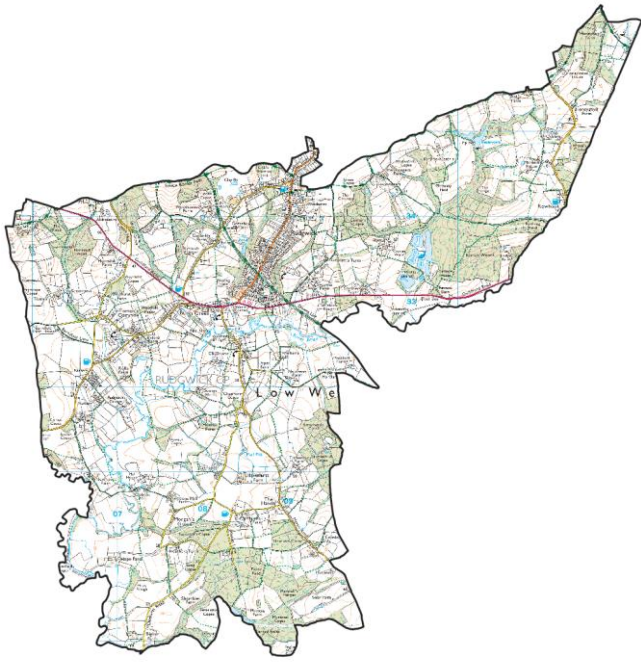




COMMUNITY MATTERS

ABSTRACT

This report considers a number of matters considered important by the community including health, wellbeing accessibility and green infrastructure. It provides an overview of the work undertaken by volunteers to inform the Rudgwick Neighbourhood Plan and its policies.

*Prepared by the Rudgwick
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group*

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This document has been prepared to inform is the Rudgwick Neighbourhood Development Plan (RNDP). The RNDP will cover the period from 2019 - 2031 and its period therefore coincides with the Horsham District Planning Framework (HDPF).
- 1.2 In preparing the Neighbourhood Plan the Steering have explored a number of matters which are considered important by the community. These matters orientate around health, wellbeing, accessibility and green infrastructure. To consider these matters two sub-groups were established by the Steering Group, these were:
 - a) Sports & Recreation Committee
 - b) Health & Wellbeing Focus Group
 - c) Transport & Road Safety Group
 - d) Environment & Sustainability Group
- 1.3 This report seeks to provide an overview of the work undertaken by these groups and set out the evidence that has been used to inform the policies included within the Rudgwick Neighbourhood Plan.

2. SPORTS & RECREATION

Sports Facilities

- 2.1 In Autumn 2018 Horsham District Council opened a brand new multi-million pound district leisure centre (The Bridge) at Broadbridge Heath, just 6 miles from Rudgwick. This includes a 6 court sports hall, 80 station gym, 3 studios, activity climb area and 5 floodlit MUGAs with extensive changing facilities and a cafeteria. These facilities are readily available to Rudgwick Parish residents by car or public bus. The Sports Hall is built to premier badminton standard and additionally offers all the usual sports, especially basketball. The MUGAs are constructed to full Sport England specification offering 5-a-side football, tennis & netball etc. HDC's Sport & Leisure Manager has advised that there is currently unused capacity on these outdoor multicourts. Also on the same campus is the Horsham District Indoor Bowls Centre with 8 rinks and the Stadium with outdoor all-weather floodlit athletics track (6 lane, but with 8 lane straight), stadium grass pitch and indoor warm-up, coaching & training hall.
- 2.2 Built in 2005 adjacent the King George V playing fields, the Rudgwick Sports & Community Centre (RSCC) was a joint enterprise with the Football Club, Cricket Club, Tennis Club & Social Club providing Social, Bar, Cafeteria and changing facilities to all organisations. The aim of this venture was to bring all the sports clubs together to share in a first-class facility, with all contributing fairly to its upkeep, whilst also providing a social venue for villagers. Regretfully it folded at end 2018 with the lease then being taken back by the Parish Council. The building has now been 'spilt in two' with the bulk being leased to Little Streets, with the remainder retained by the Parish Council & hired out to the Football Club and Cricket Club for changing facilities only. The Tennis Club members no longer use the facility having recently constructed their own new pavilion complete with WCs etc. Bringing the RSCC building up to standard suitable for letting has been a significant drain on the resources of the Parish Council as a number of key infrastructure items needed major repair or replacement.
- 2.3 The Steering Group concluded that it should continue to welcome & encourage new or expanded local sports facilities but their independent financial viability, proven in a detailed business case, was paramount. They considered this especially so in the light of the first-class district facilities just a few miles away, and highly accessible for Rudgwick residents. It was also felt that new or expanded sports facilities at local schools should also be supported, with an expectation that some community use could be secured, albeit with careful regard to the amenity of neighbouring residents.
- 2.4 The minutes of the Sports & Recreation Committee are available at **Appendix A** and their summary presentation at **Appendix B**.

Allotments

- 2.5 Rudgwick has a thriving Garden Association with a membership of well over 200 and runs a Spring & Autumn Flower/Vegetable Show, whilst in the Summer this expands into a Village Fete, attended by around 750 residents. The Beckwith Smith family who live at Maybanks Manor, just over the county boundary in Surrey, has always supported the Association with John and Sue Beckwith-Smith both serving long terms as president. Some years ago, following John's death, Sue kindly made arrangements for 9 allotment plots in the walled garden at the manor to be available to residents, co-ordinated by the Association.
- 2.6 Regretfully circumstances have now meant that the Manor is to be sold and so residents have lost access to the only allotments available in the whole parish. A number of these residents have approached the parish council & the parish council is in the process of assessing demand and making appeals to landowners.
- 2.7 When a new site is identified for allotments planning permission may be required and it is **recommended that the plan includes policy support for the provision of such a facility within the parish.**

3. HEALTH

- 3.1 The Health & Wellbeing Focus Group's first meeting took place on 1st August 2016 and set out to see how the neighbourhood plan could improve the health and wellbeing of those who live, work and visit the plan area with a particular focus on wellbeing which is defined as a:

State of being healthy, happy, contented, comfortable and satisfied with one's quality of life. It includes physical, material, social and emotional (happiness) and development and activity dimensions.

- 3.2 The minutes of the group's meetings are included at **Appendix C** for reference and from these the group concentrated on healthcare provision. Initial tasks included identifying medical facilities in the plan area and local care providers, and whether there was a need for these existing facilities to be improved.
- 3.3 The primary healthcare facility is the Rudgwick Medical Centre and an early meeting in August/September 2016 between members of the focus group and the practice manager confirmed that the Centre had capacity for an additional 600 patients. It was however identified that no social worker operated from the surgery and there was no psychiatric provision. The Centre hosts a dentist practice and there is capacity for them to expand their surgery if it were required.
- 3.4 The group then considered other facilities that may contribute towards health and wellbeing locally but overall, no significant lack of provision was identified. After a meeting held on 11th January 2017 the group were unsure how their efforts could be incorporated into the plan and as a result no further meetings of the group were held.
- 3.5 As a result, there are no specific policy recommendations with regard to healthcare provision.

4. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

- 4.1 West Sussex is the second most wooded county after Surrey, with a legacy of ancient woodland and extremely varied woodland landscapes. Like so much of the county, Rudgwick has a rich heritage of woodlands, trees and hedges which are essential to its character.
- 4.2 Trees play an invaluable role in the natural environment and ecosystem, help to mitigate climate change and contribute to the quality of life for people living in Rudgwick. They are a fundamental part of our landscape, heritage and green infrastructure and have a significant positive impact on the community.
- 4.3 We have many tree-covered areas in Rudgwick, often in deep ghylls such as Gravatt's Hanger and Greathouse Hanger, as well as in the open countryside beyond. All of our trees are important, with special importance attached to ancient woodland and individual ancient oaks.
- 4.4 West Sussex is the second most wooded English county after Surrey. It has a rich legacy of remnant ancient woodland and extremely varied woodland landscapes. Woodlands, trees and hedges which make the

County so special are being conserved, extended and enhanced¹.

