

Westham and Stone Cross Community Council

(incorporating Hankham)

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WESTHAM AND STONE CROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Westham and Stone Cross Community Council is responsible for:

- Some street lighting
- Adur Park Recreation Ground
- Butcher's Field
- 4 children's play parks
- Some pathways
- The War Memorial at Stone Cross
- Allotments
- Litter picking and general maintenance

The Council Clerk is Alison O'Sullivan who fulfils a number of functions that include:

- Managing the office in Stone Cross Primary School
- Managing the community finances
- Providing legal advice
- Inspecting the play parks
- Contacting advising and liaising with contractors
- Liaising with Wealden Council, East Sussex County Council and the PCSO
- Advising and meeting residents

Westham and Stone Cross Community Council has been awarded Quality community Status by passing several tests.

These are for the:

- Electoral Mandate
- Qualifications of the Clerk
- Council Meetings
- Communication and Community Engagement
- Annual Report
- Accounts
- Code of Conduct
- Promoting of Local Democracy and Citizenship
- Training

For further information on Quality community Status please see the NALC website - www.nalc.gov.uk

How are we funded?

The money that the council spends comes from the rates that are paid by the residents (approx £68 per household) who live in the community and this is shown on the Wealden rates demand bill.

This sum of money, called the '**precept**', is used by the Westham and Stone Cross Community Council to improve facilities and services for local people. Westham and Stone Cross Community Council recommended that the precept for the precept for 2011/12 remains at £127,966 (no increase) and it will fund maintenance, general administration costs, rates, grants, insurances and footpaths. It will also maintain recreation areas and play parks. The breakdown of expenditure to date: can be viewed in the Council Offices

CHAIRS REPORT

THE NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER IN ADUR PARK



Have you walked through Adur Park?

You can't help notice the new Community Shelter for the use of all our residents young and old,

At the full council meeting in June it was agreed by 9 votes to fit a Community Shelter in Adur Park. The shelter was subsequently ordered from Yorkshire and just like a jigsaw puzzle the shelter was erected in 4 hours that include painting. What a feat of engineering.

Everyone that walked through the park, teens, dog walkers, mothers and children were intrigued by the work that was going on. Finally the shelter was visible in its finished form and quickly a group of young footballers could be seen enjoying their drinks in the shelter.

At the May full Council meeting the following items were resolved

- To renew the license to Pevensey and Westham Football Club for the year 2011-2012.
- To renew the grazing license to Mr Hanscombe for the year 2011-2012.

At the June full Council meeting the following items were resolved

- By 9 votes to 2 that the grit bins stay.
- By 7 votes to 6 to supply and fit an additional bin at Medina Drive but rejected the proposal to have a bin at Windmill Green.
- By 12 votes to 1 that the bins are filled a maximum of two times each financial year.
- To extend the entrance to Adur Park by 6' to allow a vehicle and trailer off road before opening the gate.
- To fit a lifebelt on the middle corner of Westham Pond and to monitor banks for future re-enforcement.

At the June Full Council meeting it was agreed to discontinue working parties and refer all matters to the appropriate standing committees so that residents could participate (as non-voting members)

Why

- working parties can only make suggestions and recommendations which then have to be referred to the Full council for further discussion and resolution
- This system to date has taken far too long to resolve issues.

Standing Committees can:

- agree expenditure up to a certain amount
- suspend the meeting at the appropriate point so that members of the public can express ideas and opinions and help progress the item
- seek costings or further advice
- make recommendations that can then be passed onto the full council

The Community Council hope that this new method of working can involve members of the public in discussions and aid decision making.

The Council Committee Structures (a reminder)

Westham and Stone Cross Community Council has three standing committees as agreed at the AGM in May

- Finance and General Purposes
- Parks and Open Spaces
- Planning

Members of the public can be invited to speak at committee meetings (but have no voting rights)

At the July full Council meeting the following items were resolved

- To accept the Emergency Plan Amendment and pay Wealden up to £300 to keep the Emergency Telephone Network running.
- To accept the Business Plan updates recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at its meeting on 11th July 2011.
- Zurich will carry out this year's park's inspections but will review the situation next year.

