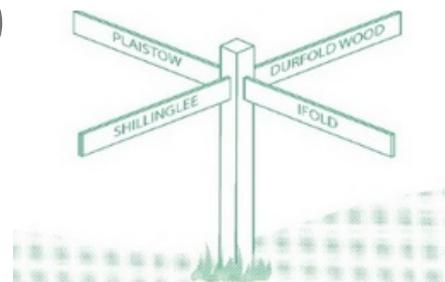


# PLAISTOW & IFOLD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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## IFOLD BUS STOP REGENERATION PROJECT UPDATE



During the spring, a group of volunteers completed Phase 2 of this project under the expert guidance of Angela Palmerton of Natural Gardens.

They planted out sapling trees and plug plants, donated by Butterfly Conservation to support the rare Wood White butterfly and other key pollinators. The area has been transformed into a space where wildflowers can thrive, alongside safe pedestrian access to the (soon to be built) new bus shelter - see p4.

Take a look at the very informative [video](#) on the Parish Council website.

Happily, there is evidence that wildlife is making this area their home. Mr Toad has taken up residence in the log pile; there is plenty of bird activity and some of the perennial planting, which will establish over the coming years, will invite more birds and animals to the area for the seed heads. *(Continued on p7.)*

## TWO MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN THE PARISH: CROUCHLANDS & FOXBRIDGE

As you will no doubt be aware, the Parish has, at the time of writing, received two large planning applications. The first is described as 'The Whole Farm Development at Crouchlands Farm' and consists of 172 application documents; and the second is an outline application for 121 holiday homes and a 50-bed hotel on the Foxbridge Golf Course site, which consists of 42 application documents. Whilst Chichester District Council is the Local Planning Authority and makes the decisions for all planning applications, your Parish Council is a statutory consultee and is invited to comment and offer an opinion on all planning applications within the Parish.

The Parish Council believes that one of its prime responsibilities is to ensure, as far as it is able, that the rural character, landscape and tranquillity of our Parish is preserved and maintained for all to enjoy, both now and in the future. We therefore take our responsibilities as a statutory consultee very seriously and offer no apology for being protective of the Parish. In order for the Parish Council to be able to give appropriate consideration to such large applications, with some of the individual documents consisting of 100+ pages, it was decided to set up a Planning Working Group consisting of volunteers with relevant technical skills. This has enabled the various different aspects of the applications to be given due consideration and ensured that the daunting task of reviewing such a volume of documents was shared. Many hands make light work - although, in reality, the enormity of the applications has meant many hours of volunteer time on each application.

In view of the size of the applications and their potential to materially change and impact the Parish, the Council decided that additional professional assistance was required. Consequently, the Parish Council agreed to appoint both a Planning Consultant and a Traffic Consultant who could advise and assist with these large applications.

Once the Working Group had completed

its review of each application, reports were prepared for the Council to consider, advising on the potential issues and impacts of the proposed developments in relation to Traffic generation, Landscape and Ecology, Heritage, Planning Policy and Water Neutrality. These reports were submitted to the Parish Council, which enabled Councillors to consider the applications and vote on how the Parish Council should respond as a statutory consultee.

Both of these applications have now been considered at full Parish Council meetings and Councillors unanimously agreed to submit objections in relation to both applications. The Working Group reports are used to support the detailed reasons for the objections. Dedicated pages covering both the [Crouchlands](#) and [Foxbridge](#) applications and the Council's response to them can be found on the website. For both applications the applicant has been requested to provide further information by the CDC Planning Officer and your Parish Council will decide as to whether further representations are required once this additional information has been made public.

Additionally, another substantial planning application at Crouchlands Farm is anticipated for a total of 600 new homes. However, at the time of writing, this application is yet to be submitted. Whenever the application arrives, the Parish Council will make details available on its website and instruct the Working Group to reconvene in order to give the application detailed scrutiny and consideration.

The Planning Working Group welcomes appropriate help; and should anyone reading this feel that they have any skills or expertise that would assist in the detailed technical scrutiny of these large-scale planning applications then do please contact the clerk (contact details on the front page).

