

**We intend fighting proposals for large swathes of homes in our villages but this costs – not only in volunteers’ time - but in cash for professional advice.**

The Parish Council voted to increase the precept this year and the Parish share of Council Tax for an average Band D household will increase in April by only 52 pence a month. This will cover the loss of some government funding and day to day running costs and the rest to be placed in POP to Protect Our Parish. Every pound counts no matter if it's £10, £50, £100, £1,000 or more

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1. Cheques made payable to Walberton Parish Council. Send to the Parish Office or POP it in the box at the Annual Parish Meeting.
2. Bank transfer to Walberton Parish Council  
NatWest Sort code: 60-05-24 Account no: 24326186  
Please quote your name and POP so we can ensure your donation goes into this special reserve fund.

**EMAIL LIST – those of you who are already on this will know that we don't bombard you but keep you informed of important local activities and issues. Please, if you have an email address, let us have it so we can add your name.**  
**[havemysay@wbf-neighbourhood-plan.org.uk](mailto:havemysay@wbf-neighbourhood-plan.org.uk)**

## WalBinFont Community Web site

This is run by volunteers with your help. Please remember to look for news and local information here and the WalBinFont Facebook page. [www.walbinfont.org.uk](http://www.walbinfont.org.uk)

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## POP DONATIONS

Please complete in CAPITAL letters and delete as appropriate\*  
Return to Parish Office as above or you can POP it in the box on the 25th April.

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a cheque\* / have paid by BACS\*  
the sum of £10\* / £20\* / £50\* / £100\* / £1,000\* / other £ \_\_\_\_\_



## New Diary Date 25th April

Dear All

**This edition of the News combines Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan items and with your excellent feedback we plan on continuing to publish Neighbourhood News on a regular basis.**

### Tuesday 25th April

**Your Annual Parish Meeting – time for you to have your say. This will be followed by a meeting about Arun's Local Plan. We hope that you will come along to hear what we have been doing on your behalf over the last year and meet your councillors and neighbours.**

**All councillors join me in wishing you a Happy Easter and we look forward to seeing you on the 25th April.**

Suzanne Clark

CHAIRMAN - WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Would your organisation like a news slot?  
Do you want an item added to the agenda?**

**Deadline to apply is Tuesday 18th April.**

**Please contact the Parish Office.**

**Open Tuesday & Thursday mornings 8.30am to 12.30pm.**

## Your Invitation to the Annual Parish Meeting

**This is for you - our parishioners**

Come and find out what is happening in our villages.

This is an opportunity for organisations within the villages to report on their activities during the previous year (maximum 2 minutes). The Parish Council will also report on its activities over the year.

Anyone who has the right to vote in elections also has the right to add items to the agenda.

### Provisional Agenda

6.30 pm Welcome drinks and nibbles

7.00 pm Chairman's Annual Report and News from local organisations

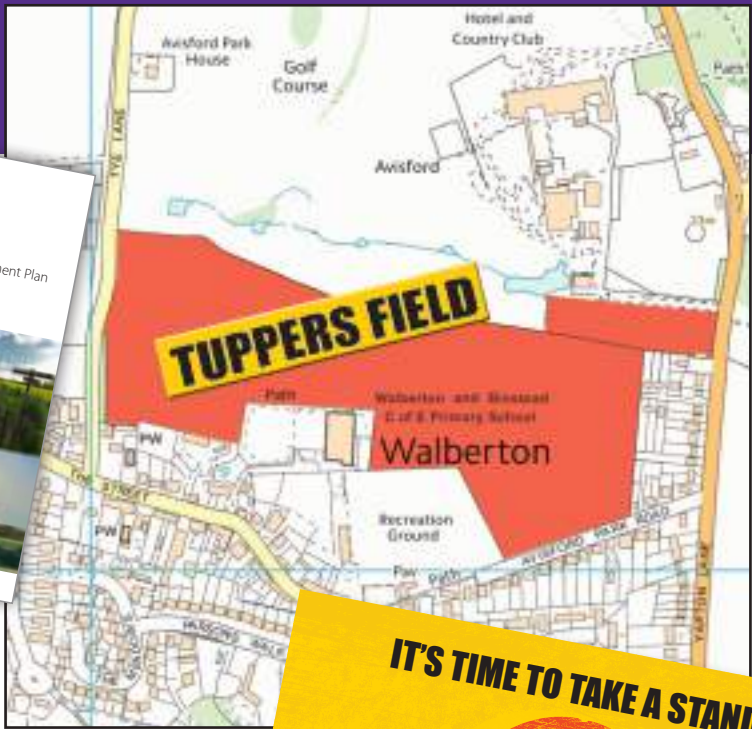
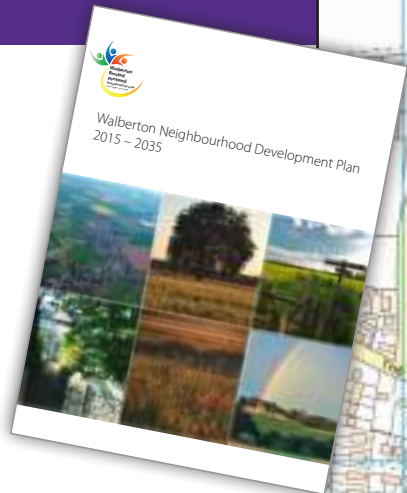
Time for any agenda items submitted by you