- 4.5 The landscape around the village falls within the Low Weald National Landscape Character area, and area I1 (Rowhook and Rusper Wooded Ridge) and P1 (Upper Arun Valley) of the Horsham District Landscape Character Area assessment. Woodland in the Low Weald is flourishing, with many new large and small woodlands and hedgerows, enclosing glades and meadows and linked to existing woodlands, hedges and shaws.
- 4.6 The area is characterised by a strong network of woodlands and hedgerows which enclose small pasture fields. Mature hedge and field trees (typically oak) are a common feature of the landscape together with oak-hazel and hornbeam coppice often carpeted with swathes of bluebells in Spring. The river valley to the south of Bucks Green features a narrow valley containing wet pasture and occasional strips of woodland.
- 4.7 Biodiversity features most strongly in the wooded hanger-ghylls, the network of ancient woodland and hedgerow shaws, some coniferous plantations in deciduous woodland, unimproved pastures and village gardens. Several ancient woodlands are SNCIs. In addition to oak, there are wild service trees, much hornbeam coppice and even recent planting of black poplar.
- 4.8 In positively planning for new development great care needs to be taken to ensure woodland, trees and hedgerows are not adversely impacted. Moreover, given their environmental importance, development should actively seek to increase the number of trees in Rudgwick.
- 4.9 Accordingly, it is recommended that a policy be introduced via the neighbourhood plan to support existing and promote new green infrastructure, specifically development should not result in the loss of trees.

5. GETTING AROUND

- 5.1 A Transport & Road Safety Focus Group was established to look into matters affecting our roads and getting around. An update report from the chairman dated October 2016 is included at **Appendix D** and a report to the focus group on footpaths dated 8th December 2016 at **Appendix E**.
- 5.2 Rudgwick Parish is relatively well served with a network of footpaths and bridleways, many of them established way back in time to connect the facilities in the centre of Rudgwick to the outlying hamlets. The Downs Link also runs through the village, this is a disused railway line that previously served to move passengers and goods from one end of the village to the other – and beyond. Today, the network of paths and the Downs Link are popular recreational facilities but, beyond the centre, are not widely used as access routes.
- 5.3 Most of the key facilities in the plan area are in the centre of Rudgwick village, running from Holy Trinity Church at the top of Church Street down to Pennthorpe School, close to the A281. The shops are in the most built up part of the village, with the school and medical centre both within easy walking distance of Church Street and the shops. The Pre-School/Scout Hut is a little further down the hill, close to Pennthorpe School. In principle, all of these central facilities can be accessed on foot/by bike by those living in the main part of Rudgwick. It is much more difficult for those living in the outlying hamlets for reasons of distance and having to cross the A281.
- 5.4 While it is in principle possible to walk between the main central facilities, in practice there are challenges. The footpaths that run up and down Church Street are of inconsistent quality. They are often too narrow or uneven to support buggy or wheelchair use. At places there is only a pavement on one side of the road, forcing users to cross the road more than once. At the top of Church Street users have to cross at the brow of a hill and close to the junction with Lynwick Street. These safety issues often deter families with children from walking in the village.
- 5.5 The exception to the central connectedness is the King George V Playing Field. It is used by the Rudgwick football and cricket clubs which both have thriving junior sections. The tennis club has four floodlit courts and a club house. There is a Little Street play facility for small children, a very well attended Youth Club operating

¹ A Strategy for the West Sussex Landscape (*West Sussex County Council*) October 2005 available to download from https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/1771/landscape_strategy.pdf

in the repurposed old cricket hut and a skate park. Rudgwick Parish Hall is also located here and used for many parish events – public and private. It is a long walk to the playing fields from Rudgwick centre and the footpath runs along the very busy A281, making it unsafe for younger children to walk there on their own. The majority of people using these facilities travel there by car despite their relatively close proximity and that they are within walking or cycling distance.

- 5.6 The current Youth Club leader, Lloyd Harp commented on the issue of safe access to the King George V playing fields: *"As an organisation that provides services to young people (aged 11-18) safety is paramount to the ethos and goals of Rudgwick Youth Centre. We heartily support any inquiries into and efforts towards making the routes to and from the village as safe as possible, especially since many walk and/or cycle to the club. With an emphasis on health and a clean environment, we want to be able to continue to encourage this, but are also aware of heightened traffic on the A281, and elsewhere in the village. "*
- 5.7 We are aware that the plan has limited scope to resolve existing issues but there is scope to ensure that these issues are not exacerbated as a result of new development and provide policy support to any proposals that would create routes to facilitate walking & cycling around the parish. In particular a number of key facilities have been identified and it is recommended that a policy requirement be for new development to have safe pedestrian or cycling routes to:
- King George V Playing Field & Parish Hall
 - Parade of shops in Rudgwick
 - Rudgwick Primary School
 - Holy Trinity Church
 - Pennthorpe School
 - Rudgwick Medical Centre
 - Rudgwick Pre-School/Scout Hut
- 5.8 Such a policy requirement would ensure that the current situation is not worsened and over time the situation may be improved.
- 5.9 During the Reg.14 consultation, several additional facilities were highlighted by the community and it is therefore recommended that Jubilee Hall and Rudgwick Chapel be added to the above list.
- 5.10 We would also encourage the Parish Council, landowners and other parties to actively explore whether new pedestrian and/or cycle routes can be provided around the Parish to help improve accessibility and suggest a policy be introduced in the neighbourhood plan to provide policy support for such proposals.

APPENDIX A – MINUTES OF THE SPORTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Rudgwick Neighbourhood Plan
Meeting of Sports & Recreation Committee

03.08.2016

Present

Johnny Barr
Renee Fikling
Rhydian Llewelyn
Damjana Poole

Apologies

Peter Tanner

Absent

Rob Wild

Matters arising

Johnny Barr to stand as Temporary Chairman until such time as a permanent Chair can be appointed.

Objectives of the Committee as per the Agenda were discussed and the following action agreed:-

1. Johnny Rhydian - to assess the sports and recreational facilities currently available in the village.
2. Johnny -
 - to meet with Lloyd Harp, Youth Club leader to discuss the sports and recreational facilities currently available for the youth of the village and what can be done to support and improve these facilities.
 - to meet with a representative from Hawkridge Housing Association to discuss the recreational needs of the senior citizens in the village.
3. Damjana - to meet with Barbara Kenward, Parish Secretary to discuss:-
 - (i) what statistics are available regarding the demographics and age group distribution within the village.
 - (ii) what area of the King George V recreational facility in Rudgwick is protected by the Trust.
 - (iii) what allocation of public funding is available to the Parish for use on community amenities.

4. Renee - to meet with Sally Dartnell, Scout Leader to discuss the recreational facilities currently available to the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers available in the village and what can be done to support and improve these facilities.
- to meet with Peter Tanner to discuss the previously compiled Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan, the resources available and how these can be built on for the purposes of this current Neighbourhood Plan.

Next Meeting

Monday 12 September 2016 at 7.30 p.m.
Kings Head
Rudgwick

**Rudgwick Neighbourhood Plan
Meeting of Sports & Recreation Committee
12.09.2016**

Present

Johnny Barr
Renee Fickling
Ed Poole
Anne Cole
Pam Cryer
Rhydian Llewelyn

Apologies

Sue Wright

Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

Johnny Barr appointed Chairman of the Sports & Recreation Committee.

Updates

Johnny

- Rhydian
- Various sports and recreational organisations operating in the village have been contacted and a spreadsheet prepared with their responses and distributed.
 - No responses have been received from the Senior Rudgwick Football Club or the Rudgwick Sports & Community Centre.
 - Pennthorpe School are offering their facilities for use at a cost.

Clearly there is an appetite for sport in Rudgwick which cannot be sustained on the current facilities as the village gets bigger.

Identifiable need for an all weather pitch.

DJ

- Renee
- Key census statistic 2011 obtained and distributed.
 - Scouts are happy in situ.
 - Copy Rudgwick Parish Plan 2006 and Survey Analysis obtained.

Sports, particularly for the younger members of the village have been addressed. Little research on what is available for the older members of the community.

- Recreation** - what does it entail?
 - what exists in Rudgwick?
 - how do we enhance it?

Action

- Johnny** - To engage with the Senior Football Club (Digger) and RSCC (Chairman – James Martin).
 - To meet with Lloyd Harp, Youth Worker.
 - To meet with the Steering Committee to arrange survey questions.
- Anne** - To attend the next Hawkridge Tea to discuss with the residents their sport and recreational needs.
 - Investigate what has become of the Rudgwick Stootball Team.
 - To enquire with the new owners of The Red House on the prospect of acquiring their land adjacent to the King George V Playing Field.
- Ed** - To assess the available land for additional sports pitches on the current site.
 - To diary with the RSCC the next meeting of this committee on 17.10.2016 at 8 p.m.
- Renee** - To research the viability of compulsory purchase.
- Pam** - To look at neighbouring villages and their provisions for Sports & Recreation in their Neighbourhood Plan.
- Cheri** - To trawl through the Rudgwick Parish website for useful information.

