



HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR APRIL 2021 EDITION

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings take place remotely and the Council encourages everyone to attend via Zoom or phone. If you would like to attend, please contact the Clerk who will be able to help.

The Government has started to plan for meetings to take place in person from mid-May. When details are available, the Council will publicise the arrangements.

In the meantime, the **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place using Zoom on **Monday, 19 April at 7:30pm**. It will be an opportunity to hear about what the Council is, and has, been doing over the past year. If you have any particular issues which you would like to discuss and have added to the Agenda, please contact the Clerk.

PARISH AND BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2021

**HAVE YOU EVER
CONSIDERED BEING A
PARISH
COUNCILLOR?**

Local Council elections are taking place on 6 May. If you have ever thought about becoming involved in this valuable work and supporting our parish community, consider becoming a Parish Councillor.

Information is now available on the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council website:

<https://tunbridgewells.gov.uk/council/voting-and-elections/nominations>

However, the delivery of nomination papers closes on 8 April so you will want to act quickly if you have not already done so.

COVID-19

The Council appreciates all the hard work residents of the Parish are continuing to carry out to support the community. If there are issues you would like to raise with the Council, please contact the Clerk who will be able to help.

The Government website continues to give up-to-date information so please use this link to look for information: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

CHALLENGES WITH THE INSTITUTE CLOCK

Many of you will have known that repair and maintenance works have been taking place on the clock on the Institute building. It was reinstated by some further worn-out parts were identified which meant that one face did not work. Since it is an antique, this type of problem can occur. We hope that by the time you read this, it will have been repaired and the clock will continue to work for many more years and we must thank John Couchman for his sterling efforts winding it and to the clock ringing into the future.

ALLOTMENTS

The Council is still looking for a suitable site for allotments and is keen to hear from anyone who may have land or ideas which could be available for this worthwhile amenity. Please contact the Clerk who will be pleased to answer any questions.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN THE PARISH

The Ramblers Association is currently seeking to find lost footpaths and public rights of way around the country which will be lost if they are not recorded. Their website gives interesting information about how the old, historic paths can be saved into the future. Take a look on their website:

<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/>

Since we are walking a lot more at the moment (and will definitely do so now that the Spring is on its way), there is great value in keeping as many paths as possible open. The Parish Council has created a working group to consider local lost paths and if this interests you, please contact the Clerk.

In addition to this, if you see any problems with paths, Kent County Council has a useful website where you can report faults. Use this link to record the information: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way>

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH AND PLANNING

Planning applications are continuing even though meetings are online. If you want to know about any local applications, use this link to find out about them: <https://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/planning/applications/search>

GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL

Did you know that there is an easy way to contact the Council via our website? Use the "Contract" link on the home page to raise any issues which need our help.

<http://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/default.aspx>



The Clerk is also available to help either by email and phone:

Lucy Noakes (Clerk)

Clerk to Horsmonden Parish Council

Telephone: 01892 724989 (to leave a message)

Mobile: 07484 904765

E-mail: clerk@horsmonden-pc.gov.uk

JOHN, if you have space, your layout for these numbers was really great.

SOME USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS:

NHS: 111

Kent Highways Service: 03000 418181

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council: 01892 526121

Environment Agency 24-hour Flood line:

08459 881188

Emergencies only: 999

Non-emergency Police Line: 101

UK Power Networks – Power cut: 0800 31 63 105 on a landline or 0333 32 32 105 (if calling from a mobile).