



HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR OCTOBER 2022 EDITION

THE DEATH OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

A message from Councillor Jane March, Chair of Horsmonden Parish Council:

On behalf of the Horsmonden Parish Council and the residents of Horsmonden we send our deepest condolences to the Royal Family on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

We remember a life given to service by a monarch who was loved and admired and cherish our memories of the Platinum Jubilee earlier this year.

THE PROCLAMATION OF KING CHARLES III

On Sunday 11th September 2022 at 4pm, Councillor Jane March, Chair of Horsmonden Parish Council read the Proclamation of King Charles III to a well attended crowd on the Village Green. Thank you to everyone who came.



PARISH COUNCILLOR - VACANCY

Following the resignation of Cllr Ben Funnell, the Parish Council has a vacant seat and is now free to co-opt another Councillor to join their important work for the Parish. If you are interested in this vacancy, please see our noticeboards and website for further details about the role and how to apply for the position.

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>

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

By the time of publishing, the unveiling of the William Lambert Plaque at the Institute Building will have taken place.

On the 24th September 2022, the Parish Council invited John Summerfield, William Lambert's Great Grandson as their guest of honour to unveil the newly situated plaque.



The plaque (1893) commemorates William Lambert, known as the maker of steam engines in the village. William died on the 1st April 1916 in his home, Hill House in Castle Hill and was buried at St Margaret's Church in Horsmonden.

We hope you agree that the plaque looks right at home in its new position.

INCREASE IN COST OF UTILITIES

Due to the current energy crisis, the Parish Council, like everyone else, is experiencing substantial increases to the cost of utilities with the most alarming relating to the cost of the Parish Council owned street lights.

The Parish Council continues to look at ways to save energy whilst also considering what is best for the village.

HORSMONDEN COMMUNITY GARDEN

Are you waiting for an allotment or wanting to grow your own fruit or vegetables? 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.

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)