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## NEWSLETTER

Parish Clerk



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### Seasons Greetings

As we approach the end of another year the Parish Council would like to wish all the residents of Hunston a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

We hope you all have the opportunity to spend time with friends and family over the festive season.

To those who have to work over the holiday period can we express our appreciation to you for your commitment to ensuring the essential services we all depend on continue to function normally.

Just a little request as well - if you can, please keep an eye out for any of your neighbours who are perhaps unwell or finding things difficult at the moment to make sure they are safe and well.

I would like to thank all my colleagues on the Parish Council for their support and commitment over the last year and a special thanks to our Parish Clerk, Carol for the tremendous amount of work she puts in

We also welcomed Jane to the team this year to help Carol and she has settled in very well and is a great help.

We look forward to the challenges the new year will bring and to doing our very best to represent you and the interests of the village.

Steve Baker  
Chairman



### Hunston Village Hall

Hunston Village Hall was rebuilt in 1995 and is structurally sound. However, now over 20 years old the hall is in need of modernisation to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA) alongside improving the energy efficiency and future sustainability of the building.

Some work has already been undertaken

- Refurbishment of the kitchen
- New windows and doors
- Additional meeting space/ parish office

However, there are still a number of maintenance issues that need attention and most importantly these all require funding. Whilst the Parish Council has been working to increase bookings at the hall it will also need to search for available grants.

However grants often match any money raised by the organisation itself, so we are asking residents to support any fundraising activities that may be organised.

Any volunteer work offered by the community also attracts funding. As funders will match the cost of the time taken by a volunteer to do a skilled job, such as painting or plastering. So if you have a skill you could offer, please don't wait to be asked, contact the Clerk and let us know.

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In response to the plea for new Councillors in our last Newsletter, the Parish Council is delighted to welcome your 3 new Parish Councillors.



#### CHRIS VINTON

Having moved to Hunston in the last couple of years it is easy for me to still appreciate all that appealed when I first looked to move in to the village with my family - the stunning countryside surroundings, walks along the canal paths or playing football on the recreation ground. As a family, it's great to have so much on your doorstep. Joining the Parish Council was my way of looking out for the village and supporting, in some small way, issues that the village faces and how it develops over the coming Years. Already, I have been able to see how the Parish Council lends a voice to various issues – many seemingly mundane but some that will impact the village and surrounding area for years to come. Without that voice decisions could be taken by others who do not have a vested interest or real understanding of what the village needs. I'm looking forward to playing a part and, like everyone on the Council, welcome the input and support from as many in the village as possible.

#### JOAN FOSTER

I have lived in Hunston since 2005, prior to that in Bognor Regis from 1981. Locally I am involved with St Wilfrid's Hospice having been a Trustee for fifteen years, the last five of those as Chair of Trustees retiring in 2007. I am currently a Vice-President. I work part-time, researching and implementing the delivery of primary care mental health services. I have been an allotment holder in the Old Selsey Tramway Allotments from their inception in 2010 and find digging very therapeutic! As a dog-owner I frequently walk the footpaths around the village and have concerns about the lack of maintenance of some footpaths and would support more regular cutting. I volunteered to be a Parish Councillor to give something back to the village, where I have found such a happy home.



#### PAUL MARSHALL



I have lived, on and off, in Hunston for 26 years - my partner for 43 years. I believe that the people of this parish should have a voice and also the power to decide their own destinies, whether it be building and development, roads and safety, or noise and pollution. We have an opportunity to decide our own fates, as, largely, central government no longer want the inconvenience, hassle, and expense of doing so - good! Surely, as residents, we can make a better go of it than they have. But it does require of us: time, effort, solidarity and greater understanding of our individual and community needs. Look forward to seeing more of you at the parish meetings.

#### Communications

The Parish Council is committed to communicating effectively with the community. At present we use the notice boards, newsletters, the Parish Council website [www.hunstonparishcouncil.org](http://www.hunstonparishcouncil.org) and Facebook via Hunston Parish Council.

We are keen to find out whether you feel that these methods work for you or if you believe that there are other practical channels that we could be using. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you have any comments or suggestions as to how we can improve communications.

#### A27

On 21<sup>st</sup> September the Parish Council held a meeting to discuss the A27 options. A good turnout of residents allowed for a lively discussion on the options and an opportunity to run through them individually outlining the proposals for each of the 5 schemes included in the consultation.

Following the discussion a public vote was taken and the unanimous choice was to reject all options. The Parish Council then held its own debate and it decided to also reject all options.