

PLAISTOW & IFOLD

PARISH COUNCIL



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Annual Assembly

You are warmly invited to attend our Annual Assembly. The Annual Assembly is a good way to find out about the work of the Parish Council, raise any matters and listen to some engaging speakers!

When: Saturday 16th October 2021

Where: Winterton Hall, Plaistow

Time: 12 noon – 2:30pm

The [Nosebag Catering Company](#) will be serving a lunch menu and the Parish Council will provide every guest with a £5 voucher to spend on food or drink.

Come and meet our ancient Sessile Oak tree with arboricultural consultant [Andrew Gale](#). Affectionately named 'Old Man Cecil', Andrew will bring this amazing tree to life.

Find out about the Parish's re-wilding projects with Angela Palmerton of [Natural Gardens](#). Angela specialises in wildlife gardens and will answer your questions about re-wilding and creating an ecologically diverse garden.

Did you know that the Wood White butterfly is one of the UK's most threatened species; and one of the last surviving colonies is within our Parish? Paul Cawsey of [Butterfly Conservation](#) will provide an update on the [local project](#) to save this rare butterfly and tell you how you can help and get involved.

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Lady Hope Playpark

The Lady Hope Playpark is currently undergoing a £55,000 refurbishment and will be officially re-opened by special guests at the Parish Council's Annual Assembly on Saturday 16th October. Please do save the date and come along.

Last year, users of the playpark were asked to participate in an online public consultation. The Parish Council has listened carefully to the feedback in order to create an exciting new design! In addition to the new design, a zip-wire will be situated on the upper green, running in parallel to Common House Lane aside the hedgerow.

Redlynch Leisure have ensured that access to the playpark is restricted for the duration of the works. The works are taking place in three stages by three different teams. First the removal of the old equipment and ground preparation; second the installation of the new equipment and third the safety matting is being installed under the new and remaining equipment. The aerial runway (zip-wire) is being installed at the same time on the upper green. It will run along the hedge of Common House Lane ([here](#)) where there is a natural slope.



Public Consultation

Plaistow & Ifold Parish Council undertook a local consultation amongst residents of Durfold Wood, Ifold, Plaistow and Shillinglee during the first three weeks of June this year to gather feedback from residents and those who use the services and facilities, such as the playpark and schools.

Why was this done? The Parish Council has the ability to spend some of the council tax money collected by Chichester District Council – the Precept – on local activities and issues that matter locally. The consultation was to help identify where to spend this money and the priorities for services & facilities required as the focus for our community.

The consultation exercise was an important initiative for the Parish Council and the community and has enabled some strong direction and focus on areas to investigate across recreation, transport, cycling, local bus services, and the provision and maintenance of bridleways and footpaths.

We would like to thank all of those who gave their time to support this initiative.

A full summary report on the consultation are available on the website -

<https://plaistowandifold.org.uk/public-consultation-0>



Plaistow Book Exchange

The second of the two iconic K6 telephone boxes, purchased by Plaistow and Ifold Parish Council from BT for £1 as part of their 'adopt a kiosk scheme', has recently completed its transformation by the Plaistow Village Trust from a redundant phone box to a book exchange!

The Trust have commented:

“The Plaistow Phone Exchange is now up and running and proving very popular. There is a great selection of books, DVDs, CDs, seeds and games. The only thing we ask is for people not to leave bags or boxes of unwanted items in it please. A massive thank you to all of the fantastic people that helped in setting it up.”



Quiz

Hello, Cllr. Doug Brown here again with another one of my quizzes. 'Frame builder' – to score the points on the coloured ball questions you must answer the preceding red ball question. In other words, you must 'pot a red' before you pot a colour.

Red ball question: (all red ball questions are 1 point)	According to Paul Simon, how many ways are there to leave your lover?
Yellow ball question (2 points):	Cathy Gale, Emma Peel and Tara King were lead female characters in which 1960s TV series?
Red ball question:	According to the nursery rhyme Sing a song of Sixpence, what was the Queen doing in the parlour?
Green ball question (3 points):	Which is the longest river situated entirely in France?
Red ball question:	Which English county is divided into North, West and East Ridings?
Brown ball question (4 points):	Which island is surrounded by the Ionian, Mediterranean and Tyrrhenian seas?
Red ball question:	To whom was Reginald Jeeves a manservant?
Blue ball question (5 points):	What 'links' Wallsend with Bowness-on-Solway?
Red ball question:	On which ship did the Pilgrim Fathers cross the Atlantic to America?
Pink ball question (6 points):	What sort of creature can be red-tailed, buff-tailed or garden?
Red ball question:	What was Muhammad Ali's original name?
Black ball question (7 points):	King Claudius and Queen Gertrude appear in which Shakespeare play?