HOBNEY RISE

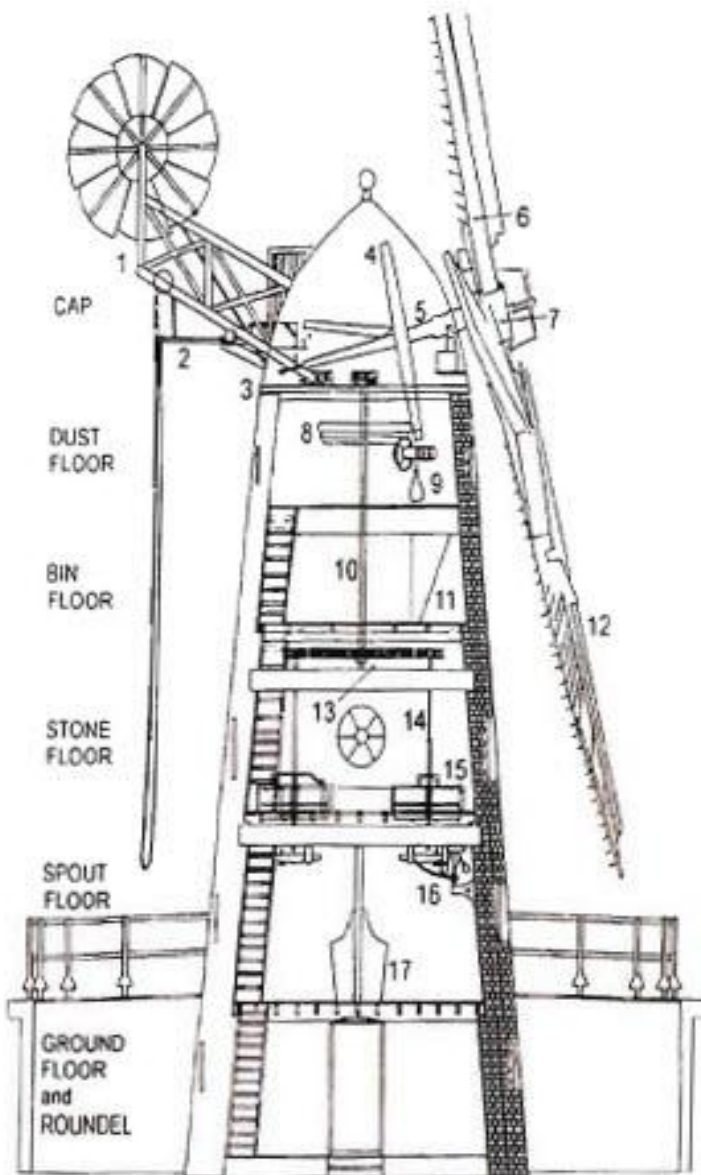
At Hobney Rise there is a piece of open ground belonging to the Council.
Have you any ideas how this can be used for the youngsters in the village
Send your ideas to the Clerk

Many thanks to all our residents who help circulate the newsletter

If you wish to see the Clerk Alison O'Sullivan please try and make an appointment or phone or email

Barbara Molog
Chair

Stone Cross Mill



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| 1. Fan Stage | 10. Vertical Drive |
| 2. Rocking Lever | 11. Grain Bin |
| 3. Curb & Rollers | 12. Sweep |
| 4. Brakewheel | 13. Great Spur Wheel |
| 5. Windshaft | 14. Quant |
| 6. Stock | 15. Mill Stones |
| 7. Poll End | 16. Tentering Gear |
| 8. Wallower | 17. Meal Bin |
| 9. Sack Hoist | |

Stone Cross Mill Trust
Registered Charity No. 1052827

We know that many people, particularly those of you who can see Stone Cross Windmill from their properties are upset and possibly worried about the state of the Mill at the moment.

