



## HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS DECEMBER 2020/ EDITION

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council was looking forward to being able to restart public meetings at the Village Hall but Government guidelines mean these have to continue to be held by Zoom for both the full Parish Council and Planning Committee meetings. To attend any of the public meetings, just contact the Clerk who will be able to provide joining instructions. Agendas are published on the Council website, on Facebook and are displayed on the noticeboards.

Everyone is encouraged to attend so that you can raise important issues affecting you and the parish.

### NEW WALKERS MAP

We told you last month about the most generous legacy from a parishioner which has financed a new Walkers map which has been made and installed on the south side of the village green. It shows the wealth of footpaths around the parish. It is also published on our website which means you can have a copy with you during your walks.

The legacy will also allow further maps and information to be installed so watch out for these over the coming months.



### LOST FOOTPATHS

The Ramblers Association has now published its data about lost footpaths around the UK which are not registered as "Public Rights of Way". In Kent alone

there are more than 1300 paths which have been identified. We have some in the parish and will be asking for help from residents to get them registered as soon as possible.

There is some interesting information about this work on the Ramblers Association website. Here is a link to their site: <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/>

The Council is reviewing all the local paths which were identified and will keep you updated on the progress to save these important historic paths.

### NEW DEFIBRILLATOR IN THE VILLAGE HALL

The Council has been able to access grant funding for an additional defibrillator for the village. It will be installed in the Village Hall and supports the others around the village and means there is a good spread of these important pieces of equipment for use in an emergency.

In addition to the defibrillator itself, the supplier will be able to give free training for up to 50 people on its use. While there is no date set for this yet, if you would like to be trained, please contact the Clerk so she can let you know once group training is allowed.

You could help save someone's life.

### VILLAGE PLAY AREA

Under current Government rules, the village play area has been allowed to stay open. This is a great benefit for children to be able to stay active and be out in the fresh air, even during the winter months.

Please remember to follow the "Rules & Guidance for Use" published at the play area, particularly with social distancing and mixing bubbles. Users must also take care and remember to use sanitiser. It is also being monitored but should it become clear that the guidance is not being followed, the Parish Council will have a duty to close it.

### PUBLIC TOILETS

We have been experiencing some vandalism in the public toilets recently where toilets and sinks have been blocked with paper causing flooding and unpleasant mess on the floors.

The cleaning contractor has made great efforts to keep the toilets clean but there does appear to be an increase in these problems over recent weeks.

If you do see any issues with the public toilets, please contact the Clerk.

#### **NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Have you looked at our new website? We hope so because it is coming along quite well although there is still plenty to do to make it a really useful source of information and material in the parish. It is at the same website address: [www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk](http://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk)  
Let us know what you think and give us your suggestions about improvements and other details you would like to see on it.

#### **TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH AND PLANNING**

It is important that planning applications in the parish are considered by everyone and residents' views and comments about planning are recorded. Here is link to the planning page where you can check for applications:  
<https://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/planning/applications/search>

You will also find a list of TWBC planning applications for the Borough on our website. These are published each time we receive them.

Please feel free to contact the Clerk with any issues:  
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#### **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).