8.15 pm Approximate close

8.30 pm Arun Local Plan

**Please let us know if you are coming - 554528 or [clerk@walbertonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@walbertonpc.org.uk)**





## Arun's Local Plan

Arun has produced a new Local Plan and supporting documents, **two** of which are **bad** news. One is Housing Implementation Strategy (HIS) which WPC considers flawed and the other is HELAA a desktop study of sites Arun wants to promote, quite divorced from reality and totally contrary to your wishes.

Walberton is allocated a further 386 potential dwellings- an increase of 48% - the highest in the District - some parishes get none.

ADC is inviting applications from the landowners of sites in HELAA. This **threatens large developments** on sites such as **Tupperts Field**. The Parish Council has produced a 'Comment' on the revised Local Plan which can be read on [www.walberton.arun.gov.uk](http://www.walberton.arun.gov.uk) or [www.walbinfont.org.uk](http://www.walbinfont.org.uk) websites. The comment is complex but the **KEY** points are:

- Arun's revised approach to the allocation of sites removes the element of localism and ignores more appropriate sites that the parishes could put forward.
- There are to be no new parish allocations but instead the threat of a Districtwide Development Plan Document (DPD) in which Arun decides what is built and where.



## TUPPERS FIELD Petition

Arun would not allow our Neighbourhood Plan to go to referendum with Tupperts designated as a Local Green Space. Not signed yet? Then please be sure that you sign the petition by **WEDNESDAY 12th APRIL** asking ARUN to designate this as such. If successful, that could protect this key area from development for the next 20 years. There are copies of the petition in various locations and with all parish councillors and Neighbourhood Plan team.

- Walberton's proportion of HELAA deliverable smaller sites is **13 times** the parish average – grossly unfair.
- The DPD threatens to move the shortfall to those parishes that have already found their given quota.
- Walberton's Neighbourhood Plan was passed with a huge 96% yes vote and a 48% turnout. It delivered in excess of its given housing allocation. It accepted the Fontwell Meadows scheme and opposed overwhelmingly large non-strategic sites.
- Walberton asks the Inspector to consider other options.

You firmly rejected three sites; Tupperts Field, National Trust and Barnfield House which HELAA now wants to bring back in.

You will be able to write or comment on line. Details will be emailed when available. We hope residents who supported the NP so well will continue to wish to protect the villages from large developments on Tupperts field and elsewhere and confirm their support of the Parish Council.

**PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION before 12th April AND PROTECT IT FROM DEVELOPMENT**

Petitions can be found at:

- WALBERTON POST OFFICE
- THE HOLLY TREE PUB
- THE BLACK HORSE PUB BINSTED
- AVISFORD GOLF CLUB
- LAUNDERETTE - MAPLE PARADE
- WALBERTON SURGERY
- PARISH COUNCILLORS and NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN team

## Walberton Open Gardens Day

**Sunday 18th June**

This will be one of the highlights of the year when hundreds will be drawn to visit our villages. This year there will be over 20 gardens open including, for the first time, some gardens in Binsted.

## WalBinFont Music Night

**Saturday 22nd July**

Starring Local band T F Bundy! Bring a picnic, your family and friends and don't forget those dancing shoes!

## Binsted Strawberry Fair

**Sunday 23rd July**

The return of the ever popular Strawberry Fair with guest charities this year being *WaterAid* and *St Wilfrid's Hospice*. Only £5 a ticket and under 12's free.

## Fontwell Village Day

**Sunday 20th August**

A special event aimed at bringing the community together.

**We need to pull together and raise funds so POP – "Protect our Parish" has been set up as a fund.**