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From the Rectory

If we were to play a word association game and I said 'church' to you, you might perhaps reply 'pew' or 'service'. Of course, it might be something entirely different but we won't go there! We think of church as a building, usually but not always ancient, and of the worship that takes place there. For some, that might be limited to weddings and funerals. But in reality, church is the people of God, so although our buildings have been closed for worship for some time the church itself cannot be closed and is still very much active and alive in the community. All of us who call ourselves Christians are the church and we take it with us.

As I write this brief article there is hope on the horizon of the easing of the lockdown and we will very shortly be able to open our church buildings once again, but just for private prayer. This in itself presents quite a challenge to ensure we have everything in place to keep our visitors safe.

Although, as I've mentioned, the church are the people, these sacred buildings are very important to us for they are places where so many prayers have been said down the centuries it almost feels they have seeped into the stonework. They are also the places where we reserve the holy sacrament, the bread and wine consecrated at Holy Communion in memory of our Lord's sacrifice for us on the cross. Many of our visitors remark on the sense of peace they find there. So, we rejoice at being able to open our church buildings once again and share that peace. It has been particularly sad that we have not

been able to hold funerals in our churches. We will however be holding memorial services for those who would have liked a church funeral for their loved ones once the restrictions are lifted.

During this time of lockdown our way of being church has quite radically changed. We have quite a large team of people phoning around to offer support and have a natter, in place of our visits. Our services are recorded with contributions from the congregation and community and are posted on our website and Facebook. We also have an evening Zoom service at 8pm on Sunday. This is usually but not always Compline and is now attracting quite a following. Last Sunday we had a record sixteen join us for a time of shared prayer, whereas before the lockdown we did not have an evening service at all. I have a feeling that once we are allowed to hold services in church once again this might be there to stay. I would expect that we will continue to use our on-line presence for worship and outreach. God always brings good out of every situation no matter how dire and what looks like dying instead become a means to new life and growth. May the Lord watch over your coming and going both now and evermore.

Colin

Helena and Colin have recorded an on-line service each Sunday. It is available on the Church website (see below)

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After our meeting on the 18th June 2020 the Sheep Fair Committee regret to announce, with heavy hearts, that we have **cancelled** this years' Findon Sheep Fair planned for the 12th and 13th September 2020. The tradition of the show, over 200 years old, has made this a difficult decision to make, but the right one. Only once before, during the 2001 Foot & Mouth epidemic, has it been necessary to cancel the Show.

The safety and welfare of our visitors, volunteers, exhibitors, staff, and traders have been at the forefront of this decision as has that of the residents of Findon Village itself. With the requirements of social distancing measures, whatever they become, & the uncertainty regarding mass gatherings we felt it was impossible to safely hold a show of the same quality and standard that members of the community know and love.

We take this opportunity to thank all within the NHS, those key workers and many unspoken heroes who continue to work incredibly hard to help the country to tackle COVID-19. We must help them as much as we can, ensuring we are not causing even more of a strain on all services.

To all of our stall holders, farmers, judges, suppliers and contractors; Thank You for your support and understanding throughout this last 3 months. One of our committee members will contact you via eMail or 'phone to discuss the outcome of this

decision. Please bear with us, this may take a week or so.

On behalf of the Committee, we would like to thank you all for the support you have given us over the years. We are incredibly grateful to our supporters and volunteers, without whom the show would not take place. Preparations are now in place for 2021 and on behalf of everyone at the Show, dancing sheep and all, we look forward to welcoming you then.

Together, we will get through these difficult times – keep safe and take care.

Best wishes,
Simon Stace, Chairman, Findon Sheep Fair.

“What was needed was not bravery, but circumspection.”

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At the tender age of sixteen I'd passed the requisite 'O' levels and been accepted as a 'Deck Apprentice' in British Petroleum's tanker fleet, known to the world as BTC (British Tanker Co) but known to employees a 'Better Times Coming'! The first four months of my new career was spent rowing whalers around East India Docks, learning how to splice rope and tie knots together with the odd bout in a boxing ring to 'build character'.

