

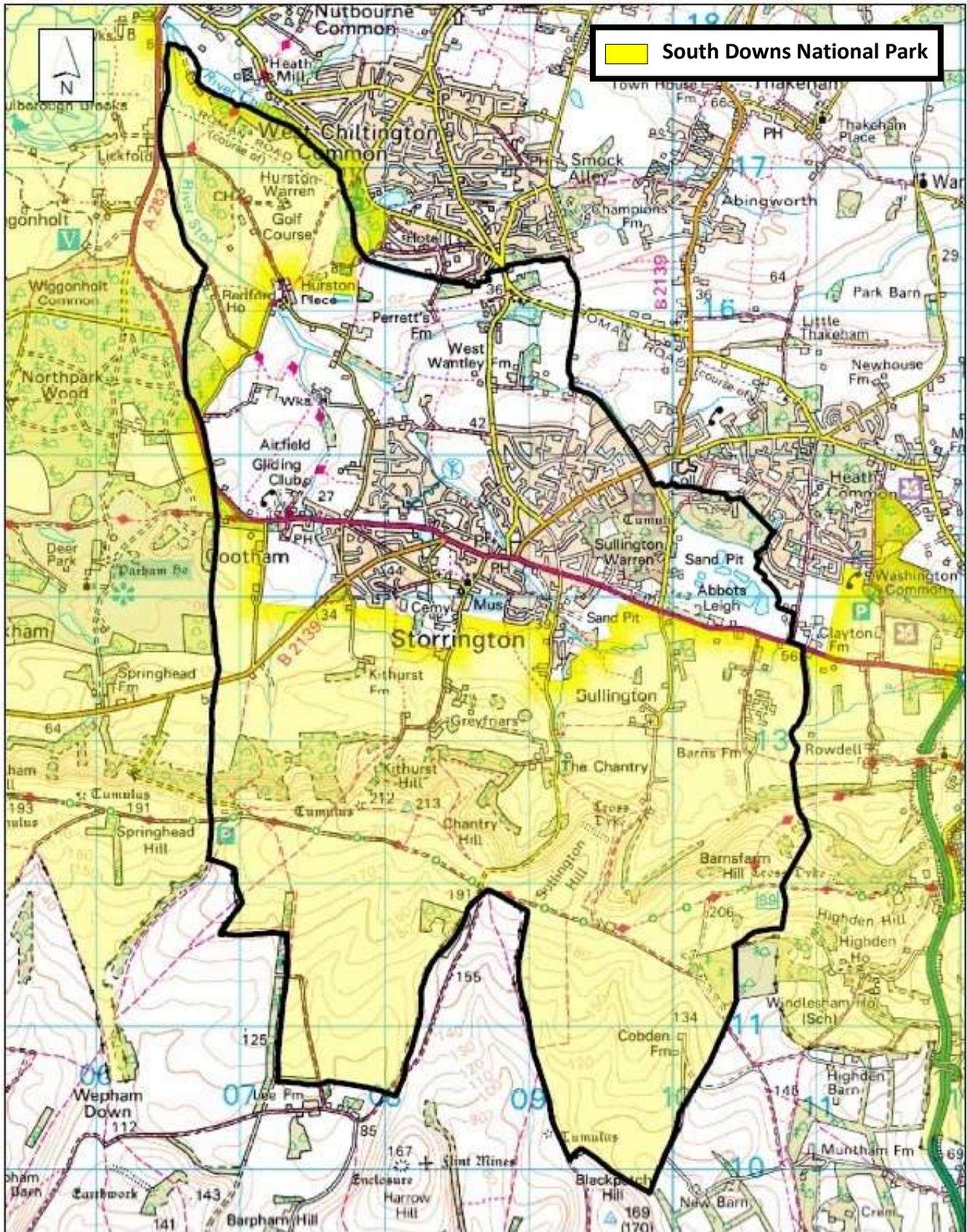


STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON BUSINESS PLAN 2021 - 2023

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An Introduction to the Parish.

The Parish of Storrington & Sullington is located in the south western portion of Horsham District in West Sussex. The village of Storrington lies on the A283, close to the main north-south A24 road, which connects Worthing on the coast to Horsham and Dorking in the north.

The population of the Parish is approximately 6,966 (1) (2011 Census) in 3,314 households.

Storrington Village Centre contains a wide range of facilities such as churches, shops, medical services and schools. These facilities are used by the residents of neighbouring parishes (Thakeham, Washington, Ashington and West Chiltington).

The Parish Council.