**Paul Jordan,**  
Chairman, Plaistow & Ifold Parish Council

## HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Emotions have been mixed in 2022, with the joyful celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June being followed by great sadness at her death in September.

The Parish Council would like to thank the vicar and church wardens of Holy Trinity Church, Plaistow, for providing a wonderful, calm and peaceful space in which to reflect and write our own thoughts in a book of condolence.



How wonderful that we could show Her Majesty our gratitude whilst she was still able to enjoy all the celebrations of her Platinum Jubilee- 70 years of service!

The Jubilee Beacon was funded by the Parish Council and beautifully crafted by Plaistow firm, Goddard Engineering. As darkness fell on 2nd June, it was lit by Mr Mudford, a highly regarded veteran of the community, along with hundreds of other beacons nationally. Drinks, corgi- and crown biscuits were provided, and the atmosphere was wonderful as everyone sang patriotic British songs around the light and warmth of the flames.

The Beacon will be used to mark future national commemorative days on the Plaistow Village Green - a stunning legacy and fitting tribute to Her Late Majesty.

The fun continued on Sunday 5th. We were treated to a classic car display, a thanksgiving church service on the village green, prosecco and cake in the VIP marquee and then we tucked into our picnics whilst listening to live music followed by dancing!

Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen; the organising committee, the lovely ladies who served tea and cake in the Winterton Hall, the people who created beautiful flower displays in the church, KIPHRA for their handbell performance, the Winterton Hall Management Committee who ran the bar, David Ribbens who has recently retired from the Parish Council after 27 years, who opened the celebrations, Kirdford Chapel for their coronation display and many, many more!

£646.48 was raised by donations and profits from the bar, which has been sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee to help the victims of conflict and poverty around the world.



# SPEED RESTRICTIONS, TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS & SAFER BUS STOPS

The Parish Council has started the process of getting West Sussex County Council Highways Department's support for a number of changes to speed and Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) in the parish. This includes extending the 30mph limit down Rickmans Lane and reducing traffic speeds at school drop-off and pick-up times around Plaistow Primary school and the Winterton Hall – the location of the pre-school.

The plan for Rickmans Lane is to extend the speed limit beyond the houses in the village, as there is no footpath and children walking up the lane to meet the school bus are exposed to national speed limit traffic speeds.

Having undertaken a speed monitoring process for Rickmans Lane using specialist road and transport consultancy SWTP Ltd., the Parish Council has now submitted the TRO to WSCC for them to progress.

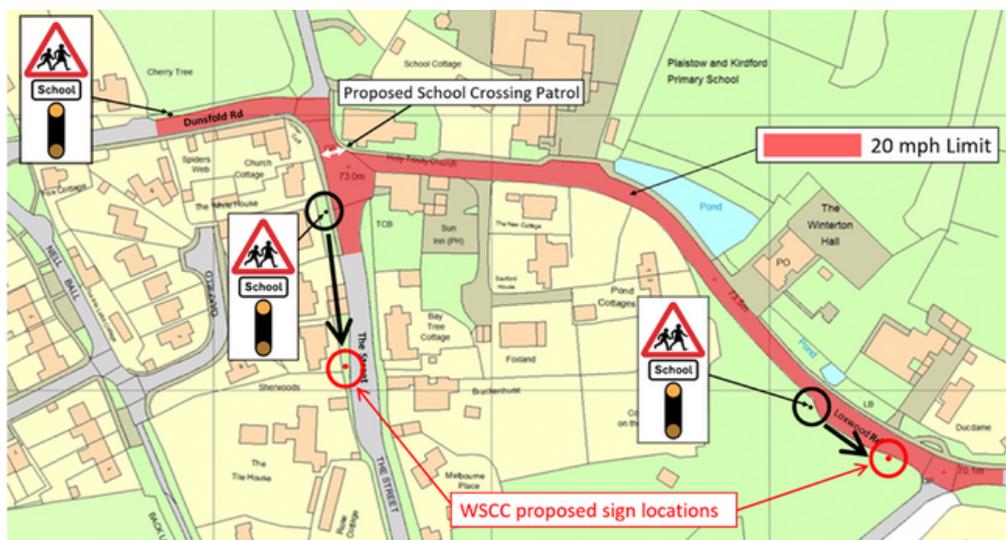
We know from last year's consultation that the speed and volume of traffic around the school and pre-school at drop-off and pick-up times is a major concern for local residents. We invited West Sussex County Councillor Janet Duncan and members of the School Safety Zones department of the Local Transport Improvements Team of West Sussex County Council to visit at peak hours and received their full support

