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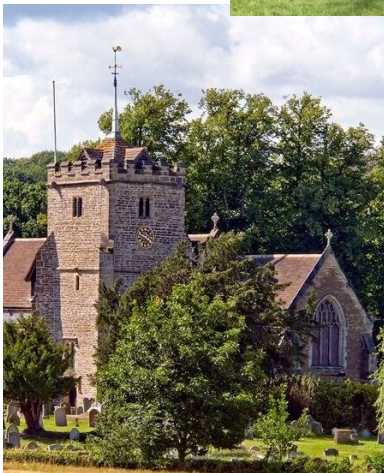
Welcome to Warnham Parish Council Newsletter

The parish of Warnham is a thriving community incorporating the village of Warnham as well as hamlets and small rural communities of Kingsfold, Winterfold, Northlands, Durfold, Station Road, Goosegreen and part of Rowhook which are all

surrounded by open countryside.



The Parish council is committed in providing, the community, to the best of it's ability, an excellent services that supports and nurtures it's surroundings.



Please do keep an eye on your neighbours by doing regular welfare checks. Especially during periods of uncertain weather ie. Heat and stormy weather.

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Chairman's Welcome

Cllr Sally Pavey



I was first elected to Warnham Parish Council some 23 years ago as a new arrival with a young family and a desire to meet new people and become involved in the parish community.

As I take on the role of Chairman of the council, the parish council has achieved so much on behalf of residents, but it still has much to achieve this is why I would encourage anyone that has an interest in the parish continuing to be a nice place to live, work and bring up a family to consider joining our friendly team of parish councillors.

It is important to have a mixture of ages and interests on the parish council so that we can hear from all about how they would like to see the parish blossom and that has to include the whole parish – Kingsfold and parts of Rowhook

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Chair of Full Council, Planning and Highways

External Committees sat on:

GATCOM, CAGNE Aviation
Town & Parish Council Forum,
CPRE Trustee and HALC



Dora—Sally's dog, on many of her rounds around Warnham.

Meet the Councillors

Cllr Ian Gurling



I moved to Station Rd with Claire and our son in 2019, looking for a rural setting with strong sense of community. Claire from Dorking and myself from Ironville in Derbyshire, Warnham gives us both, everything we wanted in our new home together and the life we want for our son.

Professionally I specialised in vocational and professional education, through which I have developed the knowledge and skills of practitioners in a wide range of sectors, from social care through transport logistics, from fire safety engineering to carpentry and joinery. I established a regulated awarding organisation offering the first nationally regulated qualifications to the sector and currently work on professional education including apprenticeships, T Levels and career development. Alongside this I served in the Territorial Army and Army Reserve for 25 years, starting out as a driver in the Royal Corps of Transport before retiring from the Royal Logistic Corps as Squadron Sergeant Major in 2016. I remain close to my service links and speak regularly through social media with other veterans around the world.

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Vice Chair on Finance Committee and Planning &

Highways

External Committees sat on:

None at present

In my down time you will often see me cycling or walking to and from the village on the school run, pounding the streets and footpaths on one of my regular runs or tending our plot in the village allotments.

Service is important to me and having retired from the Army Reserve I wanted to continue serving. I became a parish councillor in 2019 and a Parent Governor in 2020. As a parish councillor I have close links with Wild About Warnham, a project which aims to support our natural environment and encourage many of our native species back, I noted only recently that when we moved to the parish I could hear cuckoo, which sadly I didn't this year. I am also keen to support our veterans and in providing facilities for our children and their education. I am Vice Chair of the finance committee and keen to ensure that we use the resources available to the best of our ability.



Finally, continuing on the theme of my service to the community, that includes my support for charity. Every year, in the lead up to Christmas, I run two collections, the first a collection of advent calendars which I donate to children in care and last year to Chestnut Tree House and a collection of food items which I then donate to local food banks, which last year went to the Salvation Army Foodbank in Horsham. More recently I completed Run to the Sea, a 50km (31 mile) race from Christs Hospital School to Hove seafront, finishing in 5:30.45 and raised over £600 split between ABF The Soldiers Charity and Shine for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, I won't stop there and look forward to continuing in my service.

