

**HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS
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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 as our special guest speaker this year to talk about Neighbourhood planning and other planning issues. 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 Council also hope to give an update on the projects that they have been dealing with over the last year and any forthcoming issues which they will be dealing with.

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 attend any parish council meeting and can raise issues at the beginning of a meeting in the Public session, providing they have registered with the clerk beforehand.

KENT COUNTY COUNCILS POT HOLE BLITZ 2017

The following statement has been released by KCC:

Kent County Council launched its 2017 pothole blitz on 3 April. We are spending an extra £2.4million to repair local roads in Kent throughout spring and summer.

We used a team of local contractors for last year's pothole blitz and they successfully delivered more than 1,300 individual pothole repairs and 56,510 square meters of larger road repairs. We have made an early start on this year's pothole blitz by using the same contractors to repair potholes in April.

We would really value your local knowledge and support to help us make sure that we target roads that are important to your community. The quickest way to do this is to use our new online fault reporting tool available on our website www.kent.gov.uk/highways. We've made the form simpler and quicker to use, especially from mobile phones and tablets. You can keep in touch with us and find out what repairs are being carried out by following our new KCC Highways Facebook page (www.facebook.com/KentHighways) and on Twitter (@KentHighways - we'll be tagging all our pothole posts with the hashtag #Kentpotholes).

We will be publishing updates throughout the campaign, including 'before and after' photographs (taken as proof of quality workmanship), films of the crews showing how they repair both individual potholes and larger road repairs as well

as live information about the whereabouts of crews so that you can spot our crews in your area.

The pothole blitz work is being carried out in addition to our normal maintenance work, and we are still continuing with our Keep Kent Clean campaign, which has seen our crews out across the county cleaning signs, re-painting white lines and maintaining shrubs. You can find out all about our Keep Kent Clean campaign on Facebook www.facebook.com/KeepKentClean or using searching #keepkentclean on Twitter.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL CONSULTATION.

TWBC will shortly be issuing its Local Plan issues and Options document and this will be subject of public consultation from 2 May to 12 June 2017. This is the first stage in the preparation of the Council's new Local Plan to guide future development in the borough up to 2033. It sets out TWBC's initial thoughts about what the new Local Plan should contain and the issues it should address.

Further information about this and the public exhibitions which will be held during May will appear on the TWBC web page in due course and the Parish Council will also provide as much information as it can on its website www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk, so keep a look out for more on this.

FORTH COMING MEETING DATES

Annual Parish Council Meeting – 8th May

Annual Parish Meeting – 15th May

Planning Committee Meeting - 23rd May

Parish Council meeting 12th June

Planning Committee Meeting 20th June

The full meeting schedule for 2017 is also 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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