



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

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

There are currently four Councillor vacancies on the Parish Council. These vacancies will be filled by the co-option procedure voted on by members of the Parish Council.

If you are interested, please see our noticeboards and website for further details about the role of a parish councillor and how to apply for the position. Please note that the closing date for applications is the 4th May 2024.

2024 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 28th May at 7:30pm (with refreshments beforehand from 7pm)**. This is an opportunity for parishioners to raise any issues they may have concerning the parish as well as a chance to come along and hear about what the Parish Council has been doing over the past year. If you have any particular issues which you would like to discuss and have added to the Agenda, please contact the Clerk.

CPR AND DEFIBRILLATOR FAMILIARISATION TRAINING

The Parish Council are pleased to announce that they have arranged for a team of Community First Responders covering the Wealden area to run two FREE training sessions in use of defibrillators and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

These sessions will be held at Horsmonden Village Hall on the 25 June 2024 at 18.00 - 19.00 and 19.30 – 20.30.

Please note that spaces are limited so if you wish to attend this training please contact the Parish Office on 01892 724989 or via email

assistantclerk@horsmonden-pc.gov.uk.

UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

There are a couple of events planned for our Village Green this Summer:

HoVEC Summer Festival 2024 – Horsmonden Celebrations Wide Open!

This year's Summer Festival will be held on the second weekend in June and promises to be bigger and better than ever before. For more details please visit

<https://hovec.co.uk/>

Horsmonden Social Club Beer Festival

On the 6th July, Horsmonden Social Club will be hosting their Beer & Cider Festival in the afternoon/evening on the Village Green.

WORKS AT THE CLOCK TOWER

Over the last couple of months there has been extensive works carried out at the Social Club to address some cracks that appeared inside the clock tower. These essential repairs and reinforcement works have now been completed and the Parish Council are now moving on to look at unplanned but recommended repairs to the roof of the clock tower and the supporting wood work.

The Parish Council would like to thank parishioners for their support and patience whilst these works are ongoing. It has not been an easy task with many different specialist trades involved.

As soon as works are complete we will be arranging for the clock to be reinstalled and of course, the scaffolding removed.



WEST KENT RURAL GRANT SCHEME

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council are working with Sevenoaks District Council & Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council to distribute £1.28 million of capital funding from Government to projects across our rural towns and countryside.

Grant awards of £2,000-£24,999 are available for projects in the 2024/25 financial year and applications are encouraged from businesses, cultural/heritage and community organisations, and visitor destinations.

This is time limited funding that must be spent by **1 March 2025**, so please raise awareness about the grants and encourage anyone interested to contact ruralgrants@sevenoaks.gov.uk who are administering the scheme.

For more information, please visit Sevenoaks District Council's

website: <https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/westkentruralgrants>

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING

You can stay up to date with new planning applications in the Parish by keeping an eye on our monthly meeting agendas, which are published on our website and put on our noticeboards.

You can also view and make comments on applications as well as set up email notifications to receive details of planning applications in the local area by using the TWBC planning portal:

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

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)