Then back home for Christmas 1957 and finally the orders to join my first ship, the aptly named 'British Hero' in Falmouth in the first week in January. Such was my luck that the day before I had a raging toothache, solved by an extraction some 4 hours before catching the overnight train from Paddington to Falmouth. Arriving there around 6.30 in the morning, my brand-new uniform bloodied already! Fortunately, I was befriended by another Apprentice who was on his third trip and therefore I considered him to be an old salt, he took me for a memorable cooked breakfast at a local B&B. I should point out that on smart, posh passenger ships the likes of us were known as 'Cadets' but we had to make do with the lowly title of Apprentices. BP believed, and rightly that as you rose the ranks to Captain you should never expect anyone to do a job that you hadn't yourself done. This involved scrubbing, cleaning brass, painting, working over the side when sailing down the Red Sea, unblocking toilets, working 12 hour shifts on and off in port loading and discharging cargo and even changing navigation lights at the top of a 100 foot mast in the middle of the night with the

ship rolling 10 degrees in either direction. This instilled in me the old saying "one hand for the ship and one for yourself"!

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Having met my fellow Apprentices, found our cabin, I got the top bunk! We were told that the ships orders were off to the Isle of Grain, BP's oil refinery on the Medway to load a full cargo of fuel oil and then not to some exotic port in the Mediterranean or possibly South America, but we were bound for Tromso inside the Arctic circle in January complete with an ice breaker to keep us company! No warm weather shorts or shirts but duffle coats and two pairs of socks became mandatory!

All that was many, many years ago and a lot of water has flowed under the keel since then. I went on to complete my four years, duly become 4th, 3rd and 2nd officer, obtained my Masters Certificate, got engaged, got married and we started a family at which time I had enough of trips of 8 or 10 months away at a time, enough of working every single day on board for a minimum of 10 and more often 12 hours a day. So, in 1968 I started with Rolls Royce as computer programmer, living in Derby, going home at night and enjoying being a family and became a gardener in my spare time!

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You took me home and
you loved me so much,
then a few years on
as I lay in my hutch,
I waited for someone to
clean out my bed,
but nobody came,
just left me instead.
I shivered and shook
as rain fell from above,
is this that great thing
that mummy called love?
My food bowl is empty,

no water to drink,
You have moved on and
just left me, I think!
Nobody wants me,
I am trapped in this box,
Would they care if I left
in the jaws of a fox?
They no longer want me,
it was not meant to be.
"I will love you forever"
meant nothing, you see!
My eyes are so lifeless,
a smile I pretend,
Is my life over,
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I like to come in and watch The Chase Quiz every day on TV. As soon as I sat down with a cup of tea the dogs started barking. I got up and went to see why. When I went into the Conservatory there was a strange chicken sitting very comfortably on the settee. Somebody must have put it in the back gate. She is still here. I went into the stable recently and found a hen this time. I knew who she belonged to as I recognised her as one I had given to our neighbours. She had escaped into the farmer's field and then into the field at the back of Nightingales where there is a horse. The man found the hen when feeding his horse and put her over the fence

thinking she was one of mine. She was very lucky because we have a fox that is often about in both fields.

Our little hen Lola has died, she was best friends with Benjamin our Rabbit. Poor Benjamin is missing her. He goes and sits with the other hens who peck him. He turns round as if to say "What did you do that for?"



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Findon Village Store News

Jo O'Dell Volunteer/Committee Member

Since the shop opened 3 years ago storage has been an ongoing problem. We have worked extremely hard to provide product lines to suit the needs of villagers but this has been hampered by the lack of adequate storage facilities. We have now had a commercial cold room installed at the rear of the shop, rather than relying on previous domestic fridges that weren't fit for purpose. This provides significant additional storage capacity for chilled and chiller displayed goods (e.g. soft drinks) and will free up significant space elsewhere. It will enable us to keep more stock and it will also enable us to slightly increase our chilled products range as we won't need everything out in the shop at once as we often do now.

We have been supporting the Findon Garden Centre until they recently re-opened, enabling sales on their behalf in excess of £2,000 during May. Alongside their goods we have continued to sell our own, sourced by and looked after by Becky Fagan who will now return to being the sole provider of these going forward. We are happy to

have been able to help FGC survive a very difficult time for them in our own small way.