for the creation of a School Safety Zone (SSZ). The Local Transport Improvements team explained: “A SSZ is an area close to the school gate which aims to improve safety in the area while attempting to improve traffic conditions. They are intended to increase driver awareness of vulnerable road users at school drop off and pick up times. When approaching SSZs, drivers should see the combination of signs and lights and should immediately recognise their meaning and react accordingly. This method can nurture confidence in walking and supports road safety education for children.”

The proposal for Plaistow will consist of installing three Powered School Safety Zone Signs with accompanying flashing ‘wig-wags’ on Loxwood Road and The Street. The lights will be programmed to run 07:00-09:30 and 14:00-16:00 on school days only. (See the accompanying illustration, which remains subject to change.)

The Parish Council fully supports the creation of a SSZ and intends to continue the full TRO application post SSZ implementation to include reducing the speed limit around the school / church / pub junction to 20mph.

More information can be found on the [Projects](#) page of the Parish Council website.



**Safer Bus Stops**

Work to install two new bus stops - one in Ifold, near the shop, and one in Plaistow, near The Sun Inn - has been delayed by WSCC's Partnerships & Communities Team but they hope to begin work shortly.

# GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Each year the Parish Council gives grants to local organisations whose work benefits the community. On these pages are reports from some of the beneficiaries. There are two award rounds per year. You can find the Council's [Grant Award Policy and details of how to apply for a grant](#) on the Parish Council's website. The deadline for applications for the next funding round is 6th January 2023.

We also publish a [full list of beneficiaries](#) from the most recent funding rounds.

## YOUTH CLUB



Plaistow Youth Club provides a safe and secure environment where 9–18 year olds can meet, build positive relationships, participate in activities, have an opportunity to meet with their peers and have a club just for them.

We aim to reach and support the young people who are living in our parish and offer mentor support for those that may need it.

Seniors meet every Monday (7pm – 9pm) and Juniors on a Friday once a month (6.30pm – 8pm). We have over 40 young people at every session we run and reach up to 90 families in our area. We have a pool table, arcade games machine, table football, table tennis table and lots of different sports are played on the tennis court.....plus we have a fabulously well stocked tuck shop!

Our external trips this year have included a camping trip, paintballing, PGL weekend,

swimming and the world famous Tulley's Farm – Shocktober Fest Scream Park.

This year we used a grant from the Parish Council to purchase a speaker with lights, soft seating and a wonderful neon PYC sign, that gives our Youth Club a real feel-good factor. Most importantly though, we use the money to subsidise the trips, which allows 'inclusion for all', which is at the heart of the Youth Club we love.

We have a dedicated team of helpers for both Seniors and Juniors but would welcome new volunteers with open arms!

Please contact Tor Campling on 07786 996590 for more information.

## CHICHESTER HOSPITAL

A recent grant from the Parish Council was put towards the purchase of a complex Slit Camera and Imaging System for the Eye Department.



## PLAISTOW PRE-SCHOOL

As a registered charity Plaistow Pre-School relies on donations, grants and fundraising events to keep its doors open to the community. We operate primarily from our beautiful garden and the grant that the pre-school receives from Plaistow and Ifold Parish Council will go towards updating the outdoor classroom area. We hope to construct a more weatherproof structure to enable the children to continue learning and playing in the  
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# GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

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outdoors even when British weather is at its worst! Our maypole fête, held on May Day every year, is the pre-school's biggest fundraiser and committee meetings have already begun to plan for next year's event.

