

**HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS
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TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS IN HORSMONDEN

Parish Council members are due to hold several more meetings in the next month, firstly with Kent Highways Officers to discuss detailed options for the crossroads and then with Mike Whiting KCC, Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste and Greg Clark, our MP, to discuss the overview of these options. So, the ball is still rolling with this problem and solutions are trying to be found. The Parish Council hope to be able to report back more about the potential solutions at their meetings on 4th March and 1st April, if you are able to attend.

HORSMONDEN VILLAGE HALL

The front door has now been replaced and the new one seems to be very satisfactory. The Council are awaiting a date from Dukes Contractors to come and install the new granite kerbstones at the front of the hall, so hopefully you will see these soon.

FROMANDEZ DRIVE

The new posts have arrived and are in storage. We now await a date for installation which we hope will be very soon after this article is written.

SPEED WATCH EQUIPMENT

The Parish Council's application for two grants towards new Speedwatch equipment, were successful and the new equipment is now on order. We should be able to hand over the new equipment to the Speedwatch volunteers in the next month so that they can get used to using it for their next sessions.

The grants mean that the PC will only have to pay one third the costs of the new equipment (less than £800), with the other two thirds coming from the Police and Crime Commissioner and KCC.

STREET LIGHTING

The Parish Council have now commissioned our maintenance engineers PSR Lighting, to repaint the 45 street lights which the parish own, in order to keep them looking clean and tidy. Prior to this taking place we will need to write to several land owners who have street lights close to their property, asking them to clip back and remove vegetation from the posts in order to provide access. If you have street light near you, it would be most appreciated if you could please take the time to check if your garden vegetation requires clipping back to allow access to the post.

Unfortunately, the repaint cannot take place until all the posts are clear to paint.

Please note that not all of the lights in the village are owned by the Council. Those located in Morley Drive, Angley Court, Lamberts Place, Oliver's Court and Kirkin's Close are not owned by HPC. These lights will not be included in the repaint.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The PC have recently received an introduction from the new area Co-ordinator, who wishes to try and keep us up to date with Neighbourhood Watch. Horsmonden is not currently a member of the scheme as we no longer have a co-ordinator within the village. This is a shame as it means we are missing out on all the good advice and benefits which being a member of NH watch could provide us with.

If you have a little free time and feel you would like to serve your parish by volunteering to become Horsmonden's co-ordinator for Neighbourhood Watch, please contact the Clerk, who can put you in contact with the area co-ordinator.

FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

March Parish Council Meeting - 4th March
March Planning Meeting – 19th March
April Parish Council Meeting – 1st April
April Planning Meeting – 16th April
Annual Meeting of the Council -Tuesday7th May
Annual Parish Meeting - Monday13th May
May Planning Meeting - Tuesday 21st May

Please note that most Parish Council meetings take place in Horsmonden Village Hall , situated in Back Lane, and usually commence at 7.30pm, however meetings are subject to change and cancellation, so for confirmation of the time , date and venues please check the noticeboard on the Village Green or the Parish Council's website www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk

PLEASE CONSULT THE WEBSITE 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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Kent Highways services 03000 418181

Tunbridge wells Borough Council 01892 526121

Environment Agency 24-hour Flood line:

08459881188

PCSO Jenkins - 07969584279

Non-emergency Police line – 101

Emergencies only – 999

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