We have decided to overhaul our greetings cards, partly driven by our primary supplier changing their operating model to our disadvantage and partly because we felt our range was too limited to appeal to the broad spectrum of tastes using the shop. The new card selection is excellent and hopefully we will be the shop of choice for local customers looking for cards! Having made a significant investment in the business to meet the needs of the community at large and going some way to future proofing our ability to do so, we sincerely hope that the community responds positively to this and post-covid continues to use the store as much as it has during the past few months. I am sure that many who have not typically used the shop before will have been impressed with the experience of doing so, both from an incredible product range and customer experience perspective.



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Villagers will recall the formation of Updated Findon Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group (UFNDPWG) and its mission to assess the view of villagers toward those two housing allocation sites submitted by South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) with respect to new house building in Findon.

Those sites proposed, namely land at Elm Rise and Soldier's Field House were ranked alongside a number of other proposed sites, both scoring poorly as voted by the village. In fact, the two sites proposed by SDNPA were ranked lowest by a significant factor in the vote held via an extensive polling exercise undertaken by UFNDPWG.

As a result of these findings UFNDPWG embarked upon a lengthy exercise to establish criteria for those highly ranked sites favoured by villagers, in effect creating a Findon Plan favoured by the village.

These alternative sites met the criterion of 32 houses within the village that needed to be met by SDNPA and were duly submitted as an Updated Findon Neighbourhood Plan to the Planning Inspector. The Inspector noted that whilst these sites met most of the planning criteria, the presence of an existing South Downs Local Plan (namely the land at Elm Rise and Soldier's Field House sites submitted by SDNPA) meant that he could not recommend our Plan, unless SDNPA withdrew the two allocations from its Plan.

Findon Parish Council (FPC) has sought legal advice on this point and this has been clear that unless SDNPA withdraw the two allocations from its Plan (and they are adamant they will not) there is a very real risk that pursuing the Findon residents favoured site allocations could lead to both being enacted. A situation that could lead to an extra 60 plus homes in Findon.

It is therefore with a heavy heart that FPC, as the 'qualifying body' will withdraw its housing allocation submission and leave the South Downs Plan as the only one to progress. This is clearly not the wish of Findon village but it would appear despite the concept of Localism as a guiding principle for SDNPA this is not deemed sufficiently important by them to withdraw their Local Plan.

FPC would like to extend its thanks those hard working members of UFNDPWG. Their efforts have been significant during this and the original Neighbourhood Development Plan process and deserve a better outcome.

FPC will now close down the UFNDPWG and FPC will naturally continue to communicate relevant progress to the village.

Cllr Sean Smith

Chairman, Findon Parish Council

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My daughter, Mabel and her friend, Martha (Both 12) held a socially distanced lemonade & snack stand on Bank Holiday Monday, to raise money for Worthing hospital. They raised a total of £617. Would you be able to add this story to the next Findon News magazine?



We had amazing support and donations (Chris & Sam Sherman, donating £100, and Pam & Derek Falkingham for their generous donation), and they are super proud. All followed the social distancing rules on the day, everything was individually wrapped, and the response was amazing!

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I still have some of the Cornish Gift Sets for sale and in addition some lovely gift bags of two hand-made soaps. These are priced at £3 per set or £5 for one of each type. In my porch at 13 The Willows with collecting tin (sorry no change) or if you phone me I will be happy to deliver locally.

Regrettably the Cream Tea at Mike Solomon's house in August is another victim of the lockdown but we will be back as soon as possible!!

May I just remind you that I am happy to be commissioned to do a botanical watercolour of your choice and will donate profits to the Trust.

Keep well everyone.

Best regards Maggie Martin (07544 572702/01903 874173)

I am delighted to say that I have sold the wisteria watercolour painting for St. Barnabas Hospice to Iain McAvoy for the sum of £80 and, with another donation, I have transferred the sum of £100 to the Hospice today. Many thanks to Dorothy Barber for allowing me to pick several sprays of her lovely wisteria, to my husband John for mounting the picture and to Iain for buying it!

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Norman Allcorn.

