



HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR JUNE 2024 EDITION

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP FOLLOWING THE MAY ELECTIONS

We are delighted to welcome back many of our previous Parish Councillors following the May election procedure and congratulate our new Councillor, Diane Baylis, who was co-opted on to the Council on the 13th May 2024. The Parish Councillors look forward to working together and with parish volunteers on all future aspects of Council business over the forthcoming term of office

BASSETTS FARM APPLICATION 24/00078/HYBRID

The Parish Council have been working closely with the Bassetts Farm Forum (BFF) with regards to this application and are currently preparing their 3-minute speech ready for when the application scheduled to be considered by the TWBC Planning Committee. At this stage, we do not know when this will happen but the earliest possible dates are 19 June or 24 July. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages for updates regarding this.

The Parish Council would again like to thank the Bassetts Farm Forum for their invaluable support throughout this process.

PARISH COUNCIL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS

The Parish Council has now completed its Annual Governance and Accountability Return together with internal auditing for the year ending 31st March 2024 and has sent all the relevant information off to the external auditors, Mazaars LLP who are responsible for completing the external audit.

Details of the accounts will be posted on the Parish Council's website under 'Finances and Audit' and will be available for public viewing by appointment from 3rd June to 12th July 2024.

BEE FRIENDLY AT FROMANDEZ DRIVE

Last year, the Parish Council made the decision to put their 'Planting for Nature' scheme into action. Following advice from KCC, the site at Fromandez Drive was deemed the most suitable for wild flower planting. In May 2023, three small areas were temporarily fenced and planted with wild flower seeds including Yellow Rattle and the grass was left to grow and go to

seed. It was then cut once the seeds had fallen and removed at the beginning of September.

There are a wonderful group of volunteers who have just met recently to carry out some weeding and general tidying up of the area and as you can see from the photos, they are doing a great job!



If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the Bee Friendly group please contact the Parish Office.

CPR AND DEFIBRILLATOR FAMILIARISATION TRAINING – 25TH JUNE 2024

There are still some spaces available for CPR & Defibrillator Training on the 25th June. This is FREE training hosted by the Wealden Community First Responders.

Did you know that more than 30,000 people suffer cardiac arrests outside of hospital in the UK every year? If this happens in front of a bystander, who starts CPR immediately, the patient's chances of survival double.

There will be two sessions held at Horsmonden Village Hall at 18.00-19.00 and 19.30–20.30. Spaces are limited so if you wish to attend please contact the Parish Office on 01892 724989 or via email assistantclerk@horsmonden-pc.gov.uk.

THE HOVEC SUMMER FESTIVAL 2024

It is only a few days until this year's HoVEC Summer Festival and it promises to be bigger and better than ever before!

This four-day event is organised by a team of extremely dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to make sure everyone has a great time. A big thank you to HoVEC for all that you do – we can't wait!

For full details of the schedule for the weekend please visit: <https://hovec.co.uk/>

WORKS AT THE CLOCK TOWER

The works at the Clock Tower are ongoing and unfortunately, are taking longer than we had hoped. The Parish Council are now in the process of applying for a grant from the TWBC West Kent Rural Grant Scheme which, if successful, could fund up to 50% of the cost of a new pitched roof. Unfortunately, this process has caused a delay as we now have to wait for a decision from TWBC but we hope that during the summer the anticipated works to the Clock Tower will be complete.

The Parish Council would like to thank parishioners for their continued support and patience whilst these works are ongoing.

REPORTING A PROBLEM ON A ROAD, PAVEMENT OR A FOOTPATH

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>

For more information, please visit Sevenoaks District Council's website: <https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/westkentrural-grants>

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)