# Balcombe Parish Council



# **Annual Report 2019 – 2020**

# **Annual Parish Meeting**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – 8pm – Zoom

Please register with the Parish Clerk for dial in details

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#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2019-2020**

I write this in the COVID-19 lockdown period. This has affected the lives of many Balcombe residents, and I want to start by thanking Jemma McCarthy, our new Parish Clerk, and the team of volunteers she has assembled to help many of us with matters such as collection of medicines, food shopping, and other aspects of life that this lockdown has made difficult. 'Balcombe Cares' has shown that they really do.

The lockdown has changed the way we work as a council as well. In March 2020, we decided to hold our monthly council meetings remotely, not all gathered together in Bramble Hall, as we have done for the last few years. Since then our meetings have had full attendance, with each councillor present by video-link from their home. Since then, we have successfully managed the work of the council this way, including several working group meetings . Residents are still able to participate in the monthly parish council meetings as the contact details are always advertised on the council agenda.

We have had a couple of changes of personnel during the year. Jemma McCarthy has replaced Rosemary Robertson as Parish Clerk, and has already proved her mettle in enabling our video-link meetings and organising 'Balcombe Cares'. We are hugely grateful to Rosemary Robertson, who was an indefatigable Parish Clerk for seven years. Max Preston-Bell stepped down as a councillor in January 2020, because of pressure of work. We are grateful to him for his three years' hard work as a councillor. At our June meeting, we co-opted Helen Caudrey as a councillor to replace him, and look forward to meeting her in person as soon as legislation and logistics allow us to hold meetings in person again.

Thanks to all my councillor colleagues for all the work they have done in the last 12 months. Much of what makes Balcombe such a delightful place to live is due to their unpaid work, behind the scenes.

In May, I stepped down as Chairman, and a new Chairman, Jon Millbanks, was voted in as my successor at the May Parish Council meeting.

Now, over to the reports from the various working groups.

**Charles Metcalfe** outgoing chairman

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING:**

This year we reviewed 65 planning applications; 46 were for building alterations or extensions, 2 were for new houses (both conversions/replacements of existing redundant buildings) and 17 were for tree work.

In the autumn the detailed plans for the site at Barnfield (next to Buttercup Barn) were approved for development by Mid Sussex District Council. The site will deliver 16 of the original 42 homes allocated in the Neighbourhood plan. 5 of the homes at Barnfield will be affordable. We spent a lot of time with MSDC endeavouring to ensure the site reflected our aspirations for the site as per our Neighbourhood Plan, though not entirely successfully. Our plan provisioned traffic calming on the Haywards Heath Road to accompany the development. With no backing from either WSCC or MSDC to implement this we were unable to take a scheme forward with the developers and unfortunately, we were unable to secure the traffic calming the village wanted. However, we were able to influence the allocation of part of the S106 (developer contribution to infrastructure) money due to WSCC highways for our centre of the village enhancement scheme and an additional £12,000 to be spent where we like. The school, recreation ground and the Victory Hall have also been allocated large sums from the developer contribution. We were also successful in getting a footpath link from the development through Banfield allotments, in collaboration with Balcombe Estate and Buttercup Barn Nursery school, which will allow pedestrians a safer walk into the village without having to cross the Haywards Heath Road.

There has been no progress on development of the Rectory site since MSDC refused the plans put forward last year. BPC remain disappointed on what we all saw as a good scheme and we are not yet of course able to bring forward the village carpark so much needed and which is also provided by this site.

You may remember that the target of 42 new homes allocated in the Balcombe NP was increased by MSDC in their District Plan to 79. This is split to the first 5 year supply (which Balcombe achieves by allocation in its Neighbourhood Plan of the 3 sites (42 homes) and the remaining 15 years. MSDC went through a new small scale housing allocation exercise looking at additional sites throughout the District and last year announced the selected sites. As a result no additional sites were allocated in Balcombe and yet our target remains at 79. We continue to monitor this situation.

#### Alison Stevenson

#### TRAFFIC:

During 2019-2020 we made considerable progress towards our goal of enhancing pedestrian and driver safety in the centre of the village. In September we held a drop in session to present 4 options for the village to consider. We have taken the preferred option to the next stage by undertaking a Road Safety Audit level 1 and are now fine tuning the results. Reserves have been put in place to fund the design work and with allocation of developer funds from the Barnfield housing site to this project we will have some of the construction costs. Our Neighbourhood Plan contained provisions for traffic calming along the Haywards Heath Road as part of the Barnfield Development, but despite lengthy negotiations with the developer and WSCC, it was deemed not to be a legal requirement or necessary. There are however some funds coming to BPC which we may be able to use to achieve something on this stretch of road, but not in conjunction with the development.

