

Report from Wingfield Parish Council

Chairman: Mike Allmey

The Parish Council has met twice since our last report. On the 29th September we had a scheduled meeting and on the 25th October, an extraordinary meeting to discuss planning applications. The outcome of both was as follows;

Joint Local Plan: It had been identified in the documentation that Wingfield had been incorrectly classified as an *hinterland* village and thus vulnerable to reduced development protection. The authorities have subsequently been notified and the village reclassified as *hamlet/countryside*.

Wingfield Green: Improvements to the western side of the Green have continued and the Council appreciates the positive comments from residents. The work will continue with a programme of tree planting that we hope provides the evidence supporting grant applications necessary to fund renovation of the eastern side.

Flower Planters: The Council would like to thank Trish Peruzzi for her kind donation of topsoil that now fills the planters.

MSDC Locality Awards: This year MSDC has been very generous to the village, funding renovation of the phonebox, new benches for the church graveyard and a substantial donation to the acquisition of a defibrillator. We now have been given the opportunity of buying our own VAS (Vehicle Activated Speed Sign) and thus avoid the limited use of these signs available only on a shared rota system with other villages.

Broadband: All residents with a telephone number starting **668** may wish to look at the alternative to BT/Openreach offered by B4RN (See Syleham Report)

Planning: Two applications came before the Parish Council:

- DC/17/04577 – The Old Forge, Church Road: Opposed on all counts
- DC/17/05260 – Sanderopa, Vicarage Road: Accepted but with the proviso that the colour of rendering should be in sympathy with its surroundings

Our next meeting takes place on December 8th at 7.30 at Wingfield Barns

David Young, Parish Clerk