

**RUBBISH – HORSMONDEN’S GREAT BRITISH
SPRING CLEAN EVENT ON SATURDAY 4TH
MARCH**

A huge ‘thank you’ to everyone who turned up and helped at the litter picking event on Saturday 4th March. It was again a great success and the village looks so much cleaner for it!

Special thanks also to all those who went out litter picking on their own and did some of the areas outside the village centre which we cannot cover in our litter picking event. Bill Cheesman deserves a special mention, as he picked up no less than 47 bags of litter from the Lamberhurst and Goudhurst ends of the village all on his own!

**CIVIC AMENITIES VEHICLE – SUNDAY
DUSTCART.**

There has been some confusion since the service changes on a Sunday, so just to confirm; the dustcart now only comes **fortnightly** to the village from 9.30am until 11am and provides an alternate collection of garden waste (compostable) once a month and domestic non recyclable waste once a month.

The schedule for the forthcoming weeks are as follows:

- 9th April – domestic waste
- 2nd April – garden waste
- 7th May – domestic waste
- 21st May – garden waste

This does not affect the normal household waste collections which take place from your doorstep during each week.

BETTER BROADBAND SUBSIDY SCHEME

The UK government is committed to providing every home and business across the country with access to a basic broadband service.

If you can’t get a broadband speed of at least 2Mb per second, you could qualify for a subsidised connection worth up to £350 to boost your internet speed

To find out if you are eligible:

Visit **basicbroadbandchecker.culture.gov.uk** to find out if you are eligible for a subsidy

- Fill out a simple application form
- If you qualify you will be emailed a unique code
- Use the code with selected service providers to get a subsidised broadband service

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Our Annual parish Meeting will take place on Monday 15th May this year, as usual in the Village Hall.

The Council welcome you with refreshments at 7pm and the meeting will commence at 7.30pm.

The council have invited Kelvin Hinton from TWBC to the meeting as our special guest speaker this year as there has been some local interest shown in this subject. We hope that our guest will be able to give us all an overview of how Neighbourhood planning works and what can be achieved through a NH plan as this may help the village to decide if it is a worthwhile exercise.

We also have Mark Musgrave from the National Trust coming to speak about the National Trust’s work in the area and more specifically at Sprivers.

The Annual Parish Meeting is open to all parishioners and is an opportunity for parishioners to raise any issues which they feel are important and may need further consideration, or to ask any questions which they have. The Parish Council host and are present at the event, but it is not a Parish Council meeting and does not follow the usual format.

The Council have their annual meeting on Monday 8th May and this is when all the annual administration of the council takes place such as renewals and declarations. The public are of course most welcome to come to this as well if they wish.

FORTH COMING MEETING DATES

Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 18th April

Planning Meeting - Tuesday 25th April

Annual Parish Council Meeting – 8th May

Annual Parish Meeting – 15th May

Planning Meeting - 23rd May

The meeting schedule for 2017 will be posted on the Notice boards and Parish Council website

**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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Tunbridge wells Borough Council 01892 526121

Environment Agency 24 hour Flood line:08459881188

PCSO Jenkins - 079769584279

Non emergency Police line – 101

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