We continue to monitor speeds and volume of traffic in village hotspots using a Speed Indicator Device (SID) that we share with other local parishes. We would like to get an enhanced version of

Speedwatch up and running again, and we wait for appropriate training and a couple more volunteers.

#### **Nicky Gould**

#### **ENERGY:**

**Lower Stumble:** Angus Energy were last actively on site in September 2018 when they carried out a short-term flow test. Their planning permission ran out, which prevented them from doing more testing.

In October 2019 Angus put in an application for three years of extended well testing. Balcombe Parish Council objected that this was production in all but name. The Environment Agency objected on the grounds of insufficient information and asked for a new hydrological risk assessment and additional details. The consultation period was extended so that Angus could provide this. Further objections to this application were made, including Balcombe Parish Council (again), Frack Free Balcombe Residents Association (FFBRA), Sussex Wildlife Trust and the Council for the Protection of Rural England) CPRE.

In March 2020 West Sussex Planning Officers issued their report to West Sussex Planning Committee recommending refusal on the basis that it was not 'in the public interest for the proposed major development to be located in the High Weald AONB' and 'would establish a continued presence of industry which is not appropriate to the area.' This is the first time West Sussex Planning Officers have recommended refusal of an application for the Balcombe site. Balcombe Parish Council hopes this marks an important turning point.

Angus withdrew their application in May 2020, stating that they do intend to reapply for a shorter period of testing sometime in the future.

#### Sue Taylor

Lighting and Street Lighting: We are continuing to convert our streetlights from conventional to LED as an energy and cost saving initiative. Some require major repairs or replacement completely. In 2019 we converted the lights on Oldands and Newlands and are liaising with WSCC to enquire if Balcombe can leverage their contracts with SSE to convert further lights. We are also assessing options to finance conversion of the lights independently without relying on WSCC to negotiate on our behalf.

In early 2020 we also converted the Bramble Hall lights to LEDs with the help of a grant for the cost of the materials from REPOWERBalcombe.

#### Henry Le Fleming

#### **PUBLIC TRANSPORT:**

Following WSCC finance cuts, we have fewer buses going through Balcombe to Haywards Heath and Crawley. The 62 bus was going through the village three times a day on Tuesdays and Thursdays (as well as the school bus service term time). There are no buses on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays (except the school bus service term time). The Covid19 crisis has not helped the situation with the bus service being temporarily suspended from March 2020. It is currently unclear when the service will resume as they are reliant on additional council funding as so few people are using the buses. Compass Travel, who provide the service, are therefore waiting to hear further from WSCC who are in discussions with the DfT.

The trains continue to run their twice hourly service and whilst there were some issues with flooding in the winter months, the service seems to have settled into its timetable. There were additional flooding problems following the installation of the new footbridge in 2019 which caused some concern in the freezing weather. This was finally resolved by the contractors, BAM Nuttall in March 2020.

#### **Charles Metcalfe**

#### ST MARY'S CHURCH:

After 17 months as Rector of Balcombe, I can honestly say that it is a wonderful place to live with lovely people and beautiful countryside. Christmas here was a highlight with excellent Church attendances and a wonderful community spirit. We have a splendid grade 1 listed Church which challenges us all financially and is a focus for the spiritual life of the area. The present challenging circumstances of the COVID 19 has caused many difficulties but has also presented new and creative ways of operating and an increased sense of community. I hope we can regain a sense of normality soon but all learn from our present difficulties. Our Parish Council is always supportive and we value that. I hope that in the next few months we can work together to solve our rapidly shrinking graveyard space so that we can all remain in the village!!

#### Fr Keith

#### FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S TRUST

The Trust is independent of the PCC and exists as a link between the wider community and the historic church building of St Mary's Church. The Trustees during 2019 were Jeff Thompson, Rosemary Corder, Peter Huxley (Treasurer and Parish Council representative), Charles Wilson and Fr Keith Richards appointed ex officio. We agreed to add Denise Vickerstaff as our sixth and final trustee when some bank administration is up to date.

