

**INSTITUTE BUILDING (HORSMONDEN SOCIAL CLUB).**

The Institute is having a bit of a makeover! You may have noticed that the building has recently had a smart new front door in solid oak. This was arranged by members of the social club and has been paid for by the Parish Council, as landlords.

The council has also arranged for a complete overhaul of the roofs, with new ridge tiles being sourced to match the existing and replace the broken ones. The tile hung roofs have been refurbished, with the broken tiles being replaced where necessary, and the flat roofs have been swept off.

The builders and carpenters will be back in the next week or so to remove areas of rotten fascia and barge boards and replace with new wood, painted in, to match existing. The drainpipes will be re-secured and replaced in places where they are currently sagging.

Hopefully these works will help to ensure that the building remains water tight and secure for years to come so that it can continue to be used by the community.

**EMERGENCY PLANNING**

The Council is now in the final stages of testing its Emergency Plan to identify any snags and make the final necessary changes. Once this is done the Plan will be circulated so that it can be put in place if an Emergency situation should arise. Horsmonden is currently the only parish in the Tunbridge Wells Borough to get this far with its emergency plan.

**POT HOLES**

Kent Highways Services are now starting to fill some of the pot holes which have emerged thorough out the winter, although I am sure you will agree that there are plenty left. Pot holes and other problems with the Highway can be reported directly to KHS by going on to the KCC website at [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk) and then clicking on 'Roads and Travel', followed by 'Report a Problem'.

**FLYTIPPING**

There has been a recent spate of fly tipping again and it is important to report this to TWBC not only to make sure that it gets cleared away but also to ensure that the Borough Council gets a true representation of how much fly tipping is going on and whether it is increasing or decreasing with the fluctuation of other services.

Fly tipping can be reported on line by going on to the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council website:

[www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk](http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk) and then clicking on the 'Report it ' tab where you will see a long list of items which can be reported including fly tipping.

Alternatively, you can telephone the Borough Council on

01892 526121 and ask to report the problem, where upon you will be put through to the correct department.

**TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS/ACCIDENTS AT THE HORSMONDEN CROSSROADS.**

The Parish council's traffic solutions project was designed to try and reduce the speed of traffic moving through the village and improve safety of the village as a whole and it is important to realise that the designs for this project were considered and their implementation began prior to the recent spate of accidents occurring at the crossroads. The changes coming from the Parish Councils traffic solutions project, will not therefore necessarily assist with preventing the type of accidents we have recently been witnessing at the crossroads.

On two separate occasions following accidents at the crossroads, Kent Highways services have sent independent safety officers to look at the road layout and signage and suggest improvements to try and prevent further incidents. Kent Highways services are now awaiting the outcomes of this professional advice to determine the best way forward.

The Parish Council is in continuous contact with KHS to try and move things forward as quickly as possible and work towards the best solution. As soon as we have any further information we will post it on our website and noticeboards.

Any changes made to the roads and crossroads are under the direct control of Kent Highways Services, who have to follow a stringent set of rules and regulations.

**FORTH COMING MEETING DATES**

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council -8th May 2018 @7.30pm

The Annual Parish Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> May @ 7pm for refreshments with 7.30pm start.

**The Annual Parish Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

This is the once a year chance for parishioners to have their own meeting and raise issues which are of interest to them, as well as hearing an update from the Parish Council on their past year's activities and the parish precept for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

It is also a chance to catch up with others in the village and try some good refreshments too!

**DONT FORGET TO LOOK AT WEBSITE AT [www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk](http://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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**Office open to the public: Mon & Wed 9am-3pm , Fri 9am -12pm .**

**USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS:**

*Kent Highways services 03000 418181*

*Tunbridge wells Borough Council 01892 526121*

*Environment Agency 24-hour Flood line:*

*08459881188*

*PCSO Jenkins - 079769584279*

*Non-emergency Police line – 101*

*Emergencies only - 999*

*UK Power net works – Power cut -0800 31 63 105 on a landline or 0333 32 32 105 (if calling from a mobile)*