As I write this the fate of Findon Fair 2020 hangs in the balance. A decision is expected at the start of July. There have been a fairs in Findon as far back as 1261 but ---"George Holford started the Sheep Fair proper on Nepcote Green sometime before 1785. In 1940 the fair was moved by order of the War Office. It was transported by the traction engines of the Harris Fun-Fair to West Grinstead. The Harris family are still attending the fair today." (If these words seem familiar it is because they have been used in the Sheep Fair programme ever since I wrote them over 20 years ago.)

Even Hitler did not stop the fair but it was cancelled in 2001 due to a virus. Foot and Mouth disease had broken out in pigs in Northumbria and had spread via cattle markets through the North, Wales and into the South-West. The nearest it came to Sussex was an outbreak in north-west Kent. This stopped all cattle movements. Footpaths were closed and people told to stay out of the countryside.

On the second Saturday in September of that year some members of the Harris family and a few villagers met at the corner of Nepcote Green. A symbolic plank was laid on the ground. A young Harris grandson said, "I declare this fair open." A few moments later he said. "I declare this fair closed."

Since then the fair has gone from strength to strength. It seems ironic that it could be once again stopped by a virus. How is it that we can put a man on the moon but can be brought to our knees by a tiny invisible enemy. Not an exact analogy but it reminds me of the old poem.

Big fleas have little fleas
Upon their backs to bite 'em
These fleas have lesser fleas
And so ad infinitum.

If only we could find a flea to bite the corona virus !



STONE AGE MAN FOUND AT FINDON

Walking on the ancient way between Cissbury and Chanctonbury the other day, I nearly trod on a Stone Age man lying on the path. He was petrified! Having fallen on hard times in the distant past, he looked down-trodden and a bit worse for wear. I stood him up on the fence, posted as a sentry to watch out for others of his tribe.

The next time I went that way, Findon Man had left his post - doubtless captured by another passer-by.

Peter Jackson



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STORKS BREEDING AT KNEPP

In 1416 when King Henry V was on the throne basking in the glory of defeating the French at Agincourt the year before, the birth of white storks in the wild in the UK was the last recorded. That was until this year when chicks were hatched just up the road from Findon at the Knepp Estate near Dial Post.

This was the result of the White Stork Project which aims to reintroduce a wild stork population to Britain. Three chicks were hatched high up in an oak tree and are being closely monitored by the project team at Knepp. There is evidence that storks have been breeding in the UK for around 360,000 years, so the 600 year gap seems like a small interlude in comparison.

The Knepp Estate has been undergoing a 'Wilding' for 20 years. Originally a farm struggling to survive, the current owners decided to return

the land to a natural habitat to encourage wildlife. As well as storks, there are free roaming Exmoor Ponies, Longhorn Cattle, Deer and Tamworth Pigs. The habitat has also attracted many breeds of bird including the Nightingale and Turtle Dove (both dwindling breeds), as well as a large variety of insects and butterflies.

The Estate is open to the public all year round, and from the car park a map is available detailing a few walks of varying distance. I went there myself recently and was lucky enough to get a photo of the storks. Look closely and you can see one of the chicks poking its head up from the nest.

For more information, check out the Knepp Estate website at www.knepp.co.uk

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Continuing our occasional series from Findon residents about why they moved to Findon

Why we Moved to Findon

Graham and Hilary Langford

Of all the things we have ever done, moving to Findon in 2006 has been one of the best decisions we've made. In Findon we found all the elements we were looking for in a village; a Church, a village hall, a school, at least one shop and one pub and a village green. These we believed comprised the bricks for a strong community and we weren't wrong, were we!

Graham grew up in Coolham, but had moved into Horsham by the time we met, and Hilary had grown up there. We'd always planned to move away and Graham hankered for the village life he'd known in Coolham when it was a very active village with a shop, garage, pub, cobblers, school, chapel and so forth. It was difficult however, as both our mothers were widowed, needing support and our children became rooted in their schools and the community and our village thoughts were, after all, rather vague.

