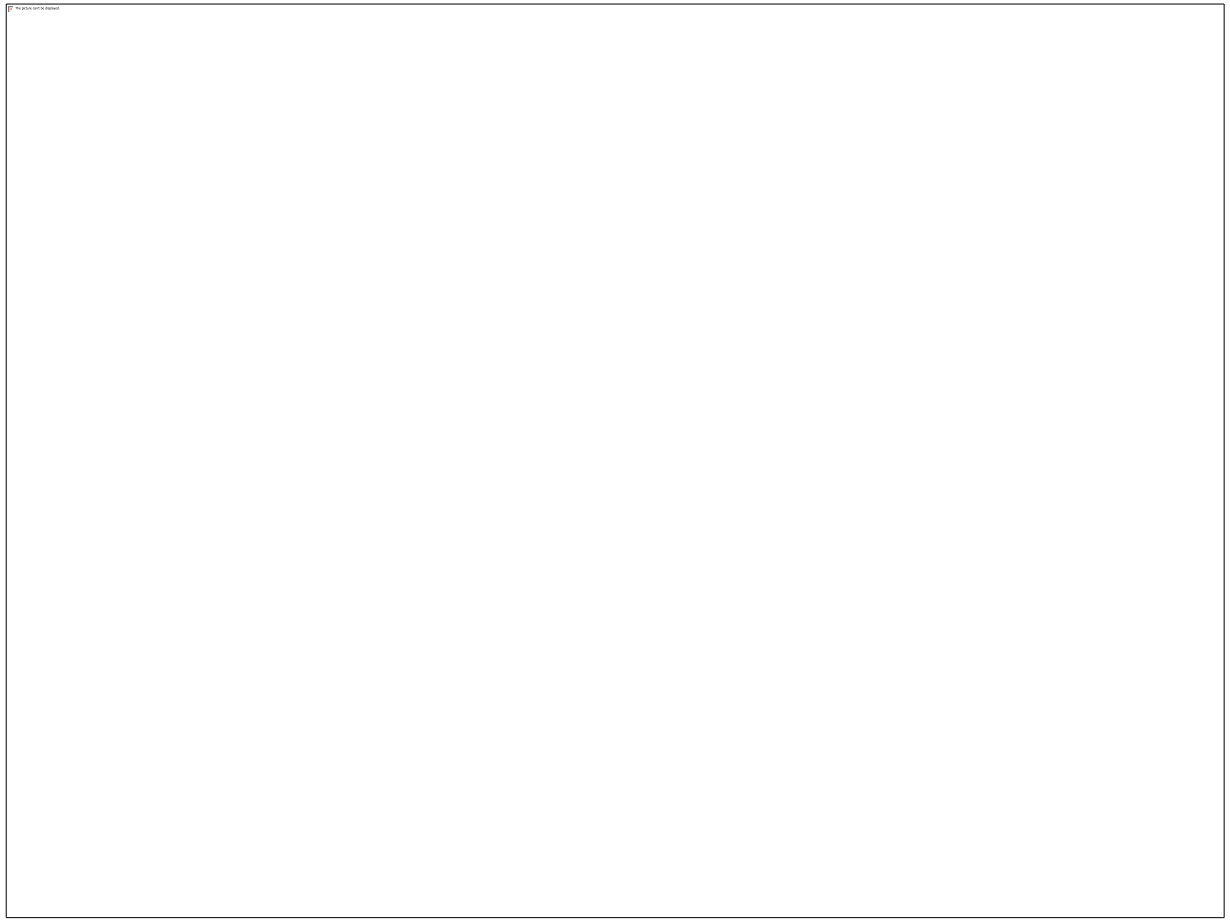


Followed by walk round the Advent Windows and free mulled wine and mince pies at the Spotted Cow





