

**HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS
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PARISH COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

At their meeting on the 4th June the Parish Council were pleased to formally appoint Jackie Stanton to the position of Assistant Clerk to the Council, upon the recommendation of the Council's interview panel.

The Council had received over twenty applications for the position following is advertisement in Wealden Advertiser earlier in the year. From the list of applicants, five candidates were chosen by the interview panel for further consideration and interview and following the withdrawal of one candidate, four were interviewed by the panel on 25th May. All candidates had been of an extremely high standard.

The Council will be pleased to welcome Mrs Stanton to start work alongside the Clerk as from the end of July.

TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS

As this article goes to print, we are awaiting notification as to when the final elements of the improvements at the cross roads will be put in place. The buff coloured road surfacing has been laid on both the Maidstone Road and Lamberhurst Road sides of the crossroads, and some new white lining and signage has been put in by KHS, however the scheme is due to be completed in the next few weeks.

The Parish Council is also waiting to receive the go head for repositioning the 30mph signage on the Brenchley Road and for implementing its new village gateways which will mark the four entrances to the village and the beginning of the 30mph speed limit zones. These items were part of the Parish Council's scheme to try and improve road safety and decrease speeding through the village.

HOVEC SUMMER FESTIVAL.

HoVEC (Horsmonden Village events Committee) and the Primary School booked the Village green for their summer events weekend on 8th, 9th and 10th June and this was a very busy and well attended weekend.

The Parish Council would like to thank all those members of HoVEC and the school events committee plus other volunteers who all came together and worked so hard to provide a successful weekend of entertainment and festivities for everyone.

BRICK KILN LANE.

The Parish Council have been informed by Kent Highways services that Brick Kiln Lane will remain closed outside The Mill House, until 19th September to allow for reconstruction of a collapsed culvert by the road repairs team. The alternative route is via Goudhurst Road, B2079 Ballard's Hill/North Road, Lidwell's Lane, Smallbridge Road and vice versa.

THE BIG CONVERSATION.

If you use local bus services, you may wish to know that KCC are holding a consultation about the provision of local, rural bus services and how they provide them, for 8 weeks ending on 8th August 2018.

KCC want to find out if there is a better, more sustainable way of providing transport to rural communities not currently served by commercial operators.

They are working with transport and technology providers, District/Parish/Town Councils, stakeholder organisations and communities across Kent to identify potential ideas to develop new ways of delivering rural transport.

KCC wish to use the opportunity for all stakeholders to provide feedback on the ideas presented as they develop potential alternative delivery models for rural transport. They wish to encourage participation within the county in order to understand the needs of local residents.

Once they have explored potential ideas with the market and completed engagement with residents, future delivery models will be further developed by KCC.

You can find out more about the consultation, KCC's ideas and a list of public meetings about all of this at:

www.kent.gov.uk/bigconversation

However, the most local meeting will be held on **11th July from 7pm-9pm at the High Weald Academy, Cranbrook TN17 2PJ.**

FORTH COMING MEETING DATES

Monday 2nd July - Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 17th July- Planning Committee Meeting.

AUGUST – No full Council meeting planned

Tuesday 14th August – Planning Committee Meeting.

Monday 3rd September – Parish Council Meeting

DONT FORGET TO LOOK AT WEBSITE AT 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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