

December '23 Peasmarsh Periodical



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Happy Christmas..



Bruegel the Elder : The Hunters in the Snow

..and a Prosperous New Year!

Neighbourhood Development Plan Examiner's Report

The Examiner has now issued his report on his examination of the draft Plan published back in mid-February this year. It is available online in the 'Acquired' chamber of the vault :

<https://www.peasmarshndp.uk/vault/exfinal.pdf>

Remember that, in reading it, the 'recommendations' are essentially requirements if the Plan is to be considered acceptable.

The one overall point is that the period of the plan must change from 2021 - 2039 to 2021 - 2028 in order to coincide with the current Rother Local Plan [rather than the emerging Local Plan to 2039].

He has changed or deleted many of the Policies in the draft. However, the supporting text is unchanged so a coherent story remains.

Section 3, Landscape, the Environment and Heritage, still protects much of the parish [and hence loosely limits development possibilities]. The policy on biodiversity net gain has been deleted because national legislation makes it redundant. The only policy taken out of the strategic part of the Plan is that on Public Transport. We will have to be content with it remaining as a project in the non-strategic Community Aspirations section.

Section 4, Infrastructure, seeks to improve the infrastructure of the parish before further development can take place. Much of the thrust of this approach has been taken out of the strategic part of the Plan : Improving Road Safety and Traffic Impact, improving the reliability and extent of the Sewage System, Power Supply, the quality of Telecommunications and Access to High Quality Secondary Education.

Nonetheless, part of policy on the Sewage System is still in place and the Examiner clearly favours the parish undertaking an independent assessment of the system.

The policy on Surface Water Drainage has also been taken out on the basis of possible enactment of legislation but Section 8 still requires that sustainable drainage is applied to any development.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Examiner's Report

Section 5, Business and the Local Economy, is intended to bolster those aspects of the parish in a controlled way and is largely still able to do that.

The one policy that has been significantly changed is that related to what facilities can be developed according to their use classes : the Examiner has extended them to include indoor sport, medical facilities and day nurseries or day centres but all on a non-residential basis.

He has also included general industrial and storage distribution facilities provided that the development *'is appropriate to the location and the particular use is appropriate to a rural parish within an AONB'*.

Section 6, Housing, is primarily designed to ensure that housing developments address the needs of the parish but it also addresses two specific circumstances related to developments away from the core of the village.

Although the need for all new housing to be affordable has been removed, the mix of dwelling sizes [mainly 2 bed with some 1 bed and some 4 bed] is still in place.

The requirement for affordable housing developments to remain so in perpetuity and for people with local connections to get that housing is also still in place.

Section 7, Site Allocation, seeks to limit the amount of development in the parish, both in terms of total numbers and in terms of the size of any one development. It is the section which is most affected by the changes imposed by the Examiner.

On the positive side, there is still one site allocated and the requirement for developments outside of the development boundary to be for truly affordable housing still stands.

Section 8, Design and the Built Environment, guides the quality of new developments and is essentially unchanged.

Peasmarsh Memorial Hall

– Management Committee Report

The Memorial Hall, erected in the 1920's in memory of those who gave their lives in the First World War, is an independent charity. It has its own management committee.

The committee is delighted to report that the use of the Hall has increased this year with new Yoga Classes, Sound Healing and the continuation of Flower Arranging, Dressmaking, Film Club and the Rye Creative Stitchers monthly sessions.

The Lunch Club goes from strength to strength and the Warm Hub which was started in January 2023 is still going strong. This was originally intended to be a warm safe space with company and refreshments and is now renamed as the Games Club which meets every Thursday afternoon – we have a core of 8 people with more joining in from time to time. Scrabble and Rummikub are the most popular games at the moment but there is occasionally dominoes and chess and crib are available if there is anyone out there who would like to come along and play!! 2pm every Thursday starting back on the 11th January.

We have also had Art Exhibitions supported by the Rye Crafters and the Attic and Collectors' Fairs on a monthly basis in the winter months. We hope that you will come along and support both of these : just pop in and have some tea and cake and browse as these are excellent fund raisers for the Hall and are continuing in 2024.

Details of all these events and details of how to book are on the Hall website :

<https://peasmarshmh.org.uk/>

or visit the hall to discuss your booking. The hall phone number – 01797230511 – goes to answer phone which is checked every 48 hours.

What's On in Peasmarsh

The next two pages will help you find something of interest. Most are **regular events** but there are some **one-off events** returning to the parish as well. All are in the **Memorial Hall** unless noted otherwise :

bookings.peasmarshmh@gmail.com.

The hall will be closed from December 23 to January 1.

Lunch Club – call Sosi on 07798 556 999

Run by Sosi from Hands of Hope on the first Monday of the month from 11am to 2pm – coffee, lunch and entertainment for just £8. Popular with older people, the club supports independence and wellbeing and has a positive impact on nutrition. **January date will be Monday 8th.**

Film Club – call Terry on 07533 193 801

The Film Club meets on the second Friday of the month : doors open 7.15pm and the film starts 7.30pm. The film on January 12th will be '6 Minutes to Midnight', starring Eddie Izzard, Judi Dench & Jim Broadbent. Why not come along for a trial viewing?

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. The public may attend but not participate but there is a 15 minute slot for public contributions at the start of the meeting : **have your say!**

Your District and County councillors try to attend each meeting which allows your views to be brought to the attention of those councils.

Flower Arranging – call Dierdre on 01797 230208

The Flower Arranging group meets every second Wednesday of the month from 10am to 12 noon.

The theme for November is 'Christmas Floral Design and Party'.

Yoga – call India on 07946 043 919

The Yoga group meets every Tuesday evening from 5.30pm to 6.45pm.

There is more 'What's On' over the page ...

What's On in Peasmarsh [continued]

Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul

Holy Eucharist is celebrated in our parish church on alternate Sundays at 10am. We typically start in Peasmarsh with the first Sunday of the month and alternate with Beckley.

Christmas services are as follows :

Sunday 24th 11.30pm : Midnight Mass at Beckley Church

Monday 25th 10.00am : Communion Service at Peasmarsh Church

Dress Making Group – call Celia on 07778 181 346 or email celiapollington@aol.com

A regular activity on the 4th Monday of the month from 1.15pm to 3.15pm, starting January 23. Mixed ability classes – all welcome.

Games Club

Company, board games and hot drinks every Thursday from 2 to 4pm. Come along or come and help.

Yoga Classes – email Jojo at jojo@yogacreative.co.uk

Morning Yoga classes three days a week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Attic and Collectors Fair plus Craft Fair

There will be another attic / collectors fair on Saturday February 3. The timing is from 10am to 5pm and Rye Crafters will also be attending.

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