Conservation Work – Church Lane Pond

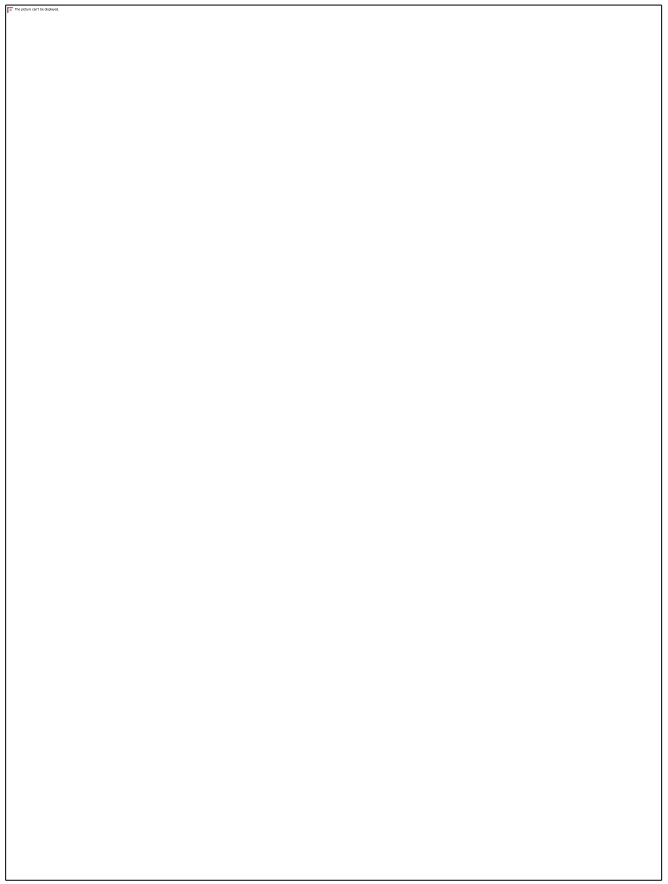


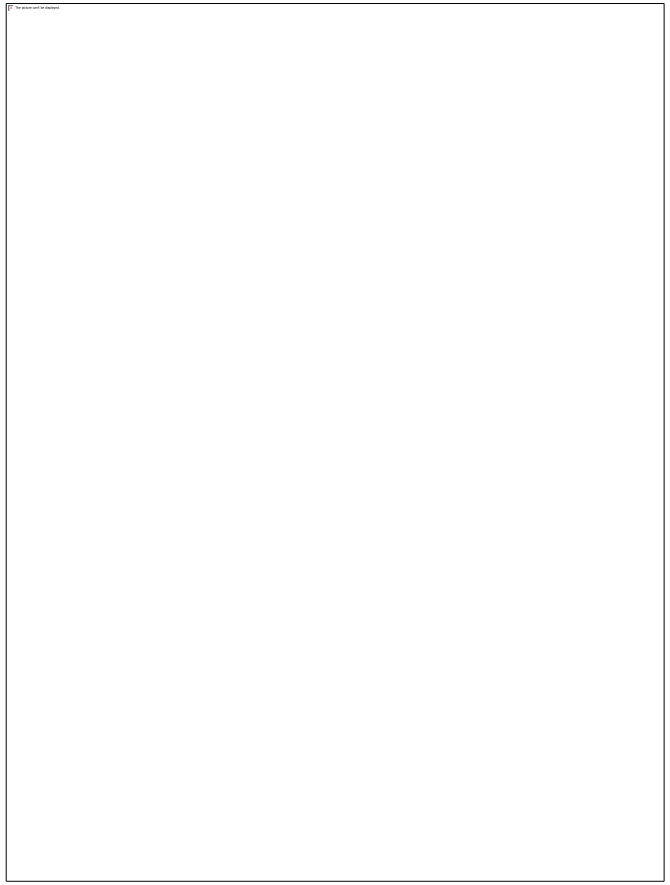
- Challenging to keep under control
- Working with Manhood Wildlife Heritage Group
- Definite signs of water voles