Meet the Councillors

Cllr Chris Gould



Originally from a local Surrey village, I moved to the parish from Hors-ham with my wife Sharon in 2012. Many of you will know her as the writer of the book reviews in the Warbler! Having lived in the town for several years we were keen to move to one of the surrounding villages and were delighted to be able to move to Warnham.

The parish of Warnham maintains a strong sense of community so evidenced by the support given to the many clubs and events. Having now lived in the village for over 11 years we are increasingly pleased with this decision.

I originally became involved with the parish council in relation to the Neighbourhood Development Plan, finalised in 2015. This gave me insight into the varied and interesting local issues managed by the council.

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Vice Chair to Full Council and
Chair to Planning & High-
ways Committee

External Committees sat on:

None at present

My objective as a Councillor is to preserve the rural benefits of the parish whilst supporting positive change and innovation including supporting the local businesses we all benefit from, current and future.

I serve as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council and sit as Chair of the Planning and Highways Committee. I also enjoy participating in the recreation and amenities work and in particular the valuable work to maintain the trees of the parish to make a safe and pleasant environment for all.

During the day I am a commercial insurance broker by profession. I have been able to draw on a lot of this experience for parish council including legal and regulatory compliance, risk management and most importantly collaborating with people to get the best positive outcomes for the village.

I will often be seen in the village walking our dog Billy or visiting the gym. I am a keen bird watcher and an advocate for the Wild About Warnham initiative.

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What's going on in the Council?



A meeting with Jeremy Quinn MP

A very productive meeting was held with our local Member of Parliament Jeremy Quinn with fellow councillors from Slinfold, Rusper and Rudgwick. We raised concerns with him about the impact Gatwick Airport 2nd runway would have on our parishes (Gatwick planning application goes to government week of 3rd July) and the modernisation of airspace which could come with new flight paths over our parishes. He listened and has offered to take some action to heighten our concerns with the Aviation Minister, the Civil Aviation Authority and Gatwick Please visit the website to see the full list of questions and answers.

www.warnham.org.uk

Calling all local businesses

The parish council is calling all local businesses to attend a meeting in the Parish Rooms on the 7th August or the 10th August starting at 7.00pm. As a council, we would like to gain insight into how our community works and how we can best support it. The council members would like to increase their engagement within the community and would like to start with all local businesses. From pubs to shops, we want to hear from you.



[Don't forget to sign up to our newsletter](#)

Celebrating our long serving Councillors



Many of you may remember Warnham Parish Council celebrated the long standing service by William (Bill) McLaughlin earlier in 2022, who had served on the parish council for a whopping 32years.

Well this year, we have just celebrated another three amazing long standing services to the Parish. We were very grateful to Jonathan and Charles Lucas, who took time out of their busy schedules to present our three awardees with their Freedom of the Parish Scrolls.

This year has brought about much change within the district and parish due to the elections. Sadly that has meant that three of our councillors have now and rightly so, have called time on their duties as councillors. Collectively they have served 73 years on the parish council. What an amazing achievement by them all. Stuart Ritchie and Geoff Read have both served over 30years each on the Parish Council and have given so much to the workings of the council and the community.

Our third councillor who stood down, is none other than our long standing Chair, Ann Lloyd. Her time on council has been over 10 years with over half of that as Chair to the council. Ann, as well as Stuart and Geoff, has worked tirelessly for the community and have always gone above and beyond in giving 110% to the betterment of their community.

Their support for both myself and the council has been unwavering and I can assure you that I have all three of them are on speed dial and have signed a document stating that should the time come when we need their help, they will answer the call.

It has been an absolute pleasure working with and alongside them all.

We hope that you enjoy your new found freedom !

Message from the new Chair

I was personally sad to see a few long-standing parish councillors' step down this May. On behalf of the parish, I thank them for all their efforts, their historic knowledge will be truly missed as will their tireless work on various issues that faces our parish.



What else is going

Bell Road Safety Measures

We have working in collaboration with WSCC Highways in order to deliver speed reducing measures on Bell Road, which is currently and we will continue to push for other measures to reduce the speed of traffic passing through our parish. With the help of the resident's speed watch team, this all contributes to work the council is undertaking to make our lanes and roads a safe place to walk, ride and drive along.