The time came when both our children had left home and sadly Graham's mother had passed away. It was in our thoughts that we would move to mid Devon as we both had a Devonian parent. As we were growing up we'd both spent our holidays visiting family and felt at home there. We spent time exploring areas between the coasts with a view that we'd need to be able to drive back to Horsham to pick up Hilary's mother and bring her to our home, all in one day. But, we didn't find anywhere that felt right and it was clear that it was a long drive for a one day round trip.

We'd always known Findon without ever having explored it but, after one very wet spell when the forest and footpaths round Horsham were waterlogged and squelchy mud, we drove down to walk on the well drained hills of the Southdowns and stopped in the village for a drink. Looking at the houses for sale in the village store window it occurred to us that this would be a very nice place to live. Although our first attempt at purchasing a house fell through, Findon wouldn't leave us alone and before long we'd found another property and were moving in.

After being here 10 years we did something we never expected of ourselves – we decided to have a dog. We were two very undoggy people but now are the doting people living with Millie the Cockerpoo. I don't feel we're a couple with a dog but instead we're a family of three. All the family adore her and we're all much loved in return.

Although Findon in its Downland setting is only a short distance from Horsham, built on the clay and Horsham stone of the Weald, it is very different, almost like being in a different county and we've enjoyed our life here and our family love to visit.



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How you can protect yourself from Coronavirus-related scams:

There are some simple steps you can take that will protect you from the most common Coronavirus-related scams. Here's what need to do:

1 - Watch out for scam messages

Your bank, or other official organisations, won't ask you to share personal information over email or text. If you receive an email you're not quite sure about, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS): report@phishing.gov.uk

2 - Shopping online

If you're making a purchase from a company or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first, for example, by checking to see if others have used the site and what their experience was. If you decide to go ahead with the purchase, use a credit card if you have one, other payment providers may not provide the same protection.

3 - Unsolicited calls and browser pop-ups offering tech support

Never install any software, or grant remote access to your computer, as a result of a cold call. Remember, legitimate organisations would never contact you out of the blue to ask for financial details such as your PIN or full banking password.

NHS Test and Trace scams:

The NHS Test and Trace service plays an important role in the fight against coronavirus and it's vital the public have confidence and trust in the service.

However, we understand the concerns people have about the opportunity for criminals to commit scams.

What you need to know:

Contact tracers will **only call you from the number 0300 013 5000**. Anyone who does not wish to talk over the phone can request the NHS Test and Trace service to send an email or text instead, inviting them to log into the web-based service.

All text or emails sent by NHS Test and Trace will ask people to sign into the contact tracing website and will provide you with a unique reference number. We would advise people to **type the web address <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk> directly into their browser**, followed by the unique reference number given to you, rather than clicking on any link provided in the message.

The NHS Test and Trace service will never:

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Findon Parish Council July 2020

The lockdown restrictions are beginning to ease and for many of us life is adopting some form of normality.

Nevertheless, many in our community still struggle with some of the basic aspects of life and it is uplifting to see businesses, the wider community and Findon Parish Council (FPC) continue to help those in such need. Should you be in that category please continue to approach FPC for assistance by phoning or emailing the Clerk, Fiona MacLeod (01903 877225 or clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk).

In the Council we have now held several remote meetings across Planning and Full council using the Teams platform and notwithstanding some minor hitches this new medium is working well. On planning, it is to be noted that the recent hearing to redevelop and add new housing to Soldier's Field Stables was agreed by South Downs National Park Authority at its remote meeting held on 11 June 2020. Cllr Cathrine Gear, Chairman, FPC Planning Committee, spoke on behalf of the Council in objection to the application.

Gardening services including swiftly taking down a damaged and dangerous tree on Pond Green continued and it is good to see the Open Spaces Volunteers Working Group recommence

their work across the village in smaller socially distanced groups and adhering to COVID 19 rules.

Social distancing is a large part of our life in these times and it is reassuring to observe people crossing the road to ensure such distance but it is also interesting to feel how much more social people are, friendly chat or waves are the norm now and continue to mark the real village feel that exists in Findon.

Many thanks are due to Findon WI who, in the light of government guidelines, volunteered to make face masks for those who don't have them within the village and have now helped numerous villagers to access in a safe manner the wider community.