As noted last year, the Trust is taking a lower profile deliberately, building our reserves again, and waiting for the next project to emerge from the PCC or our church community.

During 2019, there were a number of donations to the Trust totalling £1,320 there was no expenditure or grants made, and the balance carried forward was £21,407 at December 2019.

The West End refurbishment finished in 2017 continues to be used and admired by the visitors to St Mary's. We are very grateful to all those who have donated to the Trust over the last year, enabling us to prepare and support for any necessary and ongoing work on our Church building and churchyard.

#### Charles Wilson - Trustee

#### YOUTH

Over the last year, St. Mary's Youth Club "Locus" has successfully run every other Friday evening, including sessions by Zoom (video link) since lockdown started. The group plays an important role in the village community, catering for young people aged 11-14. When our paid youth leader stepped down last summer, we decided to continue the group with input from volunteers and members of the community, and have enjoyed numerous activities including a trip to the beach, bell-ringing, craft sessions, and raising money for Crisis.

Balcombe Primary School has received funding of £2,000 to help support the weekly Forest School activities, which adds much enrichment to the curriculum.

**Wellbeing** – Balcombe Cares came into being in mid March this year to deliver invaluable practical support such as medication collection, shopping, befriending and dog walking to vulnerable village residents during this pandemic. They have been an invaluable help in these difficult times and we pay tribute to the very many volunteers who have contributed.

BPC continues to be represented on the Ouse Valley Patient Participation Group. Please do give feedback on any points about the practice provision to me, or directly to the practice. Ouse Valley Practice has had to temporarily close Balcombe surgery during the pandemic in the interests of safe working. We continue to liaise with the practice manager as to when Gillett's might reopen. Arrangements at the practice continue to be guided by protocols set down by the CCG and NHS England.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch (NW) – If you need the police, call 101 for non-emergency business or 999 for emergencies. A big thank you to Julie Mitchell and the Neighbourhood Watch group who rose to the challenge of integrating their network into Balcombe Cares. If you would like to help to keep our village safe, call Julie on 819262 or email her on <a href="mailto:oldgilletts@hotmail.co.uk">oldgilletts@hotmail.co.uk</a>, as there are still some roads which need coverage.

Just prior to the lockdown, the Parish Council were considering how to improve adult exercise facilities at the Rec, as these are in need of an upgrade - at present this is a deferred agenda item. We would welcome any suggestions of what other equipment you might like to see installed in future.

Throughout the last year Age UK Community Club, under the guidance of Cara and Pam, has continued to provide an entertaining and informative social space every Monday morning with a variety of activities and speakers. In January, the group moved from the Forest Room to the rather more spacious (and warmer) main body of the club, with the new Club manager introducing of a special lunch menu for attendees. We look forward to resuming when it is safe to do so. Balcombe Parish Council has provided further financial support towards the venue hire over the last year.

The Parish Council has continued to make representations regarding unsatisfactory disabled access to Balcombe station, the new Rydon housing development at Barnfield, and to the Victory Hall.

#### Jackie Emery

#### **ACCESS & RURAL**

We would like to give a big vote of thanks to all those who put in hours of work to keep Balcombe looking good, especially those involved in the volunteer litter picking initiatives, plantings on the church bank, those who inspect and report on the footpaths plus the Guerrilla Gardeners for their care of the village planters and keeping our station looking good . A special heads up to everyone who contributed to our winning Silver Gilt for our first ever entry to Villages in Bloom. Thank you!

The village has acquired both decommissioned telephone booths. There are plans to use the one close to the station as a walker's information point.

Could we remind you to keep dogs on leads around livestock to avoid animal deaths. As a dog owner you should also ensure you bag up your dog's poo and then dispose of it in one of the

numerous bins around the village (which you pay for!) or take the bags home and dispose of them, rather than using them to decorate the hedges and trees! Bags are non-biodegradable and thus pose a hazard to wildlife and farm animals. There are also accounts of horses (reportedly attracted by the high cereal content of dog poo) dying painfully after ingesting bags.

Fly tipping is a growing problem nationally, with many incidents within the village and on our local roads and verges in the last year. This has been exacerbated during lockdown, while amenity tips have been closed. Residents should report fly tipping incidents to MidSussex District Council or to the Parish Clerk and anyone hiring a contractor to remove waste should check on the Environment Agency website that they have a valid waste disposal certificate.