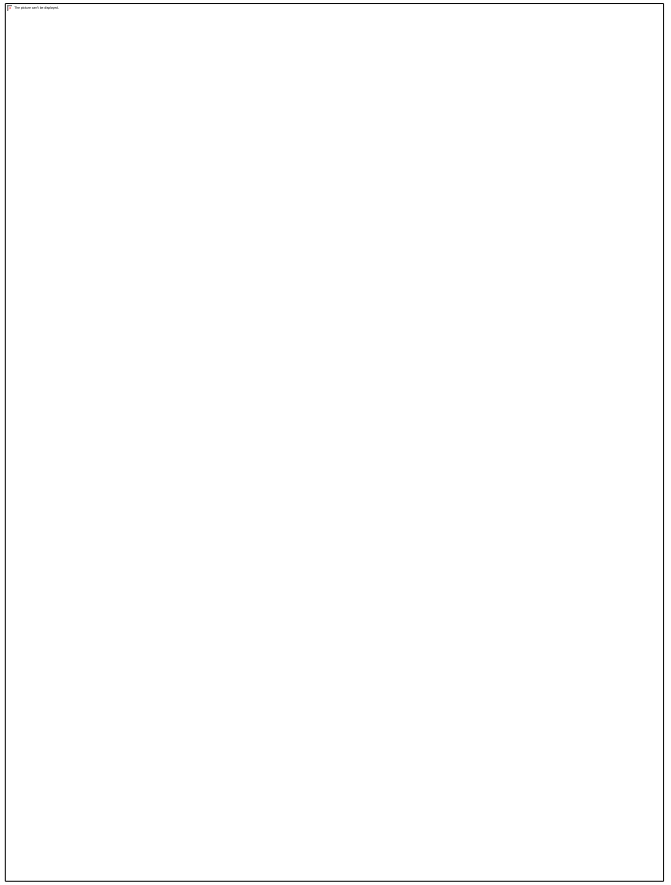
Conservation Volunteers

- Our thanks to all the volunteers who turn out to clear footpaths and to sow wildflowers on the roundabout and maintain the open area at Foxbridge
- Due to work over last two years, the Tramway Footpath from the allotments to the canal is now clear and being maintained by Jack Maidment, mowing the grass and Marie Tidswell, cutting back overhanging growth
- Aware of poor state of footpath from car boot field to bus stop – on WSCC list of works

Hunston Winter Market







Donations for Ukraine



7 March 2022
Started by Alpesh and Keyna Patel – Hunston Village Stores



Village Spring Clean – 23 April 2022









Updates

- Purchase of the Recreation Ground – application still with the Public Works Loan Board
- Pedestrian Crossing from Village Hall to Recreation Ground – application refused
- Meeting held Sarah Sharp and WSCC officers to improve the crossing and move the crossing at Oakview to be closer to the bus stop
- Parish Precept – increase of 2.2% - a rise of 0.27 a month on a Band D council tax property
- Village Hall Survey indicates no major problems
- Field East of Farmfield Nurseries – Illegal Waste Triage Officer, Environmental Crime Team has investigated. Instructions not to import more waste and start clearance. Jan 2022. Appeal against previous enforcement notice dismissed.

Hunston Neighbourhood Development Plan

- The Neighbourhood Plan was submitted for independent examination in September 2021
- The examiner concluded that the Plan failed to meet Basic Conditions 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- Basic Condition 1:
  - Fails to consider whether the HNDP complies with the legal requirements in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
  - Fails to confirm whether the submission is a ‘repeat proposal’ or whether the Plan has failed a referendum
  - The Plan does not detail how it meets the Basic Conditions

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- Consultation:
  - The Plan did not reflect the actual consultations that took place and did not meet the Basic Condition requirement
- Basic Condition 2:
  - Did not demonstrate how the HNDP will achieve sustainable development by reference to national planning policy
- Basic Condition 3:
  - Did not conform to the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area (not helped by no current Local Plan)

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- Basic Condition 4:
  - Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) carried out by an external organisation did not conform with the housing supply land figures as they are still under review
- Meeting held with the independent examiner – corrected two errors in the draft version concerning the Regulation 14 process (that we were advised to continue with 200 houses) and the Parish Council was not told to stop work on the Plan

Chichester District Council (CDC) Local Plan

- Due in 2019 – may be complete in 2023/24
- The Local Plan **guides decisions on future development proposals and addresses the needs and opportunities of the area**. Topics that Local Plans usually cover include housing, employment and shops and they also identify where development should take place and areas where development should be restricted.
- Local Plans are a key component of the planning system. **They shape how land use and places will change and develop in the future**. Planning applications need to be in line with Local Plans otherwise they are unlikely to receive planning permission.

What happens if no Local Plan?

- In the absence of a local plan the Government's "presumption in favour of sustainable development" comes into play.
- The presumption has caused some concern that local authorities without a local plan are vulnerable to applications for development, particularly housing, which they are unable to refuse.
- Councils need to have a five year housing supply to meet the need for development
- CDC has said it has a Housing Land Supply for 5.28 years
- The examiner in Lavant said CDC has a 5.039 years housing supply
- The examiner in West Wittering said CDC has a 4.6 years housing supply