Next Meeting

Monday 17 October 2016 at 8 p.m.
 Rudgwick Sports and Community Centre.

- P.S.** - Please acknowledge receipt of minutes with confirmation of your:-
 Email address
 Home telephone number
 Mobile telephone number

**Rudgwick Neighbourhood Plan
Meeting of Sports & Recreation Committee
17.10.2016**

Present

Johnny Barr
Renee Fickling
Ed Poole
Anne Cole
Pam Cryer
Rhydian Llewelyn

Apologies

Sue Wright

Minutes of previous meeting agreed.

Updates

- Johnny - Senior Football Club (Carl) has responded –
 28 players signed on
 3 teams – 2 Saturday/1 Sunday.

Currently managing on the current playing facilities from a pitch point of view, more difficult with respect to training.

Would have great use for a multi purpose pitch.

- RSCC – no response from Rob Roser (Chairman of the Social Club)
- Youth Club – have not managed to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet with Loyd.
- Steering Committee meet on 07.11.2016 and will need to consider:-
 - Direction.
 - Guidance.
 - Common data that should be made available to all groups.
 - Surrey questions/format/delivery.

- Anne &
Pam - Visited Hawkridge on 10.10.2016 and have prepared a summary of findings.

- Ultimately, it is an active facility that ensures residents are socially engaged and their general health and wellbeing cared for.
 - Issues are mainly lack of transportation and re-instating the bus stop outside Hawkridge.
- Anne
- Raised further matters to be considered, including
 - Improving the play park at Foxholes.
 - Green gym at KGV fields and along the Downs Link.
- Ed
- Will be difficult to fit an additional pitch on existing site. Space behind the club is wide enough, at a push, but very close to the river bank and liable to suffer from erosion. The plot also narrows in the middle and is not ideal.
- Pam
- Impressive summary of the neighbourhood plans done by some of the surrounding villages. Loxwood and Nuthurst have been signed off, Cranleigh is still awaiting approval.
 - Report to be attached to Rhydian's spreadsheet as a Master document.
- Renee
- Compulsory purchase is a last resort but not impossible to achieve. Need the support of the Parish Council to gain approval from the District Council. Only a statutory body can exercise Compulsory Purchase powers and they will need to be satisfied:-
 1. that there is a clear need for the land
 2. there is no other land available
 3. planning permission would be obtained for the use proposed
 4. the land owner is not prepared to sell by private treaty.

What used to be the Pig Farm seems a likely candidate. Should wait for the proposed call to land owners for developable land to see if anything suitable comes forward.

Action

- Johnny
- To contact James Martin (Chairman of RSCC Sports) for the necessary information on the facility.
 - To meet with Youth Club Leader, Lloyd Harp.
 - To contact Chair of the Health & Welbeing Committee to define our respective areas and ensure as little duplication of work as possible.
 - To meet with Steering Committee and report.
- Anne
- To enquire with the new owners of The Red House on the prospect of acquiring their land adjacent to the KGV playing field.
- Rhydian
- To update the spreadsheet to include the findings on the Senior Football Club and Hawkridge.

- To compare our sports facilities per capita.
- Ed
 - To corner Rob Roser to find out the necessary information on the RSCC – How many members/what facilities available/how is it currently being used.
 - To investigate the costings of a multi purpose pitch.
 - To obtain Cheri's contact details for her to commence her research on the Rudgwick Parish website.

Next Meeting

Monday 21 November 2016 at 8 p.m.
The Fox Inn.

Johnny to book space.

**Rudgwick Neighbourhood Plan
Meeting of Sports and Recreation Committee
14th December 2016**

Present

Johnny Barr
Ed Poole
Renee Fickling

Apologies

Rhydian Llewelyn
Pam Cryer

Absent

Anne Cole

Updates

Ed – have not yet had an opportunity to meet with a multi-purpose sports builder as scheduled meetings have been cancelled for various reasons.

- Enquiries so far indicate that cost would be in the region of £100,000-£150,000 to build, maintain and upkeep.
- Would be best to look at obtaining quotes looking at the costs of:-
 - a) a multi-purpose pitch at the playing field and
 - b) a multi-purpose pitch sited elsewhere.

As a group we therefore need to be actively involved in the selection when there is a call for sites.

Johnny – Rhydian has produced a very impressive document containing graphs, charts, etc illustrating the breakdown of the use of the sports and recreational facilities currently available in the village for the residents of the village.

- This information has to be supported by documentary evidence.
- Need to be careful of the analysis, bearing in mind that many residents are members at more than one organisation.

With regard to the non-residents who use the facilities in Rudgwick consideration must be had to the fact that:-

- They bring money into the village by paying subs, spending at the Club and the Co-op.
- The Junior FC pay the Council to use the playing field at a rate of £300 per annum along with an additional rent on Tournament Day.

Action

Ed – to set up a meeting with multi-purpose sports builders and obtain 2 quotes.

Rhydian – Fine tune the figures on the Summary Report
Page 4 – beware of “double dipping”.
Page 7 – need to include Senior Football Club on the graph.

Renee – to obtain a copy of the Public Questionnaire Survey distributed in 2010 for the purposes of the Rudgwick Parish Plan.

Johnny – to speak at Sue Batestone, Chair of the Health & Wellbeing group with regard to tackling the overlap of Recreation and Wellbeing.

Next Meeting

Monday 30th January 2017 at 8pm
The Fox Inn.

**Rudgwick Neighbourhood Plan
Sports & Recreation Focus Group
The Fox Inn
28.03.2017**

Present

Johnny Barr
Ed Poole
Renee Fickling
Pam Cryer
Anne Cole
Rhydian Llewellyn

The Steering Group met yesterday – so far the process has been slow and arduous and there is some frustration by the lack of progress over the last year.

All focus groups have come to a halt.

HDC mandate is to provide 1,600 new houses to be found within 23 parishes.

Range for Rudgwick is 60 – 100 houses.

There is a multitude of documents to look at to determine objectives, sites, housing numbers etc.

A very fluid situation which is under constant review. Dealing with a moving target.

Currently we need to:-

1. Work out the housing figure for Rudgwick.
2. Start the process on a call for sites.

As a SSR group we will be looking to earmark funds from large developments for community projects such as:-

- multi sports facilities
- green gym
- community bus

Each group to contribute in writing the Neighbourhood Plan.

Have been requested by the Consultant to formulate ideas for objectives from the focus groups to be fed into the Steering Group.

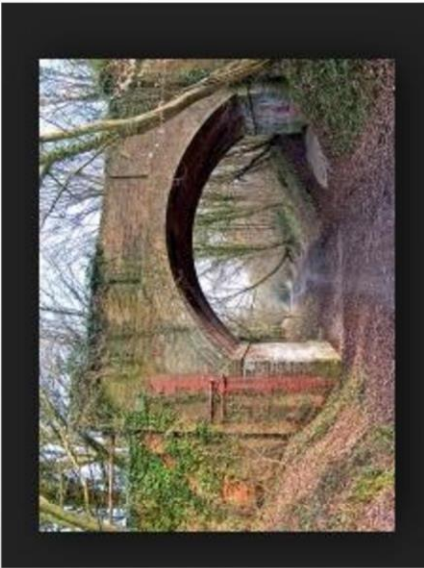
Deadline for production to Johnny by **Monday 10th April**. Each member to send to Pam to collate by **Friday 7 April**.

Johnny will also raise with the Steering Committee

- what about the General Survey?
- canvassing the community for their input.

Next meeting – to be confirmed.