The Parish Council are aware of the increasing poor state of our roads around the parish. Unfortunately, any highways issues falls under the responsibility of WSCC Highways. The Parish Council is unable to add any extra pressure to WSCC Highways but we would encourage residents to report and keep reporting any highways issues online at : <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/.../make-an-enquiry-or.../>. A joint effort with residents reporting potholes and the parish councils writing a strongly worded letter to West Sussex County Council cabinet member, we have achieved a few being filled but not all so more work is to be done on this with your support. It is also disheartening to learn that our open letter to CCllr Joy Dennis, discussing the state of the roads, has not been replied too. The council has a response from her secretary which stated that she would reply within 20 days. 20 days has well and truly passed. We can only keep on at them and hope that they will reply eventually.

Fire and Smoke Alarms

Does anyone know of someone classed vulnerable? Do they need an new Smoke Alarm? Or benefit from having a Safe & Well visit? West Sussex Fire & Rescue have funds to supply new Smoke Alarms. Fire & Visit <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/west-sussex-fire-and-rescue-service/> for more information or contact the Parish Clerk.



West Sussex Fire & Rescue

First Aid & Defibrillator Training



First Aid Sol

Thank you to all those who attended both of the planned training sessions. We have had some lovely words of thanks and support. It has come to that time of the year when we are planning our next sessions of training. As always, places are on a first come first served basis. The next sessions booked are,

Defibrillator Training on the 10th August 23 at the VILLAGE HALL 7PM-10PM
First Aid on the 14th Sept 23 at the PARISH ROOMS 7PM – 10PM.

Please contact the Clerk to book your place.

What else is going

Giant Hogweed

One of Britain's 'most dangerous plant' scorches the flesh on touch. If you are a landowner and have hogweed, please treat it. Walkers if you see hogweed, please report it to the council with exact location.

A further update – Our Groundstaff have conducted all the spraying they are able too within the remit of the Parish Council. We await further input from others. But note that it would be a shame not to address this and work together in combating it. We would hate for our efforts to go wasted.



We appreciate that uncut, untidy verges are not to everyone's taste, but they are to the taste of the local wildlife. The Parish Council works in conjunction with Wild about Warnham and as are keen to preserve the wildlife we have and encourage even more wildlife to our community. We realise that we are asking a lot of the community, but we would really appreciate leaving the verges as cut as possible. The Parish Council has adopted the policy of NO MOW until the autumn. We really hope that you can too.

According to the Environment Agency, over two million people in England live and work in properties at risk of flooding from rivers or the sea, whilst more face flood threats from groundwater, surface water, s e w e r s , a n d r e s e r v o i r s .



At Gocompare, we have put together a guide to preparing for a flood and protecting your property - <https://www.gocompare.com/home-insurance/flooding-and-home-insurance/limiting-flood-risk-and-damage/>

In extreme conditions you won't be able to stop flood water, and you should always put personal safety above attempts to protect property and possessions. Despite this, there are steps that you can take to keep water out, to buy yourself time to preserve property and possessions, and to limit the damage that flood water does.

Open Garden event

How lucky are we to have such an active Warnham Church, St Margaret's, must be congratulated on recent open garden event. All the gardens involved put on a



Love West Sussex

Love West Sussex is being replaced. Residents can make reports of environmental crimes such as graffiti, fly-tipping or potholes through their mobile phones. You send in your report using the free mobile app, a text or a picture message, or using the free website and will deal with your report and keep you updated on the progress. Please click the new link below.