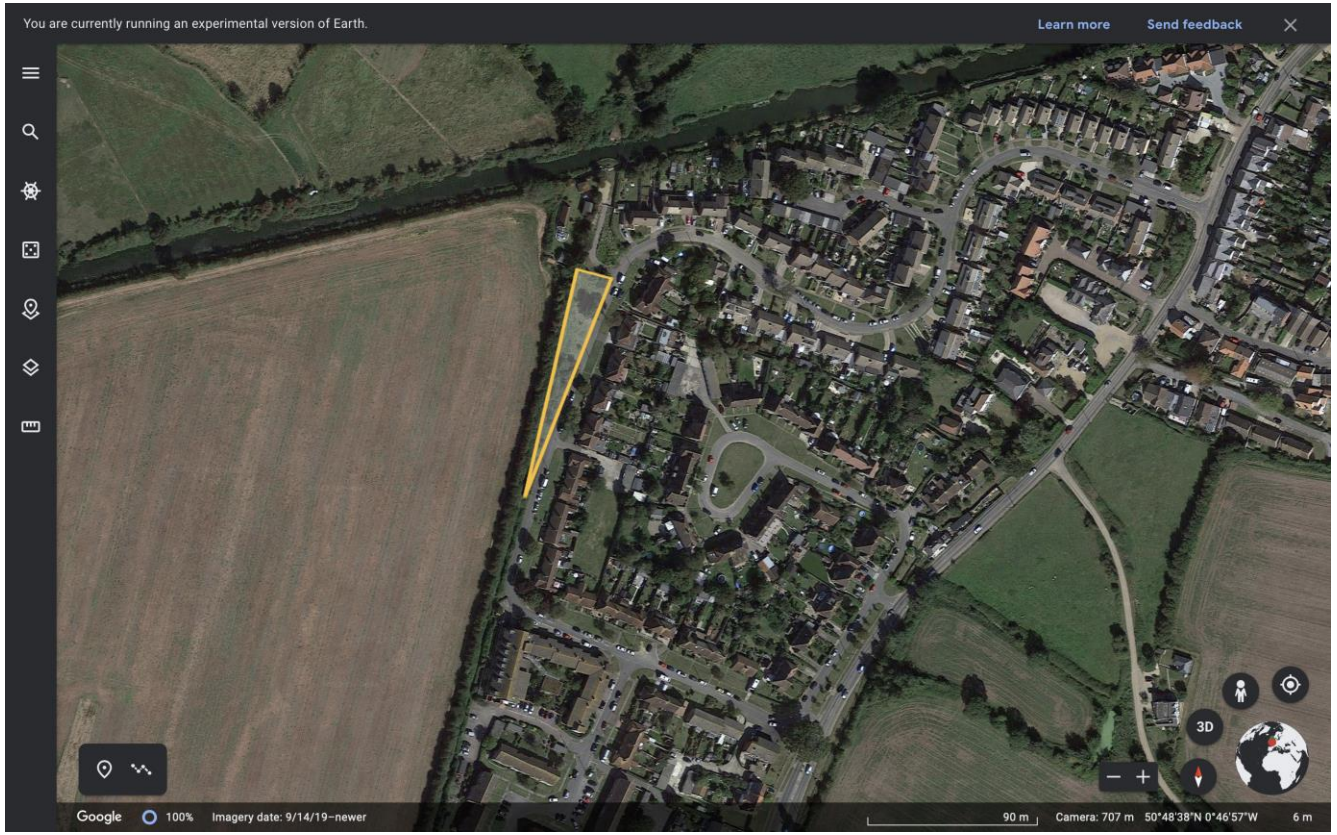
Where does that leave Hunston?

- Have a meeting with Chichester District Council planning officer on Friday 29 April 2022
- We have amended the Plan to meet the Basic Conditions and demonstrate the consultation that took place
- We will withdraw the plan
- Ask what CDC proposes we do next and what is the timetable?
- Ask what happens if there is a planning application for Hunston, are we secure, will our housing allocation be increased?

Southbourne Neighbourhood Plan

- In summary, the Examiner has recommended that the Southbourne Plan (NP2) should not be progressed to the Referendum Stage “in advance of the adoption of the Local Plan Review”.
- The proposed allocation of 1,250 houses is not in conformity with the current (out of date) Local Plan for 300 houses
- Means no Neighbourhood Plans till the Local Plan is adopted – 2023/2024

Community Orchard



Thanks to John Sheppard for useful background information

Comments:

This is a wildlife habitat and might be better left alone

Could add a community herb garden

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What next?

- New footpath in the Recreation Ground from the entrance gate to the Children's Playground and Multi Use Sports Area
- This will enable wheelchair and buggy access and will be dry!
- Started Community Speedwatch – ran out of steam – be great if we could get some more volunteers. Say 6 – 8 people giving 1 to 2 hours a month
- Theft of tree from Foxbridge Roundabout

The Big Hunston Platinum Jubilee Events

- Thursday 2 June: Beacon Lighting
- Saturday 4 June: Spotted Cow ‘Street Party’
- Sunday 5 June: Big Hunston Jubilee Lunch

Thank you

Any Comments or questions?