

## Our 2018 objectives:

- ◆ Traffic calming
- ◆ Village field development
- ◆ Neighbourhood plan
- ◆ Being a strong voice for Hunston village

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## Have your say!

### Consultation meetings will be held at Hunston Village Hall to discuss plans for a new recreation area and playground.

The Parish Council will be holding two consultation meetings on **Saturday 24th March** and **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April** to share and discuss opportunities to create a wonderful new recreation area and playground that meets the needs and wants of the whole community.

"Funding is available from various

organisations such as Sport England to transform the village field area into a new multisport and fitness facility and an



The Parish Council is seeking funding to transform Hunston's recreation ground

invaluable asset for all members of the community young and old." said Parish Councillor Chris Vinton. "We are keen to know what villagers,

particularly the children, want from the recreation ground and play area. What's at the top of your wish list? Parish Councils across Chichester, West Sussex and beyond have transformed their villages by applying for these pots of funding. So why not Hunston?"

Inspirational design concepts will be available for viewing at the consultation meetings as well as a Post-It Note wall for attendees to write or even draw their ideas.

**Meeting times:**  
Saturday 24th March  
1pm – 4pm  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
4.30pm – 7pm

## Could you be a #litterhero?

**Join the Great Hunston Spring Clean on Saturday 17 March from 9.45 – 11am and become a #litterhero as well as having a chance to win a box of chocolates!**

Hunston is once again joining the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean campaign this year. The campaign aims to bring communities together to clear up the litter that blights our towns, countryside and beaches.



Meet at Hunston Village Hall at 9.45am on Saturday 17th March.

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# Assemble all #litterHEROs

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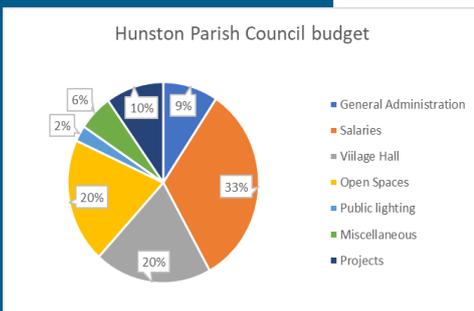
Meet at the village hall at 9.45am on 17th March and become a #litterhero.

Parish Councillor Joan Foster explained: "The Parish Council is extremely grateful to the work of Dusty Withall, who cleans the main road through the village, the bus shelters, football pitch and more every Sunday morning. Our hope for The Great Hunston Spring Clean on **17<sup>th</sup> March** is to bring the whole

village together to litter pick every area of the village so we can enter Spring 2018 feeling proud of a clean and tidy village. We want Hunston #litterheros to come out in force to show they have had enough of other people's litter and are willing to do something about it."

#litterheros are invited to gather at Hunston Village Hall at **9.45** when they will be given their #litterhero kit (sacks, pickers, gloves, high-vis jackets). Refreshments will be provided in the village hall at the end of the litter pick and a box of chocolates will be presented to the #litterhero with the biggest sack!

## Parish Finances and Precept



Above: Breakdown of how the Council will spend its budget for the financial year 2018-2019.

The Parish Council will reluctantly increase the Precept for this financial year. The Precept is the amount of Council Tax Chichester District Council (CDC) collects on behalf of the Parish Council. It is the Parish Council's main source of income and funds all the activities undertaken for the benefit of the community.

"Our meeting in January presented us with some challenging choices to make," said Parish Council Chairman Steve Baker. "When setting this year's Precept, we had to make some difficult decisions in prioritising both budgets and resources for this year. We also had to consider that there will be a significantly reduced

grant from CDC this year, which is likely to be further reduced next year. We therefore have a responsibility to ensure reserves are sufficient to cover commitments." The increase for 2018-2019 compared to last year is around £10,590 or approximately £1.86 per month for a Band D household.

## 2018 Key Objectives Update

### Traffic Calming



Thank you to all residents who have supported our application to The Highways Department requesting a Traffic Regulation Order on the B2145 between Hunston and Sidlesham.

We are grateful to the hard work and dedication of local resident Mr Theo Michel for spearheading this campaign and we will continue to keep all residents updated on developments.

### Road Safety

A productive meeting was held with the Highways Agency in early February to discuss creating a gravel path leading from the south bound bus stop to the crossing point at Oakview. The Parish Council will continue to update villagers on this and other traffic calming and road safety issues.

