



HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FEBRUARY 2021 EDITION

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council continues to hold its monthly Council meetings and Planning Committee meetings remotely, as it is still unable to hold these as 'face to face' meetings, as yet.

Everyone is welcome to attend and If you would like to do so, please contact the Clerk who can supply joining instructions for the Zoom meetings. Agendas are also published on the Council website, on Facebook and are displayed on the noticeboards.

We look forward to welcoming residents to physical meetings once the Government guidelines allow us to hold them.

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

2021 CENSUS

You are now probably aware that the Census is taking place this year on 21 March. This happens every ten years and gives a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. It is unique and gives organisations information to help plan appropriate services and facilities into the future. The Parish Council encourages you to take part to help ensure the information is available to help give suitable support and services to our community.

(If you are one of the many people who use the Census to research your family background, you will appreciate the value of the details they contain.)

PARISH AND BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2021

Local Council elections were postponed last year until May 2021.

The Government is currently planning for them to take place this year on 6 May. Tunbridge Wells Borough Council will publicise them and the Parish Council will be asking residents who may be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor to initially contact the Clerk, so that we can ensure they have the correct information. All nominations to become a Councillor will then be made via the Borough Council.

More information on the procedures to be followed and timescales for applying will be published, as soon as it is available from the Borough Council, so if you are

interested please keep an eye on our website, Facebook page and noticeboards.

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>

ALLOTMENTS

Please see the Parish Council's notice about allotments in this edition of the Parish News.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN THE PARISH

Many of us are taking the opportunity to walk more using the varied public rights of way (footpaths) for their daily local exercise.

These can become damaged through flooding or breaking down of stiles and gates. If you see issues, 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

There have been quite a lot of planning applications considered by TWBC recently so if you would like to comment on any local applications, use this link to find out about them:

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

You can also attend the monthly Planning Committee meetings via Zoom which are listed on the Agenda published on the Parish Council website and Facebook and put onto the noticeboards on the green and Village Hall.

The Clerk is always available to help either by email, phone or using the website Contact page:
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

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).