<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/.../make-an-enquiry-or.../>

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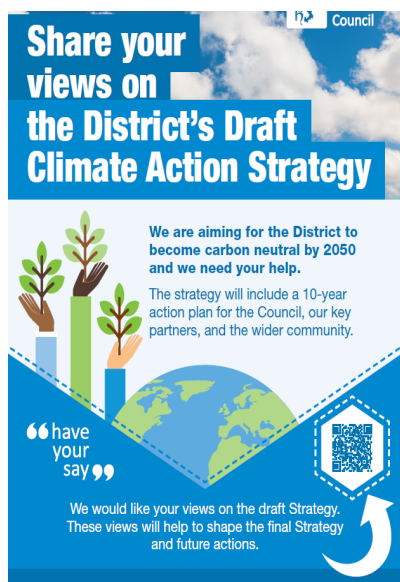
Shelley Walk About Warnham—

Shelley Memorial Project 12th August 2023

We have been contacted by the Shelley Memorial Project to advertise their upcoming sponsored walks in the steps of Shelley, on Saturday 12th August.

We will be following a circular route from St Marys Church in the Causeway to St Margaret's in Warnham and back again.

If anyone from the Parish would like to join us they would be very welcome.



Horsham District Council has produced a Draft Climate Action Strategy to help guide the District towards becoming carbon neutral and climate resilient by 2050 as we experience more frequent extreme weather events such as soaring temperatures and flash flooding. To help ensure the final Strategy covers the important issues and is prioritising what matters to the people who live and work in the district, the Council is asking for residents' views on what this should contain in a short online survey.

You will see that I have attached here a poster promoting the climate survey. I would be grateful if you might be able to display this in your parish office, village hall or community centre, or any other public place that you think is suitable, whether your local supermarket, church hall, doctor's surgery, or scout hut etc (note: all libraries will receive one from us directly).

We are promoting the survey through a variety of communications channels and any help in getting the word out about this survey would be very much appreciated as we want to gather as much feedback as possible from across the District. A separate survey focusing on business feedback will be issued shortly.

Horsham District Council cannot tackle climate change on its own. We will be working closely with key organisations such as West Sussex County Council, as well as residents, businesses, parishes and local community groups, to work together to help achieve this. This public survey is one stage in this process.

The survey runs until 31 August.

What else is going

CAGNE

Communities Against Gatwick

Noise and Emissions

The umbrella aviation community and environment group for Sussex, Surrey and Kent

As you may have seen from the local press, Gatwick Airport is seeking a 2nd runway by moving the emergency runway 12m north, with a multitude of new taxiways, removal of buildings, and a new road system outside their front door. There is very little in the plans that will benefit the local communities or economies. <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/gatwick-airport-northern-runway/>

CAGNE (your umbrella aviation community and environment group for Sussex, Surrey and Kent) was key in opposing Gatwick's 2nd runway (now submitted as a 3rd runway in the Gatwick master plan) vs Heathrow. We won then and we can win again. Since the Gatwick Master Plan in 2018 (expansion from main runway, rebuilding the emergency runway as a 2nd runway, plus a 3rd runway), CAGNE has been advised by solicitors, Leigh Day, with expertise in opposing such applications. We are now required to go forward with an expert legal team to oppose this environmental disaster-in-the-making which would add over 1m tonnes of carbon a year, in addition to growth from the main runway.

We ask your council to support our efforts to oppose it by donating. We would suggest £1-2,000 but any donation would be much appreciated as your area will be impacted whether it be from new and increases of flights on existing flight paths, increase in freight movements on the roads and vehicle traffic accessing the airport, more housing, or a decline in air quality and amenities.

Gatwick is progressing this via a "backdoor" planning process - Development Consent Order (DCO). The planning inspectorate (PINS) has only 28 days to decide whether Gatwick can progress. In view of parish meeting timings, we write to you now as there are very few reasons why the PINS will decline this application. A DCO bypasses normal planning processes by using a policy called 'making best use of existing infrastructure', but Gatwick must rebuild the existing emergency runway for it to be usable at the same time as the main runway with major construction that they omit to inform you of.

You may not be aware that Gatwick has already requested airspace for a 2-runway airport via the Government's "modernisation of airspace", which could lead to more concentrated flight paths over existing areas, as well as over new areas.

We appreciate that the management of Gatwick are offering jobs and economic benefits, but we must make you aware that jobs tend not to materialise with aviation growth, due to ongoing automation of the industry. Also, with future greener fuels being 3 to 5 times more expensive than fossil fuel, jobs may disappear due to the decline of the low-cost airlines that Gatwick relies on.