# Village Hall News

## Hunston Bake-Off



**Are you the Mary Berry or Paul Hollywood in your house? Bring your show stopper creation to the Village Hall on Sunday 15 April for the chance to win the Hunston Bake-Off title and a fabulous prize!**

An afternoon tea is to take place at Hunston Village Hall on Sunday 15 April from 3.30pm to bring the community together and help raise much

needed funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the village hall.

Supported by the Women's Institute, the tea will be a wonderful opportunity for villagers of all ages to get together and enjoy 'tea and company' as well as judging just who is the best baker in Hunston!

At the centre of the tea will be a 'bake-off' competition. Entrants are asked to base their creations around the theme of Spring with a prize for the best adult and best child show stopper. Attendees will have the opportunity to vote for the best

entries. Guests will be asked to make a voluntary contribution for attending the tea and raffle tickets will be available to buy with the chance to win some wonderful prizes.

There will also be a children's colouring and craft table for younger members of the village to enjoy and a performance by the Gospel Choir.

If you would be interested in attending the tea, entering the Hunston Bake-off competition or donating a raffle prize please contact Councillor Joan Foster on 07811 162125 or email [joan.foster@hunstonparishcouncil.org](mailto:joan.foster@hunstonparishcouncil.org)

## Village Pond Dig

We are looking for volunteers to join Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group and Chichester Conservation Volunteers on **Sunday 4th March between 10am and 3pm** to clear back vegetation and remove reed mace to open up the Pond opposite Spire Cottage in Church Lane.

The pond is an important part of the drainage network though the village. So, if you can spare an hour, dust off your wellies and come along to help revitalise the Pond. Equipment will be provided but do bring shears and loppers if you have them.

## Fitness Fun arrives in Hunston

If you are still looking for inspiration to kickstart your 2018 fitness goals then look no further than the new KTroo bounce classes which are taking place at Hunston Village Hall every Tuesday at 9.30am. KTroo is

friendly for all levels of fitness, and there's lots of fun music – so come along and give it a try. For more information visit [www.ktroo.com/locations/witteringsbrackleshambirdham/](http://www.ktroo.com/locations/witteringsbrackleshambirdham/)

## Diary Dates

- ◆ Village Pond Dig – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 10am–3pm.
- ◆ Hunston Spring Clean – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 9.45am
- ◆ Village Hall Bake-off Tea – Sunday 15 April from 3.30–5.30pm
- ◆ Fit Fig Pilates – Mondays at 8.30am
- ◆ Tai Chi - Mondays at 10.30am and 7.30pm
- ◆ Smart Yoga - Mondays at 6pm
- ◆ KTroo bounce class - Tuesday at 9.30am
- ◆ Hunston Bowls Club - Tuesdays at 6.30pm
- ◆ Hannah Mason Pilates - Thursdays at 9.30am
- ◆ Hunston Brownies - Thursdays at 5.30pm

## Get in touch - please!

We want to hear from you with your news, views, pictures, questions or any other points of concern or interest.

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## Looking for a venue?

Hunston Village Hall is a fantastic venue to hire for special events (anniversaries, baby showers, birthdays), children's parties, wedding receptions, exercise classes, exhibitions, corporate events and meetings, charity events and fundraisers, clubs and community groups.

If you would like to enquire about a booking or make an appointment to see the hall prior to making a booking please contact the Parish Council Administrator:

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## Parish Council Approves Village Hall Grant

Hunston Parish Council has approved a £3000 grant for the Village Hall for the financial year 2018 -2019.

Parish Council Chairman Steve Baker said: "The Village Hall is an integral part of Hunston's community. We have therefore unanimously taken the decision that the Parish Council will provide this grant in order that we can continue to maintain and develop this important amenity which lies at the heart of our village."

As trustees of the Village Hall, Parish Councillors hold regular meetings to discuss current and future projects for the Village Hall. Minutes from the meetings are available to read on the Parish Council website.



Hunston Village Hall will receive a £3000 grant from the Parish Council this year.

"We have just completed repairs to the hallway area and in March a brand new UPVC rooflight will be installed," continued Mr Baker. "For our next project, we are in the process of obtaining quotations and applying for funding for the installation of a disabled toilet. This will not only make the hall more accessible to all residents but also make it more appealing as a venue for hire by members of the public as well as local businesses and charities."