The committee would warmly welcome any volunteers to join the team to help make this local tradition as successful as possible. If you are interested please contact Alex by email at [plaistowps.committee@gmail.com](mailto:plaistowps.committee@gmail.com).

## HOME START

Grants from Plaistow & Ifold Parish Council have helped Home-Start Chichester and District to support vulnerable families in the parish of Plaistow and Ifold.

Over the last year we have supported 2 families in Plaistow and Ifold parish (and 7 families in the whole of Loxwood ward). We provided support in the following ways:



- We matched families with trained volunteers who visited families at home every week and provided practical and emotional support
- We ran three weekly Family Group sessions in Chichester and Midhurst, specifically tailored for less confident families who can't afford to attend private activities and need support, advice and reassurance
- We arranged family tea parties and picnics, and day trips to places such as Chichester Harbour Conservancy.

As a result of our support, families are less isolated, parents and children have improved wellbeing, and parents have improved parenting and family management skills.

We are running our next volunteer preparation course in Chichester, starting on the 17th January 2023. We pay travelling expenses to all volunteers who attend our preparation course, and for any expenses they incur travelling to support families. The preparation course lasts for 7 weeks and takes place weekly on Tuesday mornings. If you would like to find out more about our work, our website is [www.home-startchichester.org.uk](http://www.home-startchichester.org.uk), you can find us on [Facebook](#), or you can email [admin@homes-startchichester.org.uk](mailto:admin@homes-startchichester.org.uk) or give us a call on 01243 773477. We'd love to hear from you!



## PAPER COPIES OF THIS NEWSLETTER

If you know someone who would like a paper copy of this newsletter (perhaps a neighbour who doesn't have access to the internet?) please ask the Parish Clerk (contact details on the front page).

# GET INVOLVED!

## PARISH LITTER PICK

The Parish Council organises two litter picks per year, in Spring & Autumn, having taken up the baton from local resident heroes Sallie & Gordon Baker, who ran it for many years. The most recent event (pictured) took place in November and was led by Councillor Rick Robinson. Please look out for news of the next Spring Litter Pick and help keep our neighbourhood looking the way we all want it to.



## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The next local government elections in our area are scheduled to take place on 4th May 2023 - and these include elections to Plaistow & Ifold Parish Council. Anyone over the age of 18 can stand for election as a Parish Councillor (subject to a few additional criteria - see the [Electoral Commission](#) website for more details).

Councillors are elected for a 4 year term (although there is no penalty for resigning before the end of your term). Further information will be published on the Parish Council's and CDC's websites in the New Year. However, if you would like further information, please contact the Clerk for an informal chat (contact details on page 1).

*"After getting involved in the Jubilee celebrations, I became aware of how there was a need for more residents to volunteer to become Parish Councillors. Following the retirement of our Durfold Wood Councillor, I felt it was important to participate on behalf of my neighbours.*

*Training has already opened my eyes to the enormity of the role. It will take a while for me to discover and develop my place on the Council but I hope to help maintain Plaistow, Ifold, Shillinglee and Durfold Wood as wonderful places to live!"*

Jane Price, Parish Councillor

## REGENERATION

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It has been a challenging year weather wise for all gardens and gardeners. The hot weather during the summer meant that the establishment of the area stalled. Nevertheless, hidden gems to look out for in the spring include Bird's Foot Trefoil, a mix of Clover, Ragged-robin and Foxgloves.

We need volunteers to help with the next phase of work in the Spring. If you could spare some time to help this project, please contact the clerk (contact details on the front page).

## SUPPORT IN AN EMERGENCY

As a branch of local government, the Parish Council is responsible for providing resilience and support in the event of a major emergency in the parish. With support from the West Sussex Association of Local Councils (WSALC) we are in the process of developing a Resilience & Emergency Plan to support the local community in the event of a major incident occurring.

As part of our planning, we are looking for volunteers who would be prepared to commit to helping - perhaps at short notice - should a major incident (a prolonged power outage, severe storm damage or major flooding, for example) occur.

