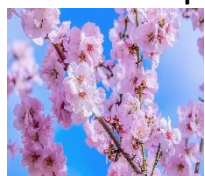




### Annual Parish (electors) Meeting

It was lovely to welcome around 19 people to the residents' Annual Parish Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> May. There were two very interesting presentations, Council reports plus questions and discussions on topics such as devolution, antisocial driving, tree planting policy to name a few. The draft Minutes will be on our website soon if you missed it. Arun Community Transport gave a presentation about their service – they're keen to attract volunteer drivers, could this be you? You can get a copy of the presentation from us, or email ACT direct at [chris.fuller@actransport.org.uk](mailto:chris.fuller@actransport.org.uk). The County Council talk provided insight into their grass verge cutting service in Aldwick, Pagham and Bersted – the Greenprint project – which is a trial started last year to improve biodiversity by encouraging natural wildflower growth and using collected grass cuttings for biofuels. You can find out more from this short video link: <https://youtu.be/w7AoC3SnjE0>

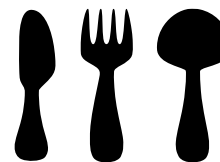
### Trees need help!



Hasn't the spring blossom been a lovely sight this year? It's been an extremely dry spring with very low rainfall in recent months. Each year we participate in the County Council's tree planting scheme and although they maintain those new trees for 3 years, resourcing this in the current dry period is proving challenging and we need your help please! If there's a young tree in a verge near your home, it would marvellous if you are able to help keep it watered ideally they need around 50L a week but even a bucket or watering can full once a week or more could make a difference to its survival – thank you!

### Meals on Wheels

Health & Independent Living Support (HILS) helps individuals stay happy, healthy, and independent at home. A not-for-profit charity, they provide West Sussex County Council's meals on wheels service, delivering hot, nutritionally balanced meals across West Sussex, 365 days a year. They cater to various dietary needs, including vegetarian, kosher, Asian, halal, gluten-free, and sugar-reduced options. Meals are delivered hot by DBS-checked Community Team Members between 11am and 2pm. There are no contracts, allowing for flexible ordering. A safe and wellbeing check is also carried out on every delivery. For further details please visit their website <https://hils-uk.org/support-at-home/meals/west-sussex/> or phone 0330 2000 103.



**Only rain down the drain!** Arun District Council, West Sussex County Council, Southern Water and the Environment Agency have launched a Yellow Fish campaign, highlighting what can happen when fat, oils or other waste is poured down drains or road gullies. Whatever you put down the drains ends up in our sea, rivers and streams.

You may notice stencils of yellow fish popping up next to some drains carrying surface water to the sea as a reminder of 'only rain down the drain'. Find out more about the yellow fish campaign at: <https://www.arun.gov.uk/water-quality/>



### Council Meeting dates

Public are welcome to attend meetings and can ask questions on agenda items during a short adjournment. Agendas are published on our website and notice boards around a week in advance. **Please check our website for agenda details in case of changes.**

**Planning Committee** - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 7pm and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm ('short' meeting). If taking place the 'short' meetings precede Full Council meetings. Full Council meetings start at 7pm if there is no Planning Committee meeting but at approximately 7.15pm if preceded by a Planning Committee meeting. **Full Council** - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. July meeting dates to be advised shortly.