The Cap and Fanstage had to be removed from the tower; the main concern being the extremely urgent repairs needed, a job which had been pending for at least 18 months whilst the Trust saved enough money to contemplate undertaking the work. Had the work been put off any longer, the safety of the Mill and the surrounding properties would have been put at risk.

The removal of the sweeps, stocks, cap and Fanstage entailed a great deal of effort. It involved all the Trustees on both the Maintenance and the administration side of the Trust and substantial help of Coussens, the crane firm.

It is amazing that many local people still do not realise that the Mill is a fully working one, with its original machinery and grinds Sussex grown organic wheat into flour on a regular basis.

Once the Cap and Fanstage is replaced onto the tower it will again be grinding wheat. When open to the public the Mill also serves refreshments in the Mill Store, organises cream teas for groups and volunteers, travel around Sussex giving talks to various groups.

Everyone involved with the Trust is a volunteer and give up their time to help preserve this wonderful part of our Heritage.

Stone Cross Mill

The Mill Trust is a very small and poor one which does not receive automatic continuous support from any official bodies. Westham and Stone Cross Community Council have been very good in supporting the Mill but this is not a right; a grant has to be applied for each year.

A lot of time and effort is made by Trust volunteers in trying to obtain grants for the Mill, the Mill Store and grounds. It is the aim of the Trust to ensure that the Mill and the grounds are available to the community; not just for the present but for future generations. The Mill is part of the industrial heritage of the area and as such needs the active support of the local population.

Friends of the Windmill

You can help to preserve this part of our heritage by becoming a Friend of the Windmill. A newsletter is produced every three months which will keep you up to date on what projects are in hand and how they are coming along. It will also give you notice of any forthcoming fund-raising events.

Fund-raising is a vital part of the work carried out by volunteers. Although the Windmill has been restored, maintenance is an ever increasing, on-going expense, if the Mill is to be kept in reasonable condition. To this end, fund-raising events are held throughout the year in order to keep the Mill open to the public.

Volunteers are always required to assist the organisers and if you feel that you can help sometimes, please do get in touch with one of the Trustees. If, of course, you have ideas for unusual fund-raising events, the organisers are always happy to listen.

The Mill is manned and maintained solely by willing volunteers who give their "spare" time freely to become actively involved. So, if you feel you can spare a little time: whether you are practical and wish to assist with the maintenance; would like to steward (training is given); help in the Mill Store, or all three, you will be made very welcome

On Saturday October 8 the Stone Cross Mill Trustees are organising a coffee morning at Westham Village Hall from 10-12.

Do come along and help support the Mill – there will be a variety of stalls selling a range of goods including homemade cakes, books and bric-a-brac

Entry is 50p and includes tea or coffee

THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Remember to report to the Police any incidents of crime, anti social behaviour (0845 60 70 999) as this helps identify areas where Police can keep a watchful eye.

BEWARE ROGUE TRADERS

A STORY FROM A RESIDENT

A friend received a flyer through the door and contacted the tradesman listed. The tradesman came to the house and started the work but the friend sensibly asked for a quote which was refused. The tradesman then demanded money but refused to give a receipt. The friend felt threatened by the attitude of the tradesman and sensibly called the police

Do not use casual traders unless you are satisfied that they are genuine and have been recommended by a friend or neighbour.

A message from our local Policing team

PCSO Ali Shadbolt

WPC Baldwin Charles

Sgt Ruth Hammerton

If you have become a victim of a scam or fraud, remember that you have not been targeted personally. Scam letters, e-mails, telephone calls and faxes are sent out in their thousands daily to individuals and companies worldwide.

What is Action Fraud?

Action Fraud is the UK's national fraud reporting centre and the place for you to report fraud and scams, or to get advice if you're not sure what to do.