The Parish Council is the first tier of local government, representing the interest of residents and the community in general. It consists of 15 Councillors and elections last took place (uncontested) in 2019.

The Parish Council's main source of income is from the precept (collected via the Council Tax). The current level of precept is £240,577. (an average annual cost of £72.58 per household). Income from Hall & Facilities rentals is used to supplement the precept to provide services and facilities within the Parish and developer contributions help to pay for larger projects such as playgrounds and improvements to community buildings.

The Parish Council meets on the last Wednesday of the month at the Parish Hall, Thakeham Road, Storrington, West Sussex, RH20 3PP. There are 3 committees (Infrastructure, Communications and Environment (ICE), Recreation and Property (R&P) and Planning and Development (P&D)) each meeting monthly. 1 other committee (Finance and Budget) meets on an ad-hoc basis. All meetings are open to members of the public and are advertised on Village Notice Boards and on the Parish Council's website.

Property and Assets.

The Parish Council owns the following properties and land:

- The Parish Hall
- The Cricket Pavilion
- The Football Pavilion
- The Leisure Centre
- Sullington Recreation Ground and Car Park
- Storrington Recreation Grounds (including the Football Pitch and Hormare field) and car parks
- Storrington Memorial Pond
- Amberley Road Allotment site
- Parcel of land at West Street (grassed area)
- Parcel of land at Mant Close
- Land at Ryecroft Lane (jointly owned with Horsham District Council)

And is responsible for the management of:

- Ravenscroft Allotment site
- Place Villerest (paved area at junction of Old Mill Drive and the High Street)

The Purpose of the Business Plan.

The Purpose of the Parish Council's Business Plan is to set out a clear strategy to address key priorities in the community and to ensure that the policies, goals and community aims set out in the recently "made" Storrington & Sullington and Washington Neighbourhood Plan (SSWNP) are achieved.

The Covid-19 Pandemic has had an unprecedented effect on the Council's plans for the next 3 years and as such, this document has been amended to reflect the difficulties faced by our community and wider district as we slowly emerge from the Government Restrictions imposed during most of 2020 and into 2021.

Notwithstanding the Pandemic, we will encounter more challenges in the coming months with increased levels of housing numbers and how new development in ours, and neighbouring parishes, will impact upon Infrastructure in the village centre. The Parish Council has committed to addressing climate change by taking steps to reduce its carbon footprint and is actively involved with efforts to improve the air quality levels within the Air Quality Management Area in the Village Centre.

The Business Plan will provide an overview on proposed projects along with a calendar of essential services and recurring expenditure, allowing the Parish Council the ability to control its budget requirements. By planning ahead for major projects and or improvements to community facilities, funds can be sought from developer contributions or grants. This forward planning will enable the Parish Council to keep its precept requirements as steady as possible, particularly in the current economic climate.

The Business Plan is intended to be a rolling document and will be reviewed and updated annually.

Routine Maintenance Expenditure.

The Parish Council undertakes regular inspections of public areas and buildings and as well as day to day maintenance, the following is a schedule of routine expenditure for the upkeep of these community facilities.

Project	Regularity	Last Completed	Next Due	Approx. Cost	notes
Parish Hall Decoration	Every 3 years	2020	Summer 2023	£6,000	
Security & Fire contract	Every 3 years	2020	2023		
Grounds maintenance Contract	Every 3 years	2019	2022	£12,000	
Insurance Premium	Every 3 years	October 2019	2022	£5,500	
Tree Surveys • The Glade • Sullington Rec • Storrington Rec	Every 3 years	Nov 2018 July 2019 Oct 2019	2021 2022 2022	Approx £300 per survey	Expect additional costs for surgery

• Memorial Pond		Oct 2019	2022		resulting from reports
Buildings Valuations	Every 5 years	2015	Summer 2021	£1,000	Delayed due to Covid-19
Pond Maintenance / Treatment	Twice Annually	October 2020	April 2021	£750	
Play Equipment Inspections	Annually	Jan 2021	Jan 2022	£400	
Interim Play Equipment Inspections	Monthly	January 2021	monthly	£250	

Completed Projects

Storrington Recreation Ground – Drainage Repairs. Following several incidents of flooding in the car park at Storrington Recreation Ground, the Parish Council arranged for a CCTV survey to be carried out in early 2020. The survey found that 36 metres of concrete service drain has collapsed and requires replacing.

Projected cost: £20,000
Source of funding: Parish Council Reserves
Completion Date: Summer 2020 (completed)

The Parish Hall - Replacement Entrance Doors. The current wooden door frame is no longer fit for purpose and requires replacing with an energy efficient unit.