APPENDIX B – SPORTS & RECREATION SUMMARY PRESENTATION



Rudgwick Neighbourhood plan

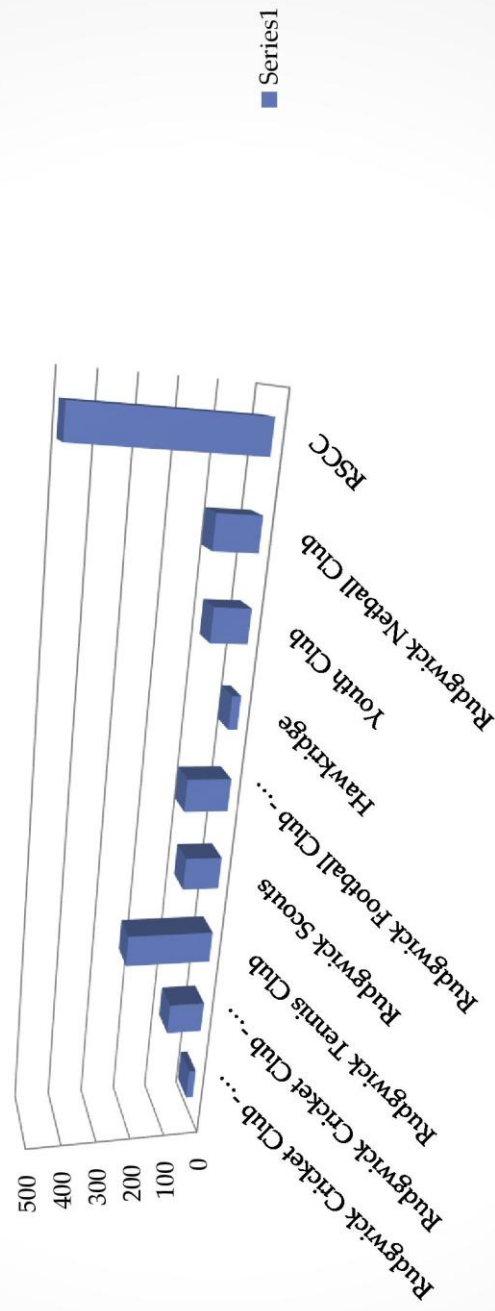
Sports & Recreation Summary

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Sports and Recreational facilities – membership numbers

Membership by Facility

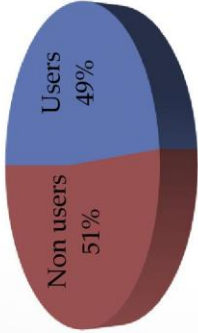


- The facilities above are used by circa 1,325 people
- Additional details are found on slide 8

Analysis of Rudgwick facilities by Capita

Total Capita

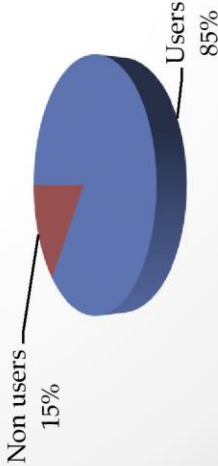
Rudgwick Sport & Recreational facilities per capita



- The Rudgwick facilities are used by 1,325 people which equates to 49% Of the 2,722 people living in Rudgwick (2011 census data)
- The total population does include all residents from 0 – 90+
- The users are not all Rudgwick residents as shown on following slides

Juniors (5 – 17)

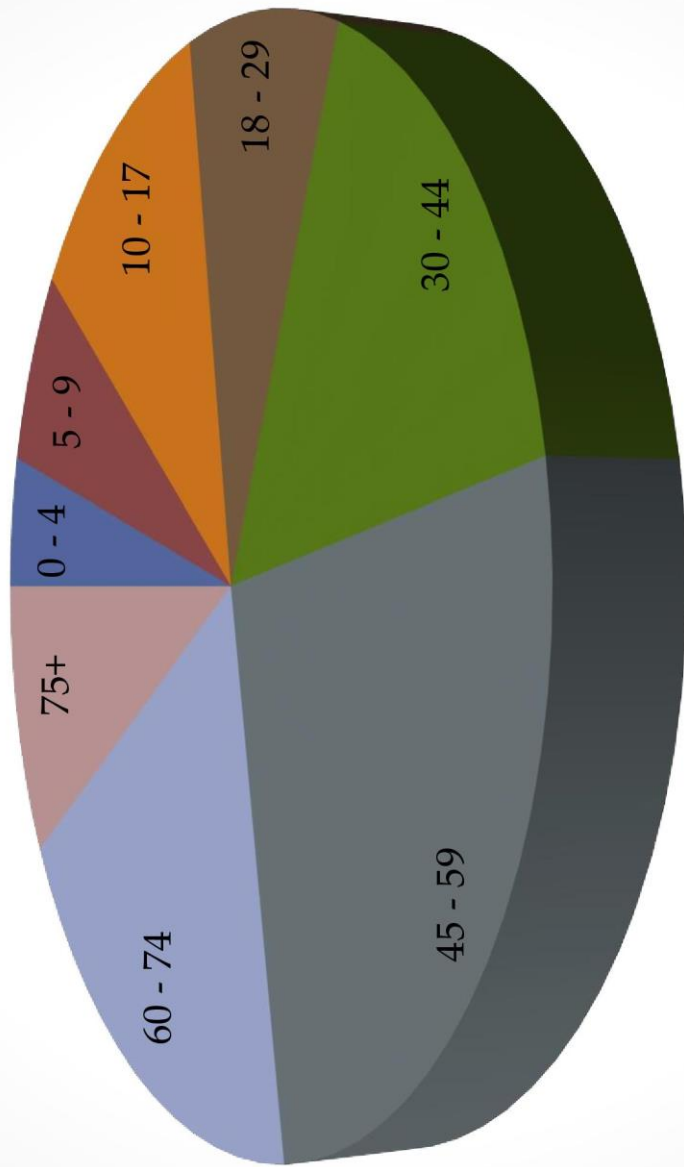
Rudgwick Sport & Recreational facilities per Junior capita



- The Rudgwick facilities are used by 420 juniors (5 – 17 year olds) which equates to 85% of this age band living in Rudgwick (2011 census data)
- Only includes Football, Cricket, Scouts and Youth Club activity.
- The users will be multiple sport users and include non residents

Rudgwick Demographic

Age profile of Rudgwick (2011 census)



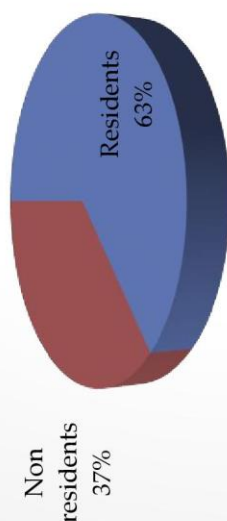
- The 2011 census data for Rudgwick shows a population of 2,722 with the above age splits
- The above data was used to assess the recreational facilities per capita

Analysis of Rudgwick facilities by residents / non residents

All participation –geographic split

Participants using Rudgwick Sport & Recreational facilities

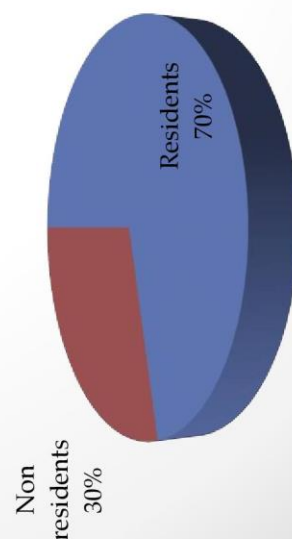
- Of the 1,325 people using Rudgwick Sports & Recreational facilities, 63% live in the village