Please report missing or damaged footpath signs to the Parish Clerk – this is particularly important at the moment as there are many more people than usual rambling the fields and woods – healthy walks, but we want you to keep to the paths! Thanks to Balcombe Estate for recent work to repair mindless vandalism to the bridges in Walks Wood. Thanks also to Rob MacIntyre for creation of the recent Village treasure hunts.

#### Jackie Emery

#### **COMMUNITY AND ASSETS**

The Pavilion had its soffits and door frames repaired and painted, and the overgrown foliage removed at the rear. The Pavilion is used by the football club, and for the village fete, for which the council pays the insurance. On a number of occasions during the year, graffiti appeared and was removed not just at the Pavilion, but also around the village.

Bramble Hall continued to be well used, although income was slightly below those of previous years. The interior and exterior lighting at Bramble Hall was upgraded to LED, with the help of a grant from REPOWERBalcombe, which will save much on running costs.

The twice yearly collection by the rubbish freighter at Victory Hall is well received.

Welcome Packs with useful local information are given to all new residents, so if you are aware of newcomers, please contact the clerk (811833)

Quotes are being obtained to repair the finger posts around the village which are in need of some attention.

#### **Communication:**

We broadcast news and information on the council website (<a href="https://balcombeparishcouncil.com">https://balcombeparishcouncil.com</a>), our Facebook page ( @Balcombe Parish Council ), which we link to the Balcombe West Sussex News and Events Facebook page, Balcombe Bulletin Facebook, and the village website, <a href="https://www.Balcombe.community.com">www.Balcombe.community.com</a>, that now holds a diary populated with village events. Please use these to find out what is going on and share information about our village.

The monthly Balcombe (parish) magazine, is available from Balcombe Stores, or distributed around the village to those who subscribe annually. It also contains village and Council updates, events and advertises local businesses.

#### Nicky Gould

#### **FINANCE**

These accounts are prepared on a cash rather than an accruals basis. At the Year End bank balances stood at £112,910. The Accounts below are draft but have been reviewed by the internal auditor and are due to be signed off by the Council on 15 July 2020.

During the year, BPC approved £4,200 to the Victory Hall towards the cost of new exit doors; and from S137 money: £2,000 to Balcombe School towards the provision of their Forest School; £300 to Age UK in support of their weekly meetings in Balcombe, £150 for the Christmas Tree Society and granted £2,000 in financial support to the Balcombe Club.

An amount of £6,413 was paid for consultancy services in relation to the village centre traffic enhancements. The Precept has also been increased from £70,000 to £75,000 to support the village centre traffic enhancements and to cover costs which may go up as District and County Councils cut back services. A detailed listing of payments made the previous month is available to the public at parish council meetings and is published on the website <a href="https://www.balcombeparishcouncil.com">www.balcombeparishcouncil.com</a>

