



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

PARISH COUNCILLORS

Following the local and parish council elections in May, the Parish Council had an uncontested election which means councillors who entered their nominations will continue their work for local residents and local issues.

Most of the current councillors are continuing their roles but there will be an opportunity for one more councillor to be co-opted. If you would like to apply for this role, please keep an eye out for notices about it or contact the Clerk.

The Council wants to support the Parish in these changing times and will continue to do that in whatever way it can. Thoughts and input from parishioners are always welcome and valued so do contact the Clerk with whatever queries or concerns you may have.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings have returned to face-to-face events now which allow the public to attend all the Council's public meetings. 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.

If a large number of people want to attend, due to restricted numbers, some may have to attend remotely.

COVID-19

We are all very excited about the changes which now allow us to spend more time with family and friends and we look forward to further opening-up over the coming weeks.

The Government website gives up-to-date information so it is worth looking at it for any changes to guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

NEW VILLAGE MAPS

The village has two new maps on the Heath – an updated Conservation Area map and another showing details about the old Hop Pickers Line which used to come through the village.

The Council will be holding an event on 26 June to celebrate having these new maps which enhance information and history in the area. Look out for

further details either by the Parish Council or the Hop Pickers Line

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

The Council's group of councillors working on the search for lost footpaths in the Parish continues apace. They are reporting their findings to allow the Parish to apply for the most important ones to be included in the official public rights of way maps.

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

If you see any problems with existing 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

It is a busy time for planning applications at the moment. If you want to know about any local applications, use this link to find out about them and make comment: <https://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/planning/applications/search>

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

Lucy Noakes (Clerk)

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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).