Economic benefits are also questionable, as no funding is offered for any infrastructure, new housing or amenities to support the mitigation of works that would be required to house construction staff, let alone any jobs that may materialise with this 2nd runway by the backdoor.

You may also like to read our 'What about our air quality?' series 2 report, as Gatwick continues to ignore breaches in NOx limits and the ultrafine particles from the airfield. This air pollution already has a direct impact on residents and will show a significant increase from any expansion.

<https://cagne.org/wp-content/uploads/Air-Quality-reporting-April-2023.pdf>

The Airports Commission was clear, when it found in favour of Heathrow, that Gatwick's case for expansion is flawed (not that CAGNE support expansion of any airport). We therefore ask you to oppose this application, for both environmental reasons and the impact it will have on the areas of Sussex, Surrey and Kent.

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/gatwick-airport-northern-runway/>

We also ask you to donate to the legal fund to enable CAGNE to have the best legal team possible to oppose this expansion plan by an out-of-date planning process. Gatwick's expansion policy does not take on-board the impact that aviation is having on the planet today and that no alternatives to fossil fuel are currently available, nor are there any technologies to make aviation a greener form of transport in the short to medium term.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sally-pavey?utm_id=1&utm_term=YwD2jwbei

In short, this expansion would involve:

- Nearly 100,000 extra flights a year, plus growth from the main runway
- Over 30m extra passengers a year, getting to and from the airport
- Significant increase in freight traffic
- Significant increase in air pollution around the airport
- Lengthy construction work and associated traffic disruption

The CAGNE account details are NatWest Horsham, number 19865090 sort code 60-11-17, or bank transfer or by PayPal at www.cagne.org or send a cheque made payable to CAGNE to the CAGNE Treasurer c/o Porters Farm, Friday Street, Ruseper, West Sussex RH12 4QA

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BULLYING AND HARASSMENT STATEMENT

We treat everyone with courtesy and respect and ask for the same in return. We ask that you treat your councillors

and council staff courteously without violence, abuse, or harassment.

Councillors and council staff have the right to carry out their civic duties and work without fear of being attacked or abused. Any behaviour whether that be verbal, physical or in writing, which causes either councillors or council staff to feel uncomfortable, embarrassed, or threatened, is totally unacceptable.

The zero-tolerance policy includes abuse, aggression or threats made in person, over the telephone or in written communication, including on social media. The council considers threatening behaviour to be:

Attempted or actual aggressive, or physical actions made towards any councillor or member of staff.

The use of aggressive, or abusive language, (including raising of the voice, swearing, shouting or in writing) which threatens or intimidates councillors or council staff".

This policy applies throughout all Council Meetings, but it also applies to any Councillor or Council Staff away from Council Meetings



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Useful Information

Dates of Next Meeting

The parish council works as a team seeking to help all residents. We very much welcome you to attend our meetings or getting in touch via the clerk's email address so that matters can be discussed at open meetings.

Full Council Meeting—Parish Rooms

25th July 2023

Planning & Highways Committee Meetings—Held via Video Conference when needed.

NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST

Full Council Meeting—Parish Rooms

26th September 2023

Councillor Vacancies

With the elections now behind us, Warnham Parish Council finds that we are uncontested, however, we are now down to four councillors. We are treading water. For a council to run we have to be quorate which means One third of the total number of councillor allocations. Warnham Parish Council has 11 seats to fill in total. We are 7 councillors short. So, now would be a perfect time for anyone wishing to stand and serve on council to come forward and be co-opted on. The process is much simpler than election papers. If anyone is interested in picking up this mantle please do speak with a current councillor or ex councillor to find out more about the role, or ask the clerk for more information. clerk@warnham.org.uk.

Useful Numbers

St Margaret's Church	07754 481737
Warnham C of E Primary	01403 265230
Village Hall	07717 247430
Parish Rooms	01403 259247
Allotments	01403 265031
PSCO Adrian Bell	01273 404535
	07912 892978

District and County Councillors Information—

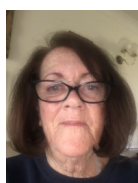
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