Junior participation –geographic split

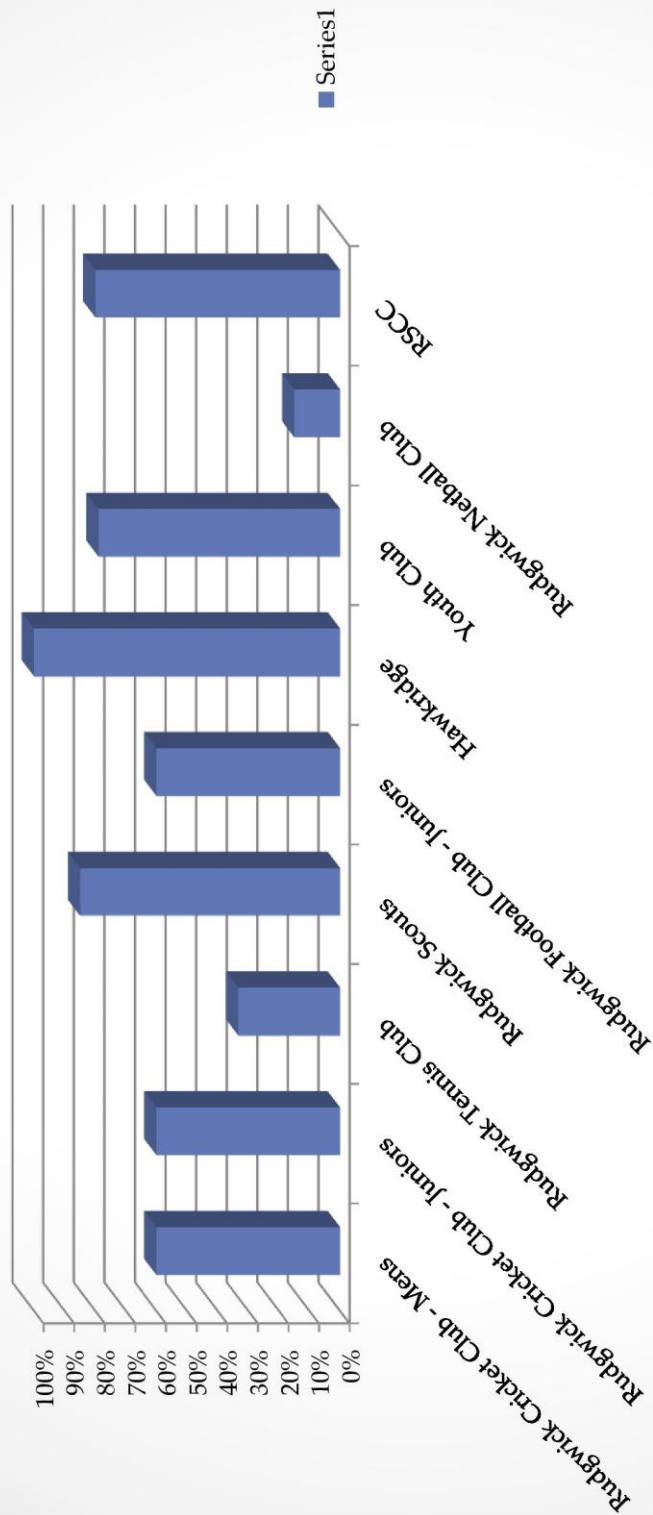
Junior Participants using Rudgwick Sport & Recreational facilities

- Of the 420 juniors participating in football, cricket, scouts and the youth club 70% live in the village
- No junior split available for other clubs such as tennis and netball



Analysis of Rudgwick facilities by residents / non residents

All participation –geographic split by facility / club



- Of the 1,325 people using Rudgwick Sports & Recreational facilities, 63% live in the village but this does vary across the different clubs and facilities

Club / Facility	Members	Age Profile	% Live in Rudgwick	Actual live in Rudgwick	How often facilities used (per week)	Length of time facilities used	Season	Current facilities	Other facilities required
Rudgwick Cricket Club - Mens	20	not specified	60%	12	1	5 - 6 hours	April - September	Old & New storage sheds	n/a
Rudgwick Cricket Club - Juniors	100	4 - 12 years	60%	60	5	1 - 2 hours	April - July	Minimal Storage facilities in RSCC	n/a
Rudgwick Tennis Club	240	All ages	33%	80	Daily	Continual	All Year	More courts (including mini court for kids)	More courts (including mini court for kids)
Rudgwick Scouts	100	6 - 18 years	85%	85	Daily	2hours	All year	Scout Hall including Kitchen & Shower facilities	More storage (kayaks)
Rudgwick Football Club - Juniors	120	U6 - U14	60%	72	3 to 4	Saturday - 2 hours, midweek 1.5 hours	Sept - May	RSCC, incl a storage shed, Rikyo school, Pennthorpe School, Rudgwick Primary	All weather training pitch
HawkrIDGE	25	not specified	100%	25	Daily	Continual	All year	Sheltered Housing with a range of facilities	Improved transportation to enable them to participate in existing facilities
Youth Club	100	11 - 18 years	79%	79	5	2-3 Hours	All Year	Old Rudgwick Cricket Pavilion used as HQ	Improved facilities
Rudgwick Netball Club	120	Juniors U8 - U17 Adults - U18 & over	15%	18	7 hours of coaching per week	2 Hours	tbc	Use of Pennthorpe School - Hall and outside courts	New floodlit venue
RSCC	500	All ages	80%	400	Daily	Continual	All year	Café, Social Club with bar, changing facilities for football & cricket, snooker tables	not specified
Rudgwick Football Club - Seniors									

Existing locations for leisure activities

Jubilee hall
Village hall
Churchman’s Meadow
KGV fields – skate park and play park
Play park at Foxholes
Downs link
RSCC
Church / Chapel
Open green spaces and footpaths
Youth club

Possible additional locations

Pennthorpe School
RPS
Field next to Furze Road

Wish list

Internet and broadband connectivity is configured to maximise the ability to connect to the local network
Allotments
Community bus
BMX track
Better public transport to
Tesco/Horsham/Cranleigh/Guildford
Nature reserve/park/gardens
Preserve open spaces and wildlife habitat
Green gym

* Billingshurst Parish
Council offer a community car scheme for anyone unable to use public transport, either through disability or general frailty, living in the parishes of Billingshurst, Redford, Loxwood, Plaistow, Shipley and Ifold. Could we use for a fee ●

APPENDIX C – MINUTES OF THE HEALTH & WELLBEING FOCUS GROUP

**Meeting of Health & Wellbeing Focus Group
Rudgwick Neighbourhood Plan
01.08.2016**

Present

Susan Batstone
Philomena Leech
Renee Fickling

Apologies

Wendy Callister
Marilyn Quail
Rosa Dennis

Absent

Damjana Juricic-Poole
Victoria Jarvis

Matters arising

1. **Election of Chairman**
Susan Batstone proposed by Phil Leech.
Seconded by Renee Fickling.
Susan Batstone accepted and appointed as Chairman of the Health & Wellbeing Focus Group.
2. **Definition of Wellbeing**
State of being healthy, happy, contented, comfortable and satisfied with one's quality of life. It includes physical, material, social and emotional (happiness) and development and activity dimensions.
3. **Points for discussion:-**
 - future demands on medical facilities in Ridgwick.
 - facilities required to encourage healthy living.
 - what facilities currently exist in the village and how can they be improved to meet future demand and encourage healthy living.
 - age distribution of the population in the village and what are the appropriate provisions for meeting the health and wellbeing needs for each of these age groups.
4. **Age groups identified:-**
 - i) Elderly.
 - ii) Young families/children/youths.

iii) Working age population.

Allocation for research:-

Elderly

- Phil Leech
- Wendy Callister
- Marilyn Quail

Young families/children & youth

- Renee Fickling
- Damjana Juricic-Poole

Working age population

- Susan Batstone
- Rosa Dennis

Resources

1. Guide note – Neighbourhood Planning Health & Wellbeing
2. Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNA) West Sussex
3. Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) West Sussex

Action

1. Renee will provide a copy of the resources to each group.
2. Each group will look at what they think the needs of their “clients” are.
3. Use the Parish Directory as a starting point for what is happening in the area.

Next Meeting

**Monday 15 August 2016 at 7.30 p.m.
Rudgwick Sports and Community Centre.**

**Meeting of Health & Wellbeing Focus Group
Rudgwick Neighbourhood Plan
19.09.2016**

Present

Susan Batstone
Philomena Leech
Damjana Juricic-Poole
Wendy Callister
Rosa Dennis
Renee Fickling
Pauline Webb

Apologies

Marilyn Quail
Victoria Jarvis
Sue Wright

Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

Updates

- Sue - Met with the Practice Manager at Rudgwick Medical Centre who confirmed that despite covering a fairly vast area including Rowhook, Loxwood and Broadbridge Heath (to Tesco's) they currently have the capacity to take on an additional 600 patients. Confirmed that with the exception of general GP services, Practice Nurse treatments, maternity services and Health Visitors, everything else is referred to Horsham Hospital.
No Social Worker provisions at the surgery.
No psychiatric provision at the surgery.
- The Dentists are tenants so there is capacity in the building to expand if required.
- There are no voluntary services in the village to compliment the medical services provided.
- Wendy - Identified the relevant Nursing Homes within a 5 mile radius of Rudgwick and produced a list.
- Rosa - Dementia care – Statistics show that Sussex has the highest case of dementia care in the country.
- DJ - Confirmed that the Rudgwick Emergency Plan is reviewed annually.

Renee - Cranleigh Neighbourhood Plan is a vast document which though helpful, is not reflective of a smaller rural community such as Rudgwick.

Action

Researcher - Lucy Johnson to trawl the internet for a local/similarly rural village in Sussex on which we can study their neighbourhood plan that has been signed off.