Action Fraud is available 24 hours a day - members of the public can complete a fraud report at **Action Fraud online** and gain practical advice on fraud prevention. For those without online access Action Fraud advisers are available by phoning the reporting line: **0300 123 2040**.

If you've been a victim of fraud, you can report it to **Action Fraud online** using the secure online fraud reporting tool. You'll be given a crime reference number and your case will be referred on to the police force that investigates fraud.

The Police Panel

The purpose of the police panel meeting is for residents to set priorities, discuss problems or issues which can then be passed onto the police or any of the other relevant agencies.

Panel meetings are held at least twice a year

The panel should be run by the public not the police and ANY resident can come along as the meetings are not solely for councillors or police representatives

Follow ups are posted on the Sussex Police Web Site and passed onto relevant agencies

For further information please contact Councillor Bill Tooley or Councillor Ken Saxby if you have an issue or concern that you want discussed at the Police Panel

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Finance and General Purposes Committee, the Parks and Open Spaces Committee and the Environment and Planning Committee Meetings are held in the Amenity Hall at Stone Cross Primary School on the following Mondays:

10th October 2011
14th November 2011
12th December 2011

The Committee Structures

Westham and Stone Cross Community Council has three standing committees

- **Finance and General Purposes** which is responsible for Items of expenditure
- **Parks and Open Spaces** which is responsible for maintenance in Adur Community Park and play areas
- **Planning** which is responsible for commenting on planning applications and risk assessment

The Full Council Meetings are held on the following Mondays:

17 th October 2011	Stone Cross School
21 st November 2011	Westham Village Hall

At the Full Council and Committee Meetings residents have the opportunity to ask questions and find out more about the work of the Council, all Agendas and Minutes are available on the website, notice boards and at the meetings.

If you have any information or facts about Westham, Stone Cross and Hankham that may be of interest to the residents or a community event coming up that you would like to place in the newsletter please contact the Clerk for further information



The Queens Diamond Jubilee

Do you have any ideas how the Community Council can celebrate this event?

Please contact the Clerk with you ideas and suggestions.....

WESTHAM VILLAGE HALL



The Friendship Lunch Group (FLG)

The Friendship Lunch Group is a group that is designed to make people welcome. It meets at Westham Village Hall. Call by any Tuesday between 10.30 and 12 noon and check out the welcome. If you want to have a hot two-course lunch with FLG, please book it by 9.30 on Monday morning, by phoning 01323 763344. It only costs £4.50. The news is that FLG is almost always there and you are always welcome.



Westham and Pevensy Local Transport Partnership (WPLTP)

Westham and Pevensy Local Transport Partnership urgently need more people to join the Westham & Pevensy Bus teams. Will you be a volunteer? If you can spare a few hours each month, if you like meeting people, you could help to provide a valuable local service to this community by

1. Taking calls from customers for the door-to-door bus service, and booking on the web. A land line phone, computer and internet access needed. Practice and out-of-pocket costs are provided – join the Phoneyes and make friends.
2. Driving the mini-bus. If you drive a car you could drive the mini-bus. You need a standard driving licence with D1 classification (all licenses issued before 1997 have this unless you are over 70). Essential training, assessment and out-of-pocket costs paid. It's a great team of friendly people.
3. Choosing each month how often you are on duty – a regular, or an occasional commitment, which allows for holidays, family visits and other appointments.
4. Helping with experience in business management and company secretary duties which would also be welcome on the Committee.

For more about the bus services and volunteering see www.wpltp.co.uk or phone Joyce Richards 01323 763344 or Michael Nash 01323 760496.

WPLTP is now a registered Charity number 1142981, and company No 6425892, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales.

ARE YOU SPECIAL? URGENT PLEASE FILL THIS IN

Of course you are! So we are asking you to give details that could be vital in helping fellow residents in an emergency situation, or in getting help for yourselves. If you replied to our earlier request, you don't need to reply again.

1. DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL SKILLS, MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT?

E.g. First Aid Certificate, tractor, chain saw, generator, building heated by solid fuel (up to date with health and safety requirements)

Name	Contact number (e.g. mobile phone)	Skills, equipment offered for emergency situations

For help with these forms or further explanation, PHONE the Parish Office (01323) 461299 - OR E-MAIL Michael.Nash@nash4.demon.co.uk

Please sign and date in the spaces beneath the following question

2. DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL MOBILITY NEEDS?

PLEASE LET US KNOW! Then in a real emergency situation we can try to help you.

WE PROMISE TO KEEP ALL DETAILS COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL.

Name	Contact number (e.g. phone/mobile phone)	Mobility or other special needs

Westham and Stone Cross Community Council undertakes not to use these details for any purpose other than for help in (the unlikely event of) an emergency situation where 999 calls haven't brought help

Please sign and date to agree these details be in the Westham Parish Emergency Plan and send them to Westham and Stone Cross Community Council, Stone Cross School or to westhamstonexcc@aol.com;

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

USEFUL NUMBERS

Schools

Hankham County Primary School

Headteacher: Mr P Round,
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Pevensey BN24 5AY
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E-mail: office@hankham.e-sussex.sch.uk
Web: www.hankham.e-sussex.sch.uk

Pevensey & Westham School

Headteacher: Mrs J Gott,
86 High Street, Westham,
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Tel: 762269
E-mail: admin@pevensey-westham.e-sussex.sch.uk
Web: www.pevensey-westham.e-sussex.sch.uk

Stone Cross School

Headteacher: Mrs A Allison,
Adur Drive, Stone Cross,
Pevensey, East Sussex BN24 5EF
Tel: 461002
E-Mail: office@stonecross.e-sussex.sch.uk
Web: www.stonecross.e-sussex.sch.uk

Churches

St Mary's Church, Westham

Services:
Sundays 9.45 am Family Worship
11.00 am Morning Prayer.
6.30 pm Evening Worship.

St. Luke's Church, Stone Cross

Priest: Father J Vine
Tel: 767020
Times usually 8.00 am Sunday; 7.30 am Monday;
7.30 pm Tuesday; 10.30 am Wednesday;
7.30 pm Friday and 10.30 am on Saturday

Medical Centres

Stone Cross Medical Centre

Mimram Road, Stone Cross
Tel: 761461

Westham Medical Centre

Church Bailey, Montague Way,
Westham,
Tel: 465120

Eastbourne District General Hospital

Kings Drive, Eastbourne, BN21 2UD
Main switchboard tel: 417400
Accident & Emergency Tel: 01323 414944

Wealden District Council

Council Offices,
Pine Grove,
Crowborough, TN6 1DH
Tel: 01892 653311
E-mail: wealden@wealden.gov.uk

Refuse Collection

Council Offices, Vicarage Lane,
Hailsham, BN27 2AX
Tel: 442666
E-mail: env.health@wealden.gov.uk

East Sussex County Council Highways

Tel: 01424 220022

Energywatch 0845 906 0708

Transco (in case of gas leak) 0800 111 999

Consumer Direct 08454 040506

Buy With Confidence 418215

Doorstopper's hotline 418228

General line 418200

East Sussex Fire Brigade (01323) 736555

Emergency dial 999

Sussex Police 0845 607 0999

Emergency dial 999

Westham & Hankham Women's Institute

Meetings: Westham Village Hall
First Tuesday of every month

Contact: Mrs Elsie Fox

Westham Evening Women's Institute

Meetings: Westham Village Hall.
7.30pm, 4th Thursday each month

Contact Mary Unsworth, Tel 740034.

Westham Sequence Dance Club

Meetings: Westham Village Hall
Fridays 7.30pm - 10.00pm,

Contact, Jack and Pip Tel 484917