



## HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR MARCH 2022 EDITION

### **REQUEST FOR HELP TO PROTECT A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE**

**Many thanks to those parishioners who have filled in forms to assist with trying to save the** footpath extending from the Maidstone Road (next to the Kings Head) around the back of the chemist and out onto the Brenchley Road.

Unfortunately to proceed with this application to save the footpath, the PC need quite a few more parishioners to step forward and do this, as we have to provide sufficient evidence that the path has been well used over the years. If we do not receive enough evidence the PC will be unable to proceed with the claim and the future for this footpath could be uncertain.

if you have regularly used this path and are willing to sign a statement to say so, please contact the Clerk who will be able to provide you with further details.

### **PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS – FUNDING AVAILABLE**

The Parish Council still has a small amount of funds set aside to help local projects and charities which will benefit Horsmonden Parishioners. Applications for these fund can be applied for up to 31 March 2022, so if you have a worthwhile local project please consider making an application.

For further information about who is eligible for this and how to apply please visit our website page (under Council /Booking forms and Grant Applications) [https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/ UserFiles/Files/Forms%20and%20Grants/Grants%20Policy%20Jan%202020%20Accessible.pdf](https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/UserFiles/Files/Forms%20and%20Grants/Grants%20Policy%20Jan%202020%20Accessible.pdf)

### **THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

The Tree planted on Fromandez Drive has now been registered as part of the Queens Green Canopy and shows on the on line map

<https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/qgc-map/#/>

The Parish Council have ordered a special commemorative plaque to be made which will be positioned near to the tree so that future generations can see why the tree was planted and remember the event.

The Parish Council is working closely with HOVEC to make sure all the events planned for the Jubilee run smoothly and that the Green looks its best for the

celebrations. Councillors are even planning their own mini litter pick in the village centre to ensure things are spick and span.

They have ordered some lovely jubilee flags which will be flown from the flag poles in the village so hopefully you will be able to enjoy seeing these flying in the wind soon.

There are lots of fun jubilee flags and bunting available on line so if you want to hang some yourself to take part and help the village celebrate, you could go on line and have a look.

### **PLANNING**

The Parish council hold Planning committee meetings each month specifically for [providing comments and feedback to TWBC on planning applications for which the PC are consultees. Larger developments like that planned for Bassetts Farm, Goudhurst Road are also sometimes discussed especially when the developers have new plans upon which they wish to seek the parishes views.

These meetings are open for the public to attend without prior notification and the Council always welcomes parishioners to such meetings.

Alternatively you are able to read all of the minutes from parish council meetings and planning meetings on line at the parish councils website

[https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/Meetings\\_30891.aspx](https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/Meetings_30891.aspx)

### **ALLOTMENTS**

The Council continues the search for a suitable site for allotments and would like to hear from anyone who may have land or ideas of space which could be made available for this worthwhile amenity. Please contact the Clerk who will be pleased to answer any questions.

### **2022 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

The Parish Council noticeboard and website has now been updated with the new Council meeting dates for 2022. 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](mailto: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)