Next Meeting

To be convened after the meeting of the main Steering Committee.

**Meeting of Health & Wellbeing Focus Group
Rudgwick Neighbourhood Plan
22.11.2016**

Present

Susan Batstone
Damjana Juricic-Poole
Wendy Callister
Rosa Dennis
Renee Fickling
Marilyn Quail

Apologies

Philomena Leech
Wendy Callister

Absent

Pauline Webb

Updates

Provided feedback from the Steering Committee on the development with Henfield Neighbourhood Plan and the need to submit a robust plan.

Discussed

Suggested that we look at the Wisborough Green Neighbourhood Plan.

More direct input needed from the community. They need to be better informed and made more aware of the Neighbourhood Plan to ensure effective participation in the Referendum. More information should be in the Parish Magazine which is distributed to most of the households in the village.

How do we access the youth to obtain their views?

- Instagram
- Twitter
- #tag
- Facebook

Consider consulting with the Youth Club for them to put together a video with the youth's views.

Tots & Toddlers – now run by Anne Heathcock. Consider meeting with the group for information from the mums, carers etc. on their needs.

**Allotments – Maybanks (privately owned).
Run by Helen Palmer.**

Health & Wellbeing overlap with all the other groups with the exception of Business & Employment (?)

Questions for the Survey:-

- **Would you support a Community Bus?**
- **What activities would you support?**
- **What are the people's biggest concern?**

Consultant should meet with each Focus Group to provide clear direction of our role and remit.

Next Meeting

Monday 12 December 2016

Jubilee Hall

7.30 p.m.

**Meeting of Health & Wellbeing Focus Group
Rudgwick Neighbourhood Plan
11.01.2017**

Present

Susan Batstone
Pauline Webb
Rosa Dennis
Wendy Callister
Renee Pickling

Apologies

Damjana Juricic-Poole
Marilyn Quail

Resigned

Philomena Leech

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Task from Consultant, Sarah Nelson – what are our objectives?

Looking at other village neighbourhood plans, they do not seem to include anything about Health & Wellbeing. Health & Wellbeing per se would not have much impact on smaller sites and we would only have influence on larger developments. This is having established that GP services would not be adversely affected by the amount of housing envisaged.

Our aim - to support and provide information to the other focus groups.
 - to support aspirational plans.

Not a lot more we can do while the other groups are putting together their information.

No further meeting scheduled for the time being. We will re-convene when there are tasks for us.

APPENDIX D - REPORT FROM THE TRANSPORT & ROAD SAFETY GROUP CHAIRMAN (PAUL WHYLES)

After spending the last few months working with fellow members of the RNP Transport and Road Safety Focus Group on such issues in so far as they affect our preparations of a Neighbourhood Plan, I think it is worthwhile recording my own views on the matter, for what it is worth. I believe that while some of what follows may be seen as 'window dressing' and certainly does not lie within the strict 'land use' remit of the Neighbourhood Plan itself, they represent measures that should nevertheless be undertaken by the parish alongside the eventual NP. And their implementation should be seen as just as vital. Why? Because if the community is to cope with the increased housing that is coming its way in the years ahead and the additional traffic it will produce, alongside the enormous growth in traffic within the parish generated by other residential schemes continuing to be approved all around Rudgwick, some of significant proportions, then the noise pollution, air pollution and, above all, road safety aspects of this growth will become intolerable in a community which, unfortunately, is at least from one perspective, defined by its roads.

Such is the significance of this situation, I believe the parish should ensure that it is fully appraised of the facts regarding traffic volumes and speeds within the parish so that both when formulating the NP and when entering into the negotiations with West Sussex Highways suggested below, it is in full possession of the relevant statistics and cannot be accused of failing to provide an evidence-based argument.

The following recommendations are not exhaustive as more research is still outstanding, but in my view they nevertheless provide a blueprint on which to build:

A: Seek alterations to speed limits within the parish

Negotiate with the Highways authority to have the following changes made:

1. Create new 30mph speed restricted area approaching Bucks Green from the South along Haven Road, so that the significant housing along the east side of this section of the road benefits from appropriate speed restrictions for a residential area. It is ridiculous that traffic can travel north along Haven Road at 60mph through this zone, not being legally required to slow until reaching the A281 junction. Equally, there is nothing to stop drivers hammering their accelerators as soon as they have turned off the A281 into Haven Road.
2. Extend the 40mph limit area on the A281 eastwards towards Horsham. Ridiculously, the point at which the Downs Link crosses the A281 falls more or less exactly at the place where the 40mph limit starts if approaching Bucks Green from Horsham. As the parish council has already recognised, it would make perfect sense to extend this limited area eastwards, so that traffic has already slowed before it reaches the point at which walkers and cyclists etc must dangerously negotiate crossing the road. WS Highways recalcitrance on such matters must not go uncontested.
3. Impose a 20mph speed limit in Church Street extending from south of the village's schools to north of the Co-op and/or beyond. This area is essentially the heart of the parish but given the strung-out, linear nature of the community, there is little visually or psychologically to slow drivers and speeding in this area is a major concern. The road is used as a through road by many drivers who do not live/work/stop in Rudgwick. For those who do, effectively slowing the traffic will help encourage a sense of community and allow residents to go about their daily business with less fear of suffering a road traffic accident. This limit could be enforced by the use of speed bumps, which would of course entail further negotiation with West Sussex Highways.

B: Reinforce the sense of a community centre in Church Street

- Negotiate with the Highways Authority to take measures that will reinforce visually and psychologically a sense of a community centre in the area surrounding the Co-op in Church Street. This would help counter the linear layout of the community. This might include road narrowing, the placing of plant and tree containers, and the siting of benches, noticeboards, bin etc to emphasise that *this is a community* not

merely a road to somewhere else. Research shows that drivers slow their speed when provided with evidence of a community as they drive through it.

- In addition, the creation of a pedestrian crossing in this area of Church Street will not only serve to allow residents to cross the road in safety but will also act as a deterrent to speeding.

C: Traffic calming measures

Speeding traffic is a persistent and lethal threat to our community, and given the ever growing volumes of traffic passing through the village, this threat will only grow if left unchecked. Different roads within the parish require different solutions to help persuade drivers to conform to the speed limits and lower the risk to life and limb within the community. The parish council has done good work on this issue. However, more needs to be done. Negotiate with WS Highways to implement the following changes. Where the Highways Authority will not/cannot implement such measures, investigate means by which they can be funded locally, through parish funds and/or through fundraising activities.

A281

- In my view 'Kill Your Speed' signs (see A below) have psychological impact. It's the word KILL that does the trick. Perhaps there is some research available to confirm that? These should be placed at regular intervals along the A281 within the speed limited zones in both directions. I have read some debate as to the legality of these signs but they appear in proliferation elsewhere.
- Consider supplementing this with 'This is a 30mph area' signs (see below where B is a permanent example and C a 'cheaper' option), to re-emphasise the speed limit. A proliferation of signage is not ideal within a community but given the volumes of traffic on the A281 (which are only going to increase dramatically given all the new housing around and about) I consider this a special case from an aesthetic perspective and instead think it should be treated with the focussed policy of containment that such a danger (not just in road safety terms but in terms of pollution both noise and air as well) to the members of the community poses.
- The A281 would also be a suitable site for an electronic speed measuring device, informing drivers that they are breaking the law. If the Highways Authority will not fund this, can the parish find a way to find it, if necessary sharing it with another local parish or two in order to keep the cost down? Local fundraising could help cover this cost.

Loxwood Road, The Haven, Church Street north of proposed 20mph zone

- Negotiate with the Highways authority to have additional 30mph roundels painted on the road, as well as rumblestrips at the start of speed limited areas.
- Supplementary 'This is a 30mph area' signs should also be considered, funded locally if necessary, as the Highways authority insists on placing minimal speed limit repeaters where there are street lamps, according to the letter of the law.
- Encourage parishioners to make use of Operation Crackdown (<http://www.operationcrackdown.org/>) in order to tackle those motorists who still persist in their anti-social driving.
- For a more dynamic if controversial approach, Community Speedwatch Online (<https://www.communityspeedwatch.co.uk/>) is the scheme by which residents can be trained and organised to use a speed gun as a community to tackle speeding. Details can be obtained via our Police Community Support Officer Damian Cecil, whose mobile number is 07912893029.