You'll find the answers as well as other quizzes at www.plaistowandifold.org.uk/Quiz

All the best, Doug Brown (The Inn-Quizzator)

Neighbourhood Plan

The additional Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA) on our neighbourhood plan, triggered by Natural England's concern over the accumulative impact on fresh water supplies in the North Sussex area from extraction at Hardham has been completed by CDC in June 2021. The HRA concludes that there is likely to be a cumulative adverse impact and it recommends measures to control water consumption on new housing, as proposed by Natural England.

Janet Cheesley, the appointed Examiner, has now seen the HRA and re-opened her examination. In an 'open letter' (08-07-21) she states that Neighbourhood Plans are prohibited (by a Ministerial decision) from making local technical requirements on new housing. Therefore, our NP can't meet the requirements of the HRA and so can't meet the Basic Conditions test. Therefore, she cannot recommend the Plan goes forward to Referendum.

The Steering Group has sought professional advice on this matter. They have advised that the Parish Council obtains further Grant assistance for professional advice from AECOM Infrastructure & Environment. They also advise that, in conjunction with CDC, the Parish Council advises the Examiner that we want to suspend the Examination to allow time to determine whether there is an alternative course of action open to the Parish Council. In addition, CDC have informed the Parish Council that they are seeking their own legal advice for the wider implications of the Examiner's letter.

Community Speed Watch

In the past 9 months the Community Speed Watch have recorded 17% of drivers exceeding 35mph along the Plaistow Road in Ifold. That is 35,702 vehicles. And for all vehicles exceeding the speed limit of 30mph this figure goes up to 49%, a staggering 94,950 vehicles. Sussex has 280 registered CSW groups across the county and Sussex Police are sending out approximately 7000 letters to offenders a week to support these groups. The local group will collect about 30 offenders' details in an hour on the roadside. Many of the details collected are of those that live in the parish.

So why should you bother to adhere to the speed limit? At speeds between 30 and 40mph, 85% of pedestrians will not survive a collision. There are no pavements through Ifold and many parts of Plaistow, consequently pedestrians are very vulnerable - that is our children going to school, our elderly walking to the shop, our neighbours out running and dog walkers. Speeding vehicles cause fear and intimidation and mean that residents drive rather than walk and drive their children to school. Not good for us or the environment.

Please help the Parish to be a better and safer place to live by observing the speed limits. If you commit to abiding by the speed limit you have a knock-on effect slowing other vehicles behind you too. Please think about it and slow down.

Ifold Bus Stop Conservation Project

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Parish Council is working with Ifold Estates Ltd to revamp The Drive, Ifold bus stop area. After all, it's currently an unsightly derelict mess! However, with the guidance of Butterfly Conservation and support of Natural Gardens the aim is to turn it into a bio-diverse conservation heaven for our rare Wood White butterfly and other minibeasts.

How can you help with the project?

As part of this project and the Parish Council's ongoing Safer Bus Stop initiative the current bus shelter on the site will be carefully dismantled and a new bespoke timber shelter will be built at a different location on the site. Some of the existing shelter materials will be retained to be reused. We are looking for volunteers who can help to dismantle the bus shelter, help with scrub clearance and, of course, plant up the area in the spring!

You don't need any skills/knowledge - just enthusiasm.

If you would like to get involved please contact the Parish Council Clerk.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Grants



Plaistow and Ifold Parish Council's annual budget includes a sum of money for grant awards. A grant is any payment made by the Council to an organisation for a specific purpose that will benefit the Parish, or residents of the Parish, and which is not directly controlled or administered by the Council.

We have supported a number of local organisations this year including The North Singers Choir and Plaistow and Ifold Scout and Guide Group who have provided statements below:

Any organisation wishing to apply for grant funding must fill in a [grant application form](#) and submit it to the Clerk.

“The North Singers Choir rehearse and perform Concerts at the North Hall in Loxwood, and greatly appreciate the Grants received from Plaistow & Ifold Parish Council.

The monies received enable us to extend our repertoire, so those who both faithfully and regularly attend our Concerts get to hear a wide variety of music.”

“Plaistow and Ifold Scout and Guide Group would like to thank the Parish Council for their very kind donation, which has made a huge contribution towards our fundraising drive for our barn extension at our headquarters on Foxbridge Lane. The good news is that we have nearly reached our fundraising target and planning permission has been secured!! The next stage is to secure quotes for the build and then to start the exciting building project.

The new barn will replace the current ramshackle garage and broken patio area, allowing outdoor activities such as fire lighting, pioneering and camp cooking on evenings when the weather would otherwise prevent them taking place.

With the easing of social distancing, the scouts and guides are now returning to meeting in person at the Headquarters. Life is certainly very different now and many parents and adults reading this will have seen their ways of working change, with more of us homeworking, freeing up more time at home. Were you once a scout or guide? Fancy getting back involved and volunteering some of your time to support your local scouts and guides? We couldn't run the group, which the local children really thrive on, without the support of our volunteers. Go on, get in touch, remember how much you enjoyed your Scouting and Guiding, you will love it! Contact us at GSL.Ifold@gmail.com or take a look at our website <https://sites.google.com/view/1stifoldscoutgroup/home>”