



HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2022 EDITION

INSTALLATION OF THE WILLIAM LAMBERT PLAQUE AT THE INSTITUTE BUILDING (SOCIAL CLUB)

The William Lambert plaque is now in place at the Institute Building and is looking great. Expert stone masons have designed the new surrounding brickwork so that it is in keeping with the existing building and we think they have done an excellent job.

The photo below is a group of local volunteers who gave their time to help move the plaque from the side of the Institute and into position at the front of the building. It was not an easy job as the plaque is incredibly heavy so a big thank you to them – we couldn't have done it without you!



There will be a formal unveiling of the plaque soon and details regarding this will follow. Please keep an eye on the Parish Council website for updates

<https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/>

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Residents are encouraged to attend the monthly public Council meetings which cover general matters and also planning applications.

There is no meeting in August but the next full Council meeting takes place on Monday, 5 September.

HORSMONDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – CONSULTATION

The Parish Council submitted its Neighbourhood Development Plan to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council on the 20th June 2022.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council is now inviting representations on the Horsmonden Neighbourhood Development Plan for an eight-week period from Monday 4 July 2022 until 5pm on Monday 29 August 2022. All representations received from this consultation will be forwarded to an independent Examiner appointed to examine the Neighbourhood Plan.

The submitted Plan, supporting documents and instructions on how to submit your comments can be viewed here:

<https://tunbridgewells.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-plans/horsmonden>

A paper copy is also available for viewing by appointment at the Horsmonden Parish Council offices at the Horsmonden Village Hall. Please phone 01892 724989 to arrange an appointment.

NEW BOROUGH COUNILLOR FOR BRENCHLEY AND HORSMONDEN

The Parish Council were pleased to welcome our new Borough Councillor Steve McMillan to their July parish council meeting, where he introduced himself and listened to the discussions. Steve takes over from Alan Mc Dermot as the new Borough Councillor for Brenchley and Horsmonden, alongside Cllr Jane March.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN THE BOROUGH

The Council is aware of concerns about planning applications and developments in the Parish. The Council has an opportunity to comment on local applications but it is even more important that residents record their own comments directly to TWBC about developments.

While the Council will always comment, TWBC will take residents' comments seriously so please do take time to use this opportunity to have your voice heard.

It is easy to keep in touch about applications. Sign up to hear about local applications. Here is a link to the TWBC page:

<https://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/planning/applications/search>

REPORTING A PROBLEM ON A ROAD, PAVEMENT OR A FOOTPATH

If you notice any problems whilst out walking in the village you can report non-urgent issues including broken stiles, overgrown vegetation, fallen trees or dangerous path surfaces directly to Kent County Council via the following link:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way>

If you notice any problems on a road or pavement such as street light faults, potholes or drainage issues you can report directly to Kent County Council here:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

HORSMONDEN COMMUNITY GARDEN

Are you waiting for an allotment or wanting to grow your own vegetables this year? The Community Garden in Horsmonden would love to welcome newcomers with beds ready to be put into production. Please call 01892 722566 if you are interested in finding out more.

LORRY WATCH

If you regularly notice lorries that are using unsuitable roads or not sticking to the limits and restrictions on our local roads, you may wish to consider joining 'Lorry Watch'. This is a scheme run by Kent County Council where information on lorries that are thought to be using unsuitable roads can be collated and passed on to Kent Police for further investigation. Kent Police can find the vehicle's registered keeper and if the vehicle is ignoring the legal limits and restrictions, the police will contact the company and warn them that if they continue it may result in formal action.

Anyone can be a member of Lorry Watch, you simply email freight@kent.gov.uk or use KCC's online reporting tool.

The Clerk is also available to help either by email and phone:

Lucy Noakes (Clerk)

Clerk to Horsmonden Parish Council

Telephone: 01892 724989 (to leave a message)

Mobile: 07484 904765

E-mail: clerk@horsmonden-pc.gov.uk

SOME USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS:

NHS: 111

Kent Highways Service: 03000 418181

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council: 01892 526121

Environment Agency 24-hour Flood line:

08459 881188

Emergencies only: 999

Non-emergency Police Line: 101

UK Power Networks – Power cut: 0800 31 63 105 on a landline or 0333 32 32 105 (if calling from a mobile)