A



B



C

D: Seek Quiet Lane designations within the parish

Investigate having some country lanes within the parish designated as Quiet Lanes under the Transport Act 2000. Quiet Lanes are designated minor rural roads intended to pay special attention to the needs of walkers, cyclists, horse riders and the mobility impaired. They are designed to enable users to enjoy country lanes in greater safety and encourage car drivers to respect more vulnerable road users.

I suggest two lanes I know of that qualify, in my opinion.

- One is Hornshill Lane, running north-east from the A281 at the Mucky Duck.
- The second is the Tisman's Common lane that bisects it, branching off Loxwood Road and turning left into the unmade Barnsfold Lane, which intersects with Hornshill Lane.

Both of these lanes are primarily used by dog walkers, horseriders and cyclists. The Tismans Lane is a road to nowhere and therefore carries no through traffic. Hornshill Lane is used as a rat-run allowing motorists to cut out the corner of Loxwood with the A281 at Buck Green. However it is not suitable for such through traffic (There have been two accidents there in recent months) and its designation as a Quiet Lane would simply encourage those using it as a through road to take the more suitable route.

Are there other lanes within the parish that might qualify?

For more information, see www.cpre.org.uk/resources/transport/roads/item/download/378

E: Maintain existing signage

Either negotiate with the Highways Authority or, if necessary, ensure that volunteers regularly maintain and clean existing traffic signage. When traffic signs within the community become as dirty as the example here (photographed in Lynwick Street the second picture illustrates how easily a dirty sign becomes lost from view) motorists can hardly be expected to abide by them.



F: Encourage local journeys that do not use motorised transport

While ever growing numbers of motorists will no doubt continue to pass through the parish daily, it is essential that the parish encourages those living within the community to leave their cars at home whenever possible.

As in the main this will mean walking (which of course brings health benefits to the community), it is necessary to ensure that pathways within the parish are fit for purpose, not just in the limited area around the village 'centre' but further out along Loxwood Road and Church Street for example, and at the north end of Haven Road.

Where paths are being cramped by overgrown hedging, this has to be cut back so that a parent pushing a buggy can pass, or a resident pushing or using a wheelchair. Residents who fail to cut back hedging upon polite request should be presented with a bill for this work to be carried out by the parish/local authority.

Where the paths are deteriorating, negotiate with the necessary authority for their repair.

Where improvements are identified as necessary, these should be negotiated as appropriate with the local/highways authority. (For example, the pathway to the south side of the pedestrian crossing on the A281 in Bucks Green is woefully narrow, making it a dangerous place for manoeuvring a child buggy or wheelchair. Works need to be carried out here to make this crossing safer.)

G: Encourage a recognition of the importance of road safety issues within the community

Many of us do not need to be reminded of the dangers presented by high volumes of often speeding traffic. Others (judging by the speeds some motorists drive at or by the widespread practice of driving through the parish while holding a mobile phone to one ear) still do. Anything that can be done to influence road users on the need for responsible driving should be encouraged. Why not make road safety a topic of interest at the parish schools? Schools could even participate in Road Safety Week (<http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk/>), which surely resonates in Rudgwick. Children can be hugely influential on their parents' attitudes and can therefore be a force for good.

Paul Whyles

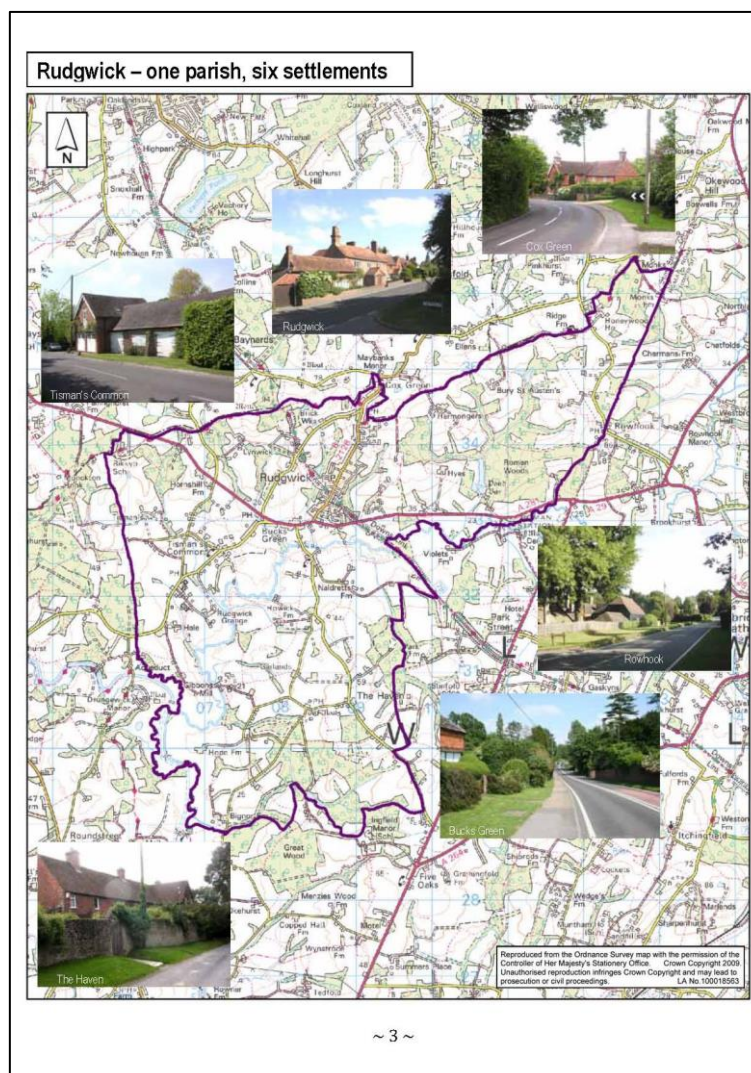
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APPENDIX E – TRANSPORT & ROAD SAFETY FOOTPATHS REPORT (JOHN JACKSON)**Rudgwick Neighbourhood Plan****Transport and Road Safety Focus Group****Report for meeting to be held at 7pm, Thursday, December 8th**

Action point - Item G of Minutes of Meeting, November 8th, 2016

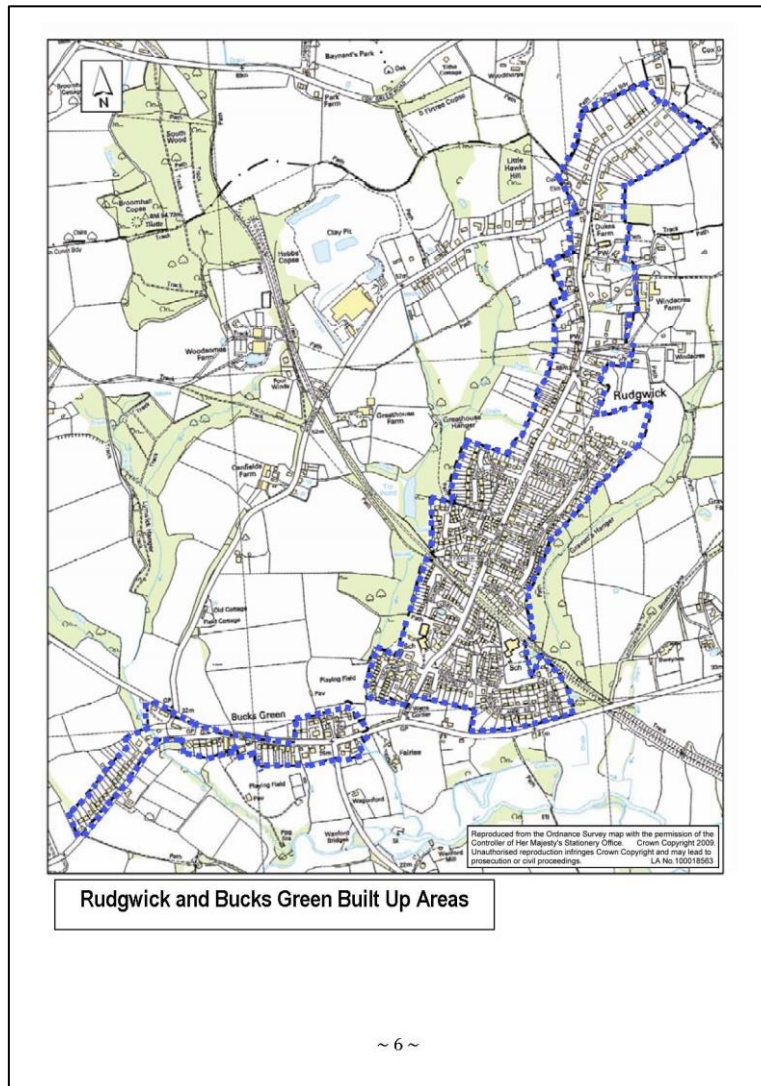
It was noted that the parish council's walking audit has only a limited scope. JJ has continued researching the subject. It was agreed that a good approach initially might be to assess the coverage and condition of footpaths between housing areas and the main objectives in the village. It would also be useful at some stage to present an overview of the footpaths in and around the village in terms of those that were good, those that were poor and the key links that were not provided for.