FPC has had several comments regarding both speeding and parking in the village and before the lockdown the Council agreed to form a Working Group to examine both, including both councillors and non-councillors. The Working Group has been formed but to date has clearly been unable to meet. We look forward to making progress on this and would welcome any comments/thoughts from villagers.

As always, we encourage all residents to stay safe during these times.

Cllr Sean Smith

Chairman, Findon Parish Council

Thank You

We would very much like to thank the volunteers or volunteer who cut our hedge along the by-pass. Who ever did it for us made a very professional job of it. Not an easy task as we know. We did have it cut in the winter but it doesn't take that long before it starts to get unruly again. Thank you very much. It was very kind of you.

Dave and Lesley Power

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Please note our **new** Facebook page -  Parish of Findon, Clapham and Patching

All regular public Worship in Churches has been suspended due to Covid 19, but the clergy are praying daily for everyone in the Parish.

All Village groups / activities are still cancelled.

Please continue to look at the website and Facebook page for any updates.

Churches are now open for **private prayer only**.

Opening times as below:

<u>Findon</u> :	Mondays, Fridays and Sundays:	10am - 12pm
	Wednesdays:	2pm - 4pm
<u>Clapham</u> :	Friday, Saturday and Sunday:	10am – 4pm
<u>Patching</u> :	Daily:	10am – 4pm

The **Diocese of Chichester** continues to support us all, please check their website for shared resources - <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/resources-for-worship-at-home/>

This provides links for Worship at Home, Family Worship, and also links for children –



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for free audio storytelling and daily activities and videos.

Chichester Diocese have launched a **Helpline** in partnership with Together in Sussex to provide pastoral support for the recently bereaved and people suffering from the pandemic.

The line is staffed by volunteers who will point callers to organisations offering specialist support, and also to parish clergy. Listeners will offer to pray for the caller or for their concerns.

The phone line is open to anyone, churchgoer or not, living in Sussex.

The number is **01273 425047** and will be open Monday to Friday 9am to 7pm.

Please note, this is a listening service and not a counselling service.

Stay well and remember to care for vulnerable neighbours.

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Findon Planning Applications

Planning applications for Findon are under the authority of South Downs National Park and listed on the SDNPA website (www.southdowns.gov.uk).

Findon Parish Council (FPC) Planning Committee meetings are scheduled monthly to consult on planning applications received from the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). Parish Consultation Letters (PCL) received from the SDNPA are displayed on the Notice Boards outside the newsagents and the Village Hall, and published on the FPC website (<http://findon.arun.gov.uk>) along with the schedule of Committee meeting dates.

Please note that due to Findon News publication deadlines, some applications may have already been placed before the Committee. Residents should check the Notice Boards and FPC website regularly to view notices and meeting details.

Any enquiries should be address to the FPC Clerk - 01903 877225.

Since the last issue of Findon News, the following Planning Applications have been posted on the SDNPA website:

Removal or Variation of Condition - Condition 2 of Planning Approval SDNP/18/00856/HOUS.

Le Manor Horsham Road Findon BN14 0RH
Ref. No: SDNP/20/02028/CND

A one bedroom ground floor house, courtyard and covered parking space, with art studio and roof garden for the occupier, on the first floor, set behind a new flint boundary wall to Nepcote Lane (as a replacement for the existing

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7 Nepcote Lane Findon Worthing West Sussex BN14 0SF
Ref. No: SDNP/20/02071/PRE

Demolition of existing property and construction of new property in the same position within the site

Le Manor Horsham Road Findon West Sussex BN14 0RH
Ref. No: SDNP/20/02088/PRE

Formation of new front entrance and minor internal works.

Downsedge House Stable Lane Findon BN14 0RR
Ref. No: SDNP/20/01911/HOUS

Notice of intention to fell 1 No. Large Oak Tree which has split and has internal damage

Pond Green Rear of The Square Findon West Sussex
Ref. No: SDNP/20/01888/DDDT

Change of use from B1 to D1 (office to Dog Grooming Academy).

2 Old Stocks Nepcote Lane Findon BN14 0SA
Ref. No: SDNP/20/01805/FUL

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