

### **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The Councillors have arranged to put up the annual Christmas lighting around the green in early December and they will be switched to coincide with the Christmas Festival arranged by HoVEC on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The lights are put up around the green by volunteer members of the council and could not be done without the expertise of Cllr Ralph Stevens, who stores and looks after all the lights on behalf of the Council. Ralph has been seen on many a wet and windy December night checking Christmas lights and replacing bulbs in order to make sure the lights remain on and look good for everyone throughout the festive season. So HUGE thanks to Ralph who has done this for years!

Keep a look out for details of all these local events which will put great start to our Christmas!

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

At their meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November the Parish Council agreed the to the appointment of Feria Urbanism as consultants to aid the steering group in the preparation of the NH plan. The fee agreed to appoint Feria Urbanism was £11400 plus reasonable expenses and VAT to complete tasks 1-6 of the project which would provide an Interim Report for the parish.

Cllrs White and Jenkinson offered to put themselves forward to be the council's appointed members of the NH steering group, with Cllr Jenkinson acting as the Council's liaison officer in this project.

Mrs Stanton very kindly offered her services to act as volunteer secretary to the steering group and the Council thanked her for stepping forward and offering to assist in this role.

In December it is hoped that an initial meeting of the Steering group will take place with Feria Urbanism to pave the way forward.

The Clerk to the council will be applying for a grant to assist with the expense of the project.

### **TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS PROJECT**

The Council made some progress with their Traffic solutions project and hope to be able to now move forward with the implementation of the Speed Indicator Devices (SID's) which will monitor traffic speeds and remind traffic moving through the village to keep within the speed limit. The SIDs will also record traffic speed data which can be used at a future date if required as evidence of the volume of traffic speeding through the village.

KCC are now processing the design work for the new village gateways and changes to the white lining on the Lamberhurst side of the cross roads.

### **EMERGENCY PLANNING**

Members of the council and volunteers assisting with this project met at the end of October to hold a 'table top' exercise. This exercise was used to see how the plan worked if an emergency situation was simulated. It highlighted points where the plan required some clarification or amendment. It is envisaged that these amendments will take place shortly and further table top exercises will take place.

Members of the council hope to have the Emergency Plan finalised and ready for presentation by the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2018.

### **FORTH COMING MEETING DATES**

**Parish Council Meeting – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**Finance Committee Meeting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**Please note that the new meeting schedule for 2018 will shortly be publicised on our notice boards and website as outlined below.**

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