In the unlikely event of a major emergency, could you support the incident team with a tractor & trailer, a chainsaw, a generator, a 4X4? Could you provide emergency shelter for a family made homeless? Could you deliver leaflets or call on vulnerable residents to check they're OK? The Parish Council needs to know whom it can call on in an emergency. If that's you, please go now to [this page](#) on the Parish Council's website and fill out the form.

For more information on community resilience, see the [dedicated page](#) on the Parish Council's website.

# IFOLD PLAYPARK - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

## IS THERE A NEED?

There has been a consistent call for public open space and play equipment in Ifold for many years.

The Parish Council was first made aware of the demand when it began the Neighbourhood Planning process in 2013.

More recently, the results of the June 2021 public consultation illustrated that demand remains high.

Unfortunately, it is not within the Parish Council's gift to purchase land in Ifold for the creation of public open space, owing to prohibitive land costs.

However, by working in partnership with the Kelsey Hall Management Committee (KHMC) and Ifold Estates Ltd (IEL), the Parish Council can fund and manage a modest playground at the Kelsey Hall, thereby realising this longstanding community need.

The purpose of this public consultation is to gather the community's specific views, prior to moving the project forward.



The site is big enough to offer a child-focused area that brings the community together.

For more information and to give us your views, please see the [dedicated page](#) on our website and fill in the consultation. The deadline for responses is 31st January 2023.



Responses to the Parish Council's 2021 consultation

## WHY BOTHER?

After all, properties in Ifold benefit from larger gardens and those with children who want to use play equipment can either buy it for themselves or visit a playground such as in Plaistow.

The 'pandemic years' have reminded everyone that community and community space is key to wellbeing and positive mental health. Not just for children, but for everyone.

There are many people in Ifold who have childcare responsibilities, who may not want to buy and permanently install expensive play equipment in their gardens. Many support their loved ones by offering childcare e.g., grandparents and other family members and friends.

Looking after children can be isolating. Having somewhere to go, where you can meet others and allow your 'little people' to socialise is very important.

Mobilising young children to drive to a playground is not always easy (even for experienced carers); - and especially if you have not been left with the correct car seats! Not to mention that it is not very environmentally friendly.

Having somewhere local to visit - on foot, or by bike - would be welcomed by many.

## DEFIBRILLATORS



There are 3 defibrillators in the Parish: at Plaistow & Kirdford Primary School, in the phone box near Ifold Stores and in Durfold Wood.

In an emergency CALL 999. If the patient is unresponsive and not breathing, then CPR is the priority. But if someone is spare, call 999 and the emergency operator will advise you which is the closest defibrillator, give you the cabinet code (if it's locked) and support you while you use it. You do not need to be trained. Public defibrillators are designed for everyone to use and will only deliver a shock on people in cardiac arrest.

Please be aware that the defibrillator has been removed from outside Plaistow Stores, because the cabinet was leaking. As there is one outside the school, South East Coast Ambulance may decide not to replace it.

We are looking for an additional location for a public access defibrillator in the parish with easy access and ideally (although not absolutely essential) with an electricity supply. Please contact the Parish Clerk with any suggestions (contact details on the front page).

## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Since its inception in 2020, following the reduction of the speed limit through Ifold from 40mph to 30mph, your community speedwatch volunteers have been monitoring vehicle speeds along Loxwood Road. For some mind-blowing statistics, take a look at the [Community Speedwatch](#) page on the Parish Council website.

The group is looking to add to its current team of 14 so that it can undertake monitoring along Rickmans Lane & Dunsfold Road. Full training is given, so if you can spare an hour of your time per month, please get in touch via the clerk (contact details on the front page).

## IFOLD ESTATES LTD

Speeding is a sensitive topic throughout the parish, especially within the private roads of Ifold Estate which is a safe-haven for pedestrians, dog walkers, cyclists and equestrians, who are all forced to mix with vehicles accessing properties on the estate. Despite the safeguard of a 20mph zone, many pedestrians are concerned over the speed of vehicles within Ifold.