Jemma McCarthy

BALCOMBE PARISH COUNTL ACCOUNTS						
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual [Unaudited]	Budget	Budget
	2016/17	2017/ 18	2018/19	2019/20	2019/ 20	2020/21
INCOME						
IN COME Precept	60,000	60,000	66,000	70,000	70.000	75,000
Recreation Ground	2,928	2,222	2,037	1,959	2,350	2,350
Pavilion Usage	1,329	925	1,090	912	1,100	1,100
SundryIncome	94	135	1,050	312	1,100	1,100
Bank interest	83	110	313	416	320	320
TOTALINCOME		63,391	69,440	73,287	73,770	78,770
ROUTINE PAYMENTS				19,221	,	15,115
Clerk's Salary & Allowances	(16,012)	(16,005)	(15,969)	(18,323)	(17,000)	(20,800)
Street Lighting	(7,766)	(5,062)	(6,793)	(8,596)	(9,200)	(10,050)
Ranger Expenses	(2,942)	(2,969)	(3), -3)	-	-	
Recreation Ground Hire	(1,882)	(1,351)	(1,554)	(1,314)	(1,600)	(1,400)
DogBins	(827)	(1,241)	(1,241)	(1,241)	(1,300)	(1,250)
Audit	(1,229)	(1,454)	(1,000)	(1,075)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Pavilion Costs	(830)	(1,123)	(917)	(1,494)	(3,200)	(3,000)
Memberstraining and exps	(175)	(225)	(140)	(440)	(400)	(300)
Communication	(862)	(1,000)	(1,321)	(1,120)	(1,000)	(1,500)
Subscriptions	(638)	(631)	(593)	(722)	(600)	(700)
Insurance	(799)	(952)	(1,016)	(841)	(1,100)	(900)
General adminstration	(602)	(851)	(900)	(550)	(750)	(1,000)
Rubbish Freighter	(315)	(644)	(666)	(685)	(700)	(750)
Snowplan	(275)	(1,650)	(945)	-	(1,000)	(1,200)
Maintenance	(80)	(580)	(941)	(1,620)	(1,600)	(1,400)
Election expenses	(6,711)	-	-	-	(1,762)	(1,762)
TOTAL ROUTINE PAYMENTS	(41,945)	(35,738)	(33,995)	(38,018)	(42,212)	(47,012)
GRANTS						
VictoryHall	(3,901)	(4,220)	(23,320)	-	(5,000)	(4,500)
Other/Village Organisations (S137 Monies)	(6,497)	(3,005)	(5,692)	(4,400)	(2,000)	(5,000)
TOTALGRANTS	(10,398)	(7,225)	(29,012)	(4,400)	(7,000)	(9,500)
PROJECTS						
Traffic	-	-	(16,367)	(6,413)	(17,900)	(20,000)
Other Projects	(323)	(754)	(1,893)	(351)	(1,700)	(1,500)
TOTALPROJECTS	(323)	(754)	(18,260)	(6,764)	(19,600)	(21,500)
BRAMBLEHALL						
Income - Hall Rental	8,210	9,485	8,770	7,280	9,000	9,000
Lease	(6,996)	(6,996)	(7,248)	(7,500)	(7,500)	(7,500)
RunningCosts	(2,603)	(2,217)	(2,580)	(2,154)	(2,500)	(2,300)
BRAMBLE HALLLOSS	(1,389)	272	(1,058)	(2,374)	(1,000)	(800)
VATNET	2,024	(353)	(2,277)	3,256	-	-
SURPLUSIDEFICIT	12,402	19,593	(15,162)	24,987	3,958	(42)
RESERVES						
Reservesb/f	-	83,492	103,085	87,923	65,360	65,360
Current year results		19,593	(15,162)	24,987	3,958	(42)
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#### **BALCOMBE PARISH COUNCILLORS 2020**

Jackie Emery: In 2005 I moved to beautiful Balcombe with my husband Laurie (and sometimes children and grandchildren!). After many years spent working locally as a registered nurse, and more recently teaching at a further education college, I now have more time on my hands to contribute to my own community. Over the years I have actively participated in village life, particularly with Balcombe's own community energy co-operative (REPOWERBalcombe), with the Patient Participation Group, Locus Youth Group and Frack Free Balcombe Residents' Association. I am particularly interested in health-related issues including fuel poverty and also wish to preserve the essential nature and population diversity of our village against threats of over-development.

**Nicky Gould**: *former Vice Chair* I have lived in the village for 10 years. This is my second term as a Councillor. I am part of the Traffic, Neighbourhood Plan and Community Asset Groups. Our aim is to match the aspirations of our villagers to maintain a thriving, safe and inclusive community. We use the policies set out in our 2016 Neighbourhood Plan as our reference points. It is challenging and frustrating at times, but also rewarding to (slowly) bring about change. I am also one of the organisers of the village fete, something that is enjoyed by all, and follows these principles. We are all lucky to live in this beautiful village.

**Simon Greenwood**: As the longest serving Parish Councillor I pay tribute to the outgoing council members who have been part of an effective, hardworking council. Representing the residents of a vibrant village in pleasant surroundings, which have made Balcombe such a desirable place to live, is a pleasure and privilege. I have particular interest in the more rural aspects of the village and its long term prosperity and quality of life. I will continue to work for the best interests of the whole parish.

Malcolm Kenward Vice Chairman I was born in Brighton and have lived in Balcombe with my family since 1988. I am now retired after a long career in Information Technology, starting back in the days of punched cards and mainframe computers with just 32k of memory. My wife, Marian, was a Senior Lecturer in Education at Brighton University, and now works part time supporting the training of new school teachers. My children both live in the village, my daughter and her husband (Sarah & Tom), with their two children, who attend our Primary school. I have historical family connections in Balcombe and Turners Hill. I am a member of REPOWERBalcombe and the Frack Free Balcombe Residents' Association and hold shares in our pub. I also run the Balcombe Community website with Rachel Hall and am a typesetter for the Village Magazine. I am still getting to grips with the wide variety of responsibilities of the Council, but remain committed to undertaking initiatives that benefit the whole community. Many of you will have seen me installing the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) on our roads. I hope to meet more of you in the future at the Community Links meetings where I endeavour to answer any questions you may have about Parish Council activities.

