

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

The NHP steering group have now set the dates for the Visioning Event and Design Forums which will take place at the Village Hall.

The Visioning Event is a first chance to look at the consultation materials which our consultants Feria, will have had chance to put together following the initial inception day and site visits. All the village clubs and societies have been invited to send a representative along to this event to share their ideas for the village. This will take place during April in the Village Hall.

The Three-Day Forum is a public event and will give a chance for all members of society to come along and makes comments and suggestions. The forum will take place on:

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** –Public session 9.30am until 4pm and ‘drop in’ session 6pm until 8pm

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – Public session 9.30am until 4pm followed by a public presentation form 7.30pm until 9.30pm

**And Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June** form 9.30am until 4pm public session

The Three Day Design Forum is likely to generate a huge amount of material including sketch plans, diagrams, photos, supporting text, design concepts, planning principles and draft ideas for delivery and implementation. The Feria Urbanism team will gather all this material together into a short report. This document will clarify the vision and objectives for the Horsmonden Neighbourhood Plan. It will also set out details of any proposed ideas for change, including site allocations, and for managing change through written policies and plans.

The report will also “tell the story” of the process so far, including the themes from the Visioning Event and the ideas and concepts generated at the Three Day Design Forum.

So please look out for more information about these events especially if you have been chosen to represent a particular organisation as your ideas are extremely important in the process.

### **TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS**

Following the latest traffic accident on the crossroads, Kent Highways officer Mike Hardy met with Cllrs Davis and Russell, to discuss the traffic engineer’s further recommendations for the Lamberhurst road, leading up to the junction.

The Parish Council were assured by Cllr Hamilton (KCC) that any improvements identified by the engineers as benefitting safety would be implemented as soon as possible by KCC, and that hopefully this would mean

that measures can be put in place in a matter of weeks rather than months.

MP Greg Clarke has also offered his support in trying to find a solution to this matter.

The council will put further information on their website as soon as further details can be provided by KHS.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

At the recent Parish Council meeting, Ralph Stevens was thanked for his efforts with snow clearing during the recent inclement weather and also for delivering bags of salt and grit to various organisations around the village.

The Parish Council has a supply of grit and salt which it can dispense to organisations around the village who require salt to keep their pathways and entrances clear and safe, although the responsibility for administering the salt remains with the organisation concerned.

If you are an organisation and require salt or grit please contact the clerk on the number below who can put you into contact with Ralph.

### **DONATION**

The Parish Council recently granted £1000 to the local Historical Society to help them purchase a fireproof cabinet which the Social Club have kindly offered to locate in the snooker room of the Institute. This will keep important and irreplaceable artefacts and documents safe and enable them to be available for years to come.

### **KENT ARCHIVES**

The Parish Council will shortly be arranging to move its older minute books to Kent Archives for safe and accessible storage. This will mean that the documents will become more available for members of the public to examine, as in their current location the council has nowhere suitable to enable members of the public to examine these records. The Kent Archives will keep the documents on loan for 20 years under the current arrangements.

### **FORTH COMING MEETING DATES**

Parish Council meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Planning Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council -8th May 2018

### **AND IF YOU ONLY MAKE ONE MEETING THIS YEAR..... SAVE THE DATE:**

## **The Annual Parish Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

This is the once a year chance for parishioners to have their own meeting and raise issues which are of interest

to them, as well as hearing an update from the Parish Council on their past year's activities and the parish precept for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. It is also a chance to catch up with others in the village and try some good refreshments too!

**DONT FORGET TO LOOK AT WEBSITE AT [www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk](http://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk) FOR ANYTHING YOU WISH TO KNOW ABOUT THE COUNCIL OR ITS ACTIVITIES.** There is also a lot of other useful information on the site, such as dust cart timetable, local road works etc. You can sign up for email alerts which will let you know when a news item has gone on site!

Please feel free to contact the clerk, as below.  
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**USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS:**

*Kent Highways services 03000 418181*  
*Tunbridge wells Borough Council 01892 526121*  
*Environment Agency 24-hour Flood line:*  
*08459881188*  
*PCSO Jenkins - 079769584279*  
*Non-emergency Police line – 101*  
*Emergencies only - 999*  
***UK Power net works – Power cut -0800 31 63 105 on a landline or 0333 32 32 105 (if calling from a mobile)***