



## Chairman's Monthly Newsletter August 2021

Although the Council has not met since its Annual Meeting in May, there has been plenty to keep everyone busy. Our next meeting will be held on Monday 23 August at the Coronation Hall and thereafter the Council plans to revert to its usual meeting time of the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

The allotment lease with the National Trust expired in March 2020, although we are now making good progress with a new one for 2022. In the meantime allotment holders will continue to enjoy the benefits whilst the new agreement is put in place and with some generous concessions on the rent too, so good news all round. The Recreation Ground licence with the Slindon Sports Association is almost ready to be signed with the refurbishment of the pavilion nearing completion too.

We are also on the verge of receiving a decision on the Council's original Operation Watershed application. The grant money will allow the pond's first de-silting in over twenty years combined with flood management on the highway and at a significant saving to Slindon taxpayers, so fingers crossed for a favourable outcome! The Council also continues to work with the Highways Team to alleviate the flooding on Reynolds Lane with exploratory work in hand to understand the causes and so provide a long term resolution.

The Council now has just four members although it has nine member positions so it is always interested to hear from those who might wish to join. We plan to organise a 'meet the council' event in September so that electors can raise matters with us, learn more about what we have been doing and the role of a Council member. Sadly, the pandemic prevented the usual Annual Parish meeting so this will provide an alternative way to meet, on an informal basis, probably as part of a drop in session.

Worthing and District First Responders have also offered to run free training events so please look out for further details. The sessions will cover checking for signs of life during COVID, CPR - adult and paediatric, the Chain of Survival and using a defibrillator. There will also be an opportunity to practise CPR and use a defibrillator.

Apart from the outcome of Operation Watershed, we hope to bring you news soon on the Council's bid for a share of the South Downs National Park's Community Infrastructure Levy fund, to rejuvenate the ever popular play equipment on Top Field.

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