**Henry le Fleming** has lived in Balcombe for 10 years, lives with his wife Stephanie and their three children. He runs his own company called Sustainability Analytics specialising in environmental, waste and energy issues for companies and governments. He commutes to London most days and has first-hand experience of the train services.

Henry's children all attend Balcombe Primary School or the pre-school child care in the village. He plays cricket for the village and has even scored some runs and taken the odd catch. He helps to run the junior section and has introduced the All Stars programme for 5 to 8 year olds at the cricket club. Henry also likes cycling, rugby and used to do some mountaineering in the days when he still had time. Henry stood for election in the District and County elections but was unsuccessful.

Charles Metcalfe, Former Chairman: I have now lived in Sussex for almost half my life, the last 16 years in Balcombe. Here in the busy south east of England, I recognise that we shall have to build a few more houses but I want to ensure that we don't lose Balcombe's character, clean air and beautiful landscapes. I'll do my best to fight for Balcombe's tranquillity and transport links, to keep the village looking good, with a vibrant community life. I have served as Chairman of Frack Free Balcombe Residents' Association, and am a keen member of the Victory Players.

**Jon Millbanks:** Chairman Wendy and I moved to Balcombe just over three years ago, having previously lived in Brook Street for about 10 years prior to this. Although I started my working life in the Air Force, I spent 22 years as a police officer in the Met, reaching the rank of Inspector. Having retired from the police a few years ago, I now work for Brighton and Hove Unitary Authority. I am a

special adviser to the Welsh Safety Board and the National Training Lead and Regional Prosecutor for the Animal Protection Services Charity. I hope to bring my analytical skills and eclectic range of experience to the role to help the council further its Neighbourhood Plan for the benefit of the whole village.

Alison Stevenson: I came to Balcombe in 1971 and grew up here, moving back in 2000. My children have also grown up here. I have been active on village organisations such as the PTA and am in the Gardeners' Association and Garden Guerrillas. My husband is a Cub Leader. I have been a Councillor for 17 years, in which time I have seen many village projects to fruition. The mini roundabout at the school, ripple print and speed limits on approaches to the village, Newlands Parking restrictions, redevelopment of the play area on the recreation ground, the Neighbourhood Plan, acquiring Bramble Hall to name a few. I am a Civil Engineer working on major road projects and am currently installing the smart motorway on the M23. I am involved in the project for enhancing the village centre and will continue to endeavour to influence the application of the Neighbourhood Plan through developments coming forward and the allocation of any new sites.

**Sue Taylor**: I am a retired chartered accountant, and have lived in Balcombe for 12 years. I'm approachable and hard-working, and have been involved in the campaign to keep the oil industry out of Balcombe. I support appropriate levels of new housing in the village and am engaged in the neighbourhood planning process. We have several sites about to be developed and I will fight to ensure that developer levies collected by MSDC are spent to alleviate issues arising from new housing, such as traffic, parking, school capacity and health care. I would like to see our street lighting gradually converted to LED. This will save both energy and villagers' money. I am happy to help in any way. I want transparency in local government and representation for all.

**Lloyd Thompsett**: I have lived in the village for just 4.5 years and enjoy the village lifestyle, community and the beautiful countryside. Previously working in senior management responsible for IT infrastructure, I am currently the Finance Director of a local software company on a part time basis and have time to offer. I have previously been a member of Rotaract and Lions, serving on many committees and holding the chair, and also a middle school governor. I bring my previous experience in project management, presentation, negotiation and financial management to my role. A member of the Fete Committee for the last few years I now would like to become more involved in the future of the village. The village idyll needs to be protected to ensure Balcombe remains the village we all enjoy and I hope to contribute to that future during my tenure.

# 2019-2020 WORKING GROUP MEMBERS (\*Leader)

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Alison Stevenson\*

Nicky Gould

Malcolm Kenward

Charles Metcalfe

Sue Taylor

Lloyd Thompsett

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#### Energy

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Alison Stevenson

# Community Assets,

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Lloyd Thompsett

Simon Greenwood

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#### Jon Millbanks

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Henry le Fleming

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