Projected cost: £4,000
Source of funding: CIL Developer Contributions.
Completion Date: Summer 2020 (Completed)

Planned Projects

Sullington Recreation Ground – Installation of Outdoor Gym. The installation of an outdoor gym facility is planned to enhance the facilities at Sullington Recreation Ground.

Projected cost: £65,000
Source of funding: S106 Developer Contributions
Completion Date: Autumn 2021 (delayed due to COVID-19)

Community Highways Scheme – Improvements to road layout and roundabout at West Street, junction with Monastery Lane, Amberley Road and Pulborough Road. The Parish Council will be applying for a Community Highways Scheme to improve sight lines for approaching vehicles and to raise the roundabout area to deter excessive speed. At the time of print, the project has passed the first stage and will now undergo feasibility studies.

Projected cost: Unknown
Source of Funding: WSCC Highways Department (£7,000 S106 developer funds available)
Completion Date: 2021 (potentially delayed due to COVID-19)

Upgrade of CCTV equipment at Storrington Recreation Ground and Leisure Centre. Following a series of incidents of criminal damage and vandalism at the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre and Storrington Cricket Pavilion, the Parish Council has identified the need for improvements to the existing CCTV surveillance equipment.

Projected cost: £5,000

Source of Funding: S106 developer contributions and Police Prevention of Crime Fund.

Completion Date: April / May 2021.

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre – Re-opening. As a sad effect of Covid-19, Adur Community Leisure entered into administration which resulted in the closure of Chanctonbury Leisure Centre. As owners of the building, the Parish Council stepped in to purchase the contents and equipment to ensure that the facility can be re-established as a going concern. Agreement was reached with a group of local volunteers to set up a Board of Trustees to manage the centre and a significant amount of funds have been set aside to cover the start up costs. Plans were in place to re-open the centre in January 2021 but due to the latest lockdown imposed on January 5th 2021, this has not happened. At the time of printing, the phased re-opening is scheduled to commence on 12th April 2021

Projected cost of re-opening: £35,000

Contents and fixtures: £30,000

Support for first 12 months of operating: £40,000

Projected costs associated with lockdown: £35,000

Buildings maintenance / repair: £20,000

Source of Funding: Horsham District Council, Storrington & Sullington Parish Council, Thakeham Parish Council, Washington Parish Council, West Chiltington Parish Council, Tesla Storrington. Government Grant, Sport England.

Completion Date: Ongoing

Further projects will be added as and when they are identified by the Parish Council.

LIST OF LEGAL POWERS AND DUTIES

Below is a list of powers and functions which gives details (albeit not comprehensive) on what the Parish Council can act upon:

Function	Powers & Duties	Statutory Provisions
Allotments	Powers to provide allotments. Duty to provide allotments gardens if demand unsatisfied and if reasonable to do so.	Small Holding & Allotments Act 1908, s.23
Borrowing money	Power for councils to borrow money for their statutory functions or for the prudent management of their financial affairs.	Local Government Act 2003, Schedule 1, para 2
Baths (public)	Power to provide public swimming baths.	Public Health Act 1936, s.221
Burial grounds, cemeteries and crematoria	Power to acquire and maintain. Power to provide. Power to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries.	Open Spaces Act 1906, Sections 9 and 10 Local Government Act 1972, s.214 Local Government Act 1972, s.214 (6)
Bus Shelters	Power to provide and maintain shelters.	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1953, s.4
Byelaws	Power to make byelaws for: Places of public recreation. Cycle parks. Public swimming baths. Open spaces and burial grounds. Mortuaries and post-mortem rooms.	Public Health Act 1875, s.164 Road Traffic Regulations Act Public Health Act 1936, s.223 Open Spaces Act 1906, s.15 Public Health Act 1936, s.198
Charities	Duties in respect of parochial charities. Power to act as a charity trustee.	Charities Act 2011, ss.298-303 Local Government Act 1972, bs. 139 (1)
Clocks	Power to provide public clocks.	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.2
Closed Churchyards	Powers to maintain.	Local Government Act 1972, s.215
Commons & Common Pastures	Powers in relation to inclosure, regulation, management and provision of common pasture.	Inclosure Act 1845; Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908, s.34
Conference Facilities	Power to provide and encourage use of facilities.	Local Government Act 1972, s. 144
Community Centres	Power to provide and equip buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social or educational objectives. Power to acquire, provide and furnish buildings for public meetings and	Local Government Act 1972 (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19 Local Government Act 1972 s. 133

