



**HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS
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THE HORSMONDEN DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP

The Parish Council has recently formed a new group called the Horsmonden Development Advisory Group to discuss and provide feedback and information to the Parish Council about developments in the village. The Group will consist of five Parish Councillors including the Chair and Vice Chair, and up to three members of the parish, appointed by the Council. If you are interested in becoming an appointed member from the parish please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible for further details.

LAND EAST OF HORSMONDEN (BASSETTS FARM)

At the time of writing, the new application for the proposed development at Bassett's Farm has not been received by the Parish Council, however it is expected imminently. Once received the application will be added to the next Parish Council meeting agenda for discussion by Councillors.

Please keep an eye on the Parish Councils website and Facebook pages for any updates. You can also visit the TWBC portal and search for the application directly via the following link:

<https://twbcpa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple>

PARKING AT THE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall car park is a private car park for use by hirers of the hall only. Unfortunately, there are often vehicles that are parked in the car park that are not involved with any groups hiring the hall and are therefore taking up valuable spaces.

As owners of the car park, the Parish Council are regularly monitoring this and may be forced to take further action if the problem continues.

THE INSTITUTE BUILDING – WORKS TO THE CLOCK TOWER

The Parish Council will soon be arranging for some essential repairs to be carried out to the Clock Tower at the Institute Building. This will involve removing the clock faces / mechanism and putting it into storage to keep it safe whilst structural works are carried out to the tower.

We hope that work will start in March/April and last no longer than 8 weeks in total. Please keep an eye on the Parish Council website / Facebook pages for any updates.

REPORTING A PROBLEM ON A ROAD, PAVEMENT OR A FOOTPATH

Unfortunately, recent weather conditions have led to some problems on the roads and pavements around the village. If you notice any issues such as potholes, drainage problems or overgrown vegetation you can report directly to Kent County Council here:

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

If you notice any problems on a public right of way such as broken stiles, fallen trees or dangerous path surfaces you can report directly to Kent County Council here:

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

ROADWORKS – SHARING INFORMATION

The village and surrounding area often experience a lot of disruption due to Kent County Council roadworks. We are often advised of them very close to the date they are taking place. The details are published on the Parish Council website and Facebook page as soon as they are received so please regularly check these for information. You can look at planned roadworks in the area using the following link:

<https://one.network/uk/kent>

2024 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

The Parish Council noticeboard and website has now been updated with the new Council meeting dates for 2024. The agendas for each meeting will be published on the Parish Council website and are displayed on both noticeboards.

We always encourage members of the public to attend these meetings so that you can raise important issues affecting you and the Parish.

If you would like attend an upcoming meeting, please contact the Parish Clerk.

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)