The Rudgwick Parish Design Statement 2009 (PDS) states that there are six settlements in the Parish



The PDS Page 22, Ref point 31 states that “Kerbing and footpaths are obvious forms of suburbanisation which should be avoided in truly rural locations.”

The PDS defines the built up areas:-



In the RP Plan 2006, the question of footpaths was addressed:-

Pedestrian Management – footpaths, Crossings

Most respondents are satisfied with footpaths (a minority are vociferously not – wide hedges, narrowness etc.). Many refer to the lack of a footpath on both sides of Church Street, and the problem of having to cross the road both here and at the shop. The poor provision at The Fox end of Bucks Green is of concern.

<20>Action- Advertise landowners responsibilities regarding vegetation growing over highways land. RPC, local landowners. Short term

In his legacy document, Paul Wyles raised *inter alia* a useful comment that also brings a focus on some trouble spots which should be addressed in future.

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I carried out a quick (drive-through) survey of the roads/footpaths within the defined built-up area to determine the existence or otherwise of footpaths marked in red on the following map. (Maps extracted from WSCC iMap at <http://www2.westsussex.gov.uk/lvmaps/imap.html>)

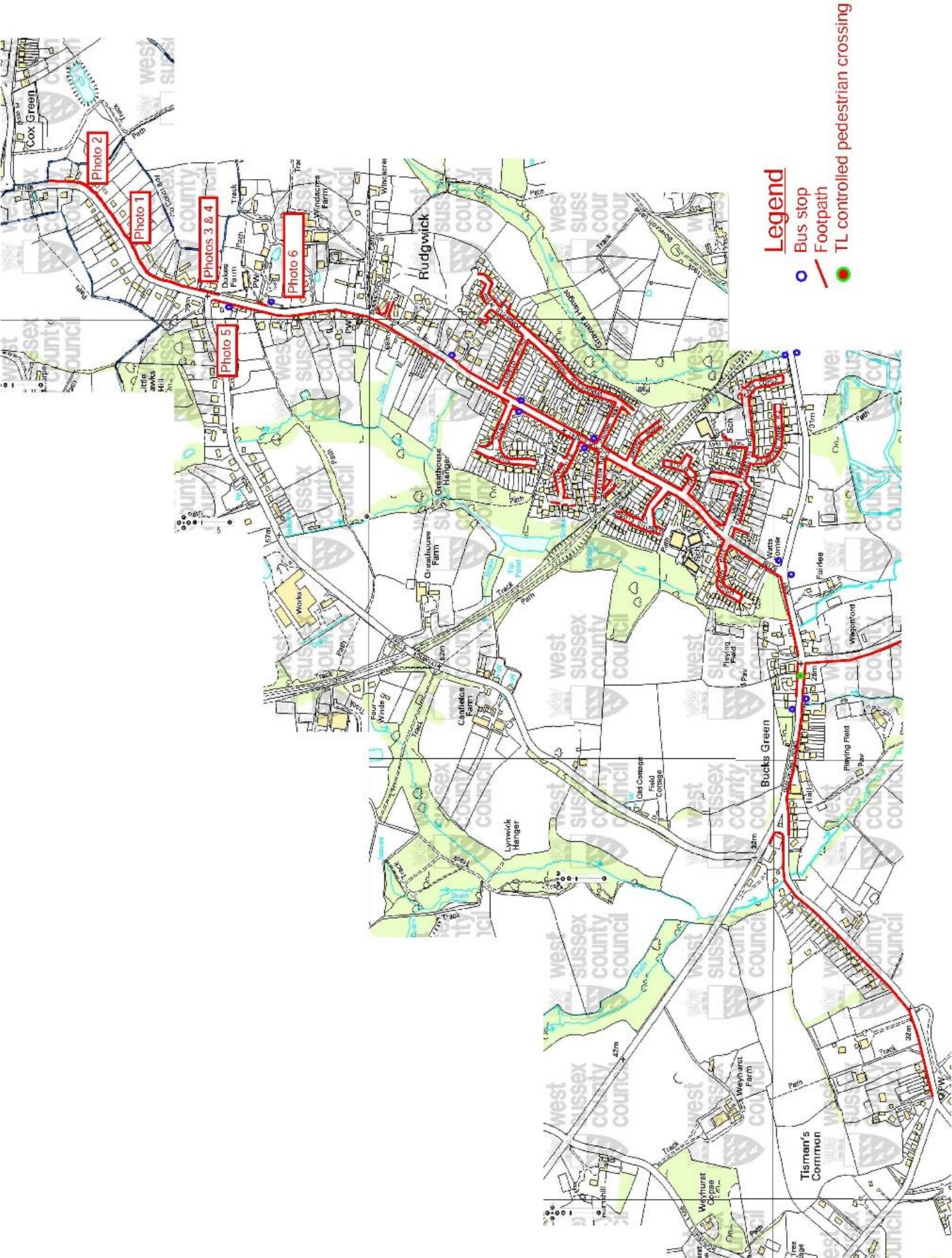


Photo 1&2 – Church St. looking north in Cox Green



Here the footpath is on the east side of the road only. It has a well maintained surface, it is approximately 1.2 m wide and is in good condition. The roadside kerb is well defined but the other edge is subsumed by the grass verge which tends to creep in time so needs to be cut back.

As the survey progresses, it is intended to categorise all footpaths on a scale of 0 (very poor) to 10 (excellent). In the final survey, this may be the exemplar of a grade 7 footpath.

The obvious drawback to one-side-only footpath is when vehicles park on the footpath. Not only does this behaviour force pedestrians onto the road at a blind bend – but also, larger vehicles will damage the footpath.

Photo 3&4 – Church St. at the top of Lynwick St. looking south.



Generally the footpath complies with the minimum width standard but is in urgent need of resurfacing if it is to be fit for prams, wheelchairs etc. It is just beyond this point heading south that the footpath peters out on the east side and the pedestrians must cross to the west side. Wheelchair users would have to make the crossing where indicated as there is a vehicle crossing which could be used in the absence of a properly constructed ramp.

- Anyone making this crossing is at risk from vehicles approaching from the south over the blind brow of the hill – often at speeds in excess of 40 mph.

- Vehicles turning right out of Lynwick St have poor visibility of traffic approaching over the brow of the hill and if ill-timed, would need to accelerate very quickly to avoid the oncoming car creating a risk to any pedestrian on the footpath. This situation has been observed by the writer when the accelerating car swerved across the footpath to avoid an oncoming motor bike which was probably travelling at 40-50 mph!

Both situations present unacceptable risk to pedestrians negotiating the road crossing. For those less than able bodied or wheelchair users – the risks are totally unacceptable

This area would be classified as 0 –certainly not fit for purpose, dangerous and in need of urgent review by relevant authority.

Note there are no footpaths in Lynwick St.

Photo 5 – Church St. at the King's Head looking south



The footpath is in reasonable condition but the presence of bins and overgrowing hedges reduce the width considerably. The northbound bus stop is at the brow of the hill at this location and passengers waiting for the bus are at some risk if two large vehicles are passing at that position. This section is grade 5 – whilst being functional, there is an inherent risk.

Photo 6 - The southbound bus stop at the King's Head



The bus stop is on the grass verge – approached by a very narrow section of formed footpath with no continuity north or south - the only continuous footpath is on the other side of the road. There is no means of access for wheelchairs and as can be seen is subject to being entirely blocked by a bin. Grade 2.

Section summary: Photos 1 to 6

The area from Hawkridge through the Lynwick St. intersection and on to the southbound bus stop at the Kings Head is in need of an urgent review by the relevant authority. That review should consider traffic calming measures and improvement to pedestrian access to avoid the risk of accidents.

.....TO BE CONTINUED.