



## HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR JULY 2021 EDITION

### PARISH COUNCILLORS - VACANCY

As we said last month, the current Parish Councillors are continuing their work following the local and parish council elections in May. However, it is looking for a new councillor to be co-opted. If you would like to apply for this role, notices about the role will be available shortly, both on the Parish Council website and on noticeboards.

The Council wants to support the Parish and being a councillor offers an opportunity to share your views and those of other local residents to make decisions for the benefit of the whole parish.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Public Parish Council meetings are back though with COVID-19 safety guidelines. There are still some Government rules and guidelines in place, particularly relating to numbers who can attend, so if you do want to come along, please make sure you check the agenda for details.

The Government website continues to give information and guidance. Here is a link:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

### HELP BECOME CARBON NEUTRAL

Climate change is an issue which concerns many people. The Parish Council, along with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, wants to work towards the important targets set out by the Government and environmental bodies.

The Council is aware of a number of local groups and organisations who are already helping make a difference and is reviewing its policies and procedures to make its own changes. If you are interested in becoming involved in this with the Council, please contact the Clerk who will be able to update you on current plans and actions towards these goals.

### GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 2021

As part of the Great British Spring Clean 2021, Parish councillors decided to take part as a small group this year rather than trying to arrange the bigger event.

So, on Sunday, 13 June, some were able to get together to clean up around the village. It was very worthwhile. As part of the mission for the Great British Spring

Clean, people and groups around the country registered to help make 1.15 million miles of outdoor space cleaner.



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### ALLOTMENTS

The Council continues the search for a suitable site for allotments and would like to hear from anyone who may have land or ideas of space which could be made available for this worthwhile amenity. Please contact the Clerk who will be pleased to answer any questions.

### LOST PATHS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN THE PARISH

Now that so many of us are travelling further afield it is still important to remember our footpaths and the importance of saving them for the future.

The Ramblers Association website has lots of information about this and are leading this important project: <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/>

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN THE BOROUGH

The Council is aware of concerns about planning applications and developments in the Parish. The Council has an opportunity to comment on local applications but it is even more important that residents record their own comments directly to TWBC about developments.

While the Council will always comment, TWBC will take residents' comments seriously so please do take time to use this opportunity to have your voice heard.

It is easy to keep in touch about applications. Sign up to hear about local applications. Here is a link to the TWBC page:

<https://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/planning/applications/search>

#### **STAFF VACANCY**

The Parish Council has a vacancy for an Assistant Clerk to the Council, working to support the Clerk and Council members. If you are interested in this part-time role, please look at the advertisement in this edition.

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](mailto:clerk@horsmonden-pc.gov.uk)

#### **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).