	assemblies.	
Crime Prevention	Power to spend money on crime detection and prevention measures.	Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s. 31
Ditches and ponds	Power to drain and maintain ponds and ditches to prevent harm to public health.	Public Health Act 1936, s. 260
Entertainment and the arts	Provision of entertainment and support of the arts.	Local Government Act 1972. S. 145
Environment	Power to issue fixed penalty notices for litter, graffiti and offences under dog control orders.	Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, s.19, s.30, Part 6
General Power of Competence	Power for an eligible Council to do anything subject to statutory prohibitions, restrictions and limitations which include those in place before or after the introduction of the general power of competence.	Localism Act 2011, ss 1-8
Gifts	Power to accept.	Local Government Act 1972, s. 139
Highways	Power to repair and maintain public footpaths and bridleways. Power to light roads and public places. Power to provide parking places for vehicles, bicycles and motorcycles. Power to enter into agreement as to dedication and widening. Power to provide roadside seats and shelters. Power to consent to a local highway authority stopping maintenance of a highway or stopping up/diverting a highway. Power to complain to district council about the protection of rights of way and roadside waste. Power to provide certain traffic signs and other notices. Power to plant trees and shrubs and to maintain roadside verges.	Highways Act 1980, ss. 43, 50 Parish Councils Act 1957, s. 3; Highways Act 1980, s.301 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, ss. 57, 63 Highways Act 1980, ss. 30, 72 Parish Councils Act 1957, s. 1 Highways Act 1980, ss. 47, 116 Highways Act 1980, s. 130 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s. 72 Highways Act 1980, s. 96
Honorary Titles	Power to admit to be honorary freemen/freewomen of the council's area persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the authority, rendered eminent services to that place or area.	Local Government Act 1972, s. 249
Investments	Power to participate in schemes of collective investment.	Trustee Investments Act 1961, s. 11
Land	Power to acquire by agreement, to appropriate, to dispose of. Power to accept gifts of land.	Local Government Act 1972, ss. 124, 126, 127

Litter	Provision of bins.	Litter Act, 1983, ss. 5, 6
Lotteries	Powers to promote.	Gambling Act 2005, s. 252, 258
Markets	Power to establish or acquire by agreement markets within the council's area and provide a marketplace and market building.	Food Act 1984, s. 50
Mortuaries and post-mortem rooms	Power to provide mortuaries and post-mortem rooms.	Public Health Act 1936, s. 198
Neighbourhood Planning	Powers to act as lead body for a neighbourhood development plan or a neighbourhood development order.	Localism Act 2011, Schedule 9; Town and Country Planning Act 1990, ss. 61E-61Q, Schedule 4B; Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, s. 38A
Newsletter	Power to provide information relating to matters affecting local government.	Local Government Act 1972, s. 142
Nuisances	Power to deal with offensive ditches.	Public Health Act 1936, s. 260
Open spaces	Power to acquire and maintain land for public recreation. Power to acquire and maintain land for open spaces.	Public Health Act 1875, s. 164 Open Spaces Act 1906, ss. 9 and 10
Parish Property and Documents	Power to receive and retain. Duty to deposit certain published works in specific deposit libraries.	Local Government Act 1972, s. 226 Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2003, s. 1
Public buildings and village hall	Power to acquire and provide buildings for public meetings and assemblies.	Local Government Act 1972, s. 133
Public Conveniences	Power to provide.	Public Health Act 1936, s. 87
Recreation	Power to provide a wide range of recreational facilities. Provision of boating pools.	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s. 19 Public Health Act 1961, s. 54
Right to challenge services that are provided by a principal authority	The right to submit an interest in running a service provided by a district, county or unitary authority.	Localism Act 2011, ss. 81-86
Right to nominate and bid for assets of community value	The right to nominate assets to be added to a list of assets of community value and the right to bid to buy a listed asset when it comes up for sale.	Localism Act 2011, ss. 87-108
Town and Country Planning	Right to be notified of planning applications if right has been requested.	Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Sched. 1, para. 8
Tourism	Power to encourage tourism to the	Local Government Act 1972,

	council's area.	s. 144
Traffic Calming	Power to contribute financially to traffic calming schemes.	Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s. 30
Transport	Powers to spend money on community transport schemes.	Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s. 26-29
War Memorials	Power to maintain, repairs, protect and adapt war memorials.	War Memorials (Local Authorities' Power) Act 1923, s. 1
Water	Power to utilise wells, springs or streams for obtaining water	Public Health Act 1936, s. 125
Websites	Power for Councils to have their own websites.	Local Government Act 1972, s. 142