So how much of a problem is it? Well 30% of road accidents happen within a mile of home and Ifold has suffered its share. Mostly these have been vehicle-on-vehicle incidents, but with children, dogs and horses around the roads the risk of injury is real.

Ifold Estates Ltd now has speed monitoring signs on posts all around the estate so we can quantify the problem: seeing where the speeds are highest, what time of day and with images to understand if the speeders are visiting delivery drivers or locals.

## PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS SPEEDING

Please come along to the Kelsey Hall, Ifold at 7:30pm on Tuesday 10th January to consider the issue of speeding – in Ifold and the wider Parish area. We need to hear your views and we need to gather your ideas, so get your thinking caps on and come to the meeting. Let's work together to find a lasting solution.

### SKITTLES NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE

Back by popular demand, the next Skittles Night at - and in aid of - the Winterton Hall, Plaistow, will take place on Saturday 4th March 2023, 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Put the date in your diaries now and look out for posters after Christmas telling you where you can buy tickets.

## CHRISTMAS QUIZ



Hello! Cllr. Doug Brown here again with another of my 'frame builder' quizzes, which you should be familiar with from previous news-letters in the autumn of 2021 and the spring of 2022.

For this newsletter quiz I've opted for the theme of winter/Christmas. It's called 'Frame Builder' and, as you can probably guess, it's based on a game of snooker with red ball questions and coloured ball questions. The red ball questions are worth 1 point each and are designed to be relatively easy (although I fully appreciate that the term 'easy' depends on whether you know the answer!) The coloured ball questions carry increasing values starting at 2 points for the yellow ball question rising to 7 points for the black ball question. As you'd expect, the degree of difficulty of the questions (in my humble opinion) gets greater as you progress through the coloured ball questions but, there's another catch: in order to score the points on the coloured ball questions you must get the immediate preceding red ball question correct or, to put it in 'snooker parlance', you must 'pot a red ball' before you 'pot a coloured ball'. The maximum score you can achieve if you 'clear the table' is 33 points; however, if you get, say, the third red ball question wrong you can't claim the 4 points for the brown ball question even if you get it right. But that doesn't mean an end to your frame building. If you get every other question correct apart from the third red ball question then your score will be:  
 $1+2+1+3+0+0+1+5+1+6+1+7 = 28$  points.

You can find other quizzes - and the answers to this one - on the [Quiz](#) tab of the Parish Council website. (This quiz is the 'Christmas Newsletter' quiz.) While you're there, take a look at all the other interesting stuff - and maybe volunteer to provide help to your neighbours in an emergency too (see p7).

Cllr. Doug Brown (The Inn-Quizzator)

1. **Red ball question** (all red ball questions carry 1 point): In which pantomime does the character of Buttons feature?
2. **Yellow ball question** (2 points): Which family has a pet dog called 'Santa's Little Helper'?
3. **Red ball question**: Which four-lettered winter sport is the French word for 'sledge' or 'toboggan'?
4. **Green ball question** (3 points): Who is the author of the 1978 children's picture book 'The Snowman'?
5. **Red ball question**: Which brand of chocolates made a series of adverts which were accompanied by the song 'Magic Moments'?
6. **Brown ball question** (4 points): Which 1993 American comedy film is loosely based on the Jamaican bobsleigh team's debut entry into the 1998 Winter Olympics in Calgary, Canada?
7. **Red ball question**: According to Spike Jones & his City Slickers in 1948, 'All I Want for Christmas...' is what?
8. **Blue ball question** (5 points): What is the French word for snow?
9. **Red ball question**: In which fictional land was it 'always winter but never Christmas'?
10. **Pink ball question** (6 points): Which hugely influential English physicist and mathematician was born on Christmas day in the year 1642?
11. **Red ball question**: How many 'sides' or 'points' does a snowflake have?
12. **Black ball question** (7 points): "Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house..." What are the next nine words?

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 PARISH COUNCIL TO YOU  
 AND YOUR LOVED ONES,  
 WE WISH A VERY MERRY  
 CHRISTMAS AND ALL  
 THE BEST FOR 2023