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HERSTMONCEUX PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

May 2017

Annual Parish Meeting

Firstly, we must thank all those parishioners that came along to the Parish Meeting on 20th March. 69 residents attended, a great turnout! The meeting was a great opportunity for us to update the parishioners and for you to comment and ask questions, all of which have been noted and will be discussed at Full Council. You can, of course, contact us any time during the year. At this year's meeting, we launched the Draft Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan.

Neighbourhood Plan

The draft neighbourhood plan is available for consultation until Friday 19th May 2017. You will have recently received a letter through your door giving details of where you can view this. i.e. the Parish Council website <http://www.herstmonceuxparish.org.uk/> or at the Village Information Centre and the Parish Office.



It is very important that we receive your comments as we all want the best future for Herstmonceux Parish. You can post your comments or pop them into the Parish Office and in addition to normal surgeries, Councillors will be available in the Village Information Centre on Thursday 11th May 5.30pm – 7.30pm.

Wealden Local Plan

A draft pre-submission plan is available on the Wealden District Council website <http://wealden.gov.uk/home/home.aspx> together with FAQs which help with further information.

Councillor Surgeries and Parish Council Open Office

We are continuing with the Councillors' surgeries in the Information Centre on the last Saturday of every month 10am to 12pm. Upcoming dates are 27th May, 24th June and 29th July. It is your opportunity to pop in for a chat about any concerns or ideas you may have.

Don't forget you can email, Facebook or write to Clare our Clerk at any time or come in and see her Thursdays 10.am to 1pm, at the weekly Parish Council Open Office.

Housing - Large and Medium Developments

Lime Cross - The developers hope to shortly be a position to transfer to the Parish, the strip of land that runs alongside the football pitch.

Lime Roughs - This is proceeding now and the developers are at the Reserve Matters (permission is granted subject to the subsequent approval by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) of the detailed layout, scale and appearance of the buildings and the landscaping of the site before any development is commenced, such matters being reserved from the permission stage).

Land adjacent to Geo Collins Honda – This approved, smaller development is progressing.

All planning applications in the Parish can be viewed on the notice boards, or on the Parish Council website in the Planning Committee agendas. The Parish Council's comments and observations that are submitted to the LPA can be found in the Planning Committee minutes, also on the website.

Broadband and Mobile Phone Reception

Super-Fast Fibre Broadband has now been installed in most areas of our Villages so you should now be able to contact your provider to upgrade. We are aware of the poor mobile reception in some areas and have included this in our Neighbourhood Plan.

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Fingerposts

You may have noticed that the Parish fingerposts are having a well needed wash! We are also working on a schedule of painting and repair. The fingerpost at the top of Hammer Lane and the one at the top of Victoria Road are the first that are due for some TLC.

Pavements

Isn't it great that ESCC have started siding some of our pavements? The one entering Herstmonceux Village has already been done and is much easier to walk on.

Dog Poo

We know we harp on about this but it is a very important issue to most of you. We are trying different ways to improve the situation but some people are still not cleaning up after their dog. To help with this we are providing another bin at the gate between the recreation ground and Lime Cross footpath. A few new posters are going up to remind us all.

Wealden District Council have made it an offence, under the Fouling of Land by Dogs Act WDC Order 2013, not to clear up immediately after your dog has fouled. A Parishioner has recently been prosecuted. Let's not have to go down the route of banning dogs from areas in our Parish.

Rural Hedge Cutting

Just to let you know that the hedge cutting down the rural roads are not carried out by ESCC but are, in fact, the responsibility of the landowners. If you come across any problems concerning this please advise ESCC through their website at <http://www.eastsussexhighways.com/report-problem> or the Parish Council.

Isolation and Loneliness

Some of the Parish Councillors recently went to a conference which highlighted that this subject is foremost in the minds of many organisations. We all have neighbours and some of them do feel isolated no matter what age. There are a great many groups and clubs in the Parish and surrounding areas that they may like to be introduced to. There is a list of these produced by Vitality Villages in a brochure; available on the website, in the Village Information Centre and Health Centre.

Our older friends and neighbours tend to be the group that become victims of scams but it applies to any of us. If you have come across this it should be reported to the police. The Village Information Centre holds an information book entitled, 'The Little Book of Big Scams'. This can also be obtained through Trading Standards. If enough people are interested, a talk by Trading Standards could be arranged.

Clerks Corner

Parish Council Open Office, Thursdays 10.00-13.00hrs, are still proving their worth by the steady stream of visitors that have been in over the last few months. It was also brilliant to see so many of you at the Annual Parish Meeting in March. Although the minutes of the meeting aren't officially signed off until next year's Annual Parish Meeting in March 2018, a copy is loaded on the Parish Council website, or I can email or print a copy if anyone requires them. It's good to see the continued use of the PC Facebook page, I hope you are all now finding it easier to communicate with the Parish Council when you need to. The Councillors continue to keep very busy are always out and about and willing to lend a listening ear!

This is an exciting time to be the Clerk to the Council in Herstmonceux Parish. In addition to the work of the Parