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A new Parish Council, a new way forward

In May, the Limpsfield Parish Council swore in a new Chairman (John Thompson) and four new councillors Tom Briggs, Ashley Fosdike, Ann Osborn and Laila Turner. We also had our Limpsfield Neighbourhood Plan (LNP) officially adopted, by 87%! Thank you so much to everyone who turned out and gave your support.

Since then, we have been working hard to reorganise ourselves and our resources, and to put some measures in place to ensure that we can move forward with purpose; start implementing the plans and projects highlighted in the Neighbourhood Plan and to make sure we are communicating regularly and effectively with parishioners.

Following are some of the ways we are starting to implement the Limpsfield Neighbourhood Plan...

Three new sub-committees



We have formed three subcommittees to ensure all activities have a core team. These teams are largely councillors, supported by other co-optees whose interest and experience is valuable to that particular area. The subcommittees are as follows:

Finance: Tom Briggs (Chair), John Thompson, Laila Turner, Bernie de Haldevang and Mark Wilson.

Planning: Mark Wilson (Chair), Ashley Fosdike, Philip Bailey and co-optee Ted Beresford-Knox.

Neighbourhood Plan: Ann Osborn (Chair), Ashley Fosdike, Laila Turner, John Thompson, Philip Bailey, Tom Briggs and co-optees Ted Beresford-Knox and Robert O'Donovan.

We would be keen to co-opt other parishioners onto the NP committee for various projects when we need additional help. Please contact the Clerk if you're willing and available.

Pounding the footpaths...

Parish Councillors have now walked every last one of the 40 miles of footpaths in Limpsfield, so that we can identify improvements needed. In conjunction with Surrey County Council and the East Surrey Walkers, we have identified priorities for funding improvements to benefit both residents and visitors alike. Works already underway or completed:

- clearing the impassable bridleway off Tenchley's Lane
- resurfacing of Pitchfont Lane at Titsey Road
- laying aggregate on Footpath 78 around the bridge over the River Eden in the Brook Field.

Other priorities include: replacing missing or broken footpath posts and replacing some stiles with kissing gates, making sure there is a way through for dogs.

Our volunteers and councillors have also been clearing overgrown stiles in Guildables Lane and Itchingwood Common Road, and have a plan for improvements over the next twelve months.

If you regularly walk a path that needs improvement, let us know and maybe even consider "adopting it" as your own?!



Making a difference with the Limpsfield Neighbourhood Plan

Our planning sub-committee is already having a positive influence on planning policy with Tandridge District Council, to ensure that planning applications are maintaining the character of the area. The Neighbourhood Plan committee is now beginning to implement specific projects highlighted in the LNP. These include:

- **Registering Assets of Community Value** - Memorial Stores, the Carpenters Arms and the Brook Field will all be registered, allowing us the option to buy such assets if they come on the market and ensure they remain safe from development.
- **Conservation Area Appraisal** - in conjunction with Tandridge District Council, this project involves an objective analysis of the elements that make the Limpsfield Village Conservation Area special: its historic buildings, architectural character and green spaces. The main purpose is to clearly define (and potentially increase) the existing boundaries and outline obligations for planning and development for present and future residents, in order to encourage good and appropriate design and maintain character and uniqueness for future generations. Don't forget, being in a conservation area is actually beneficial to your home's value!
- **Improving rights of way** - the footpath improvements are well underway and we are also developing online and printed walking maps and guides, to help promote our paths to visiting walkers, and enable them enjoy our beautiful Parish.
- **Improved Broadband in areas of poor communication** - we are looking at alternative ways to help Limpsfield residents benefit from better / faster internet.
- **Village Playground** - following parishioners' suggestions in the LNP survey, we are also looking into the possibility of a small community playground for the Limpsfield Village area and will let you know how we get on with initial enquiries into location, collaborators and funding sources.



How to contact us

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Let's Talk!

Since our AGM in May, we have been working very hard to improve the way we work with and talk to the Parish, and aim to use all forms of media to keep you informed on what's going on.

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serving the limpsfield community



- We now have a fabulous new website - www.limpsfield.org - designed to be easy to use and informative, with all you need to know about the Parish, the Parish Council, the day to day activities we undertake and the projects we aim to implement as part of the Neighbourhood Plan. We would encourage anyone who wants to be kept up to date with news, to use the subscribe button on the new website to sign up for emails, which means you'll get news as it's published, straight to your inbox.
- We have also updated our social media and are publishing regular updates: **Twitter @LimpsfieldPC** * **Instagram @limpsfieldparishcouncil** * **Facebook @limpsfieldparishcouncil** Please keep an eye on our feeds for Parish Council updates and useful information and feel free to like, share and comment!
- We have been given our own very smart identity - a brilliant new logo, created for us following our *Design a Logo Competition* by the very talented Steve Smith of Smith Design. Actually from Leicester, Steve does a lot of work for clients in Surrey and knows Limpfield well, so couldn't resist putting in a submission, which we think is spot on! See the new logo on this newsletter, on our website and social media. We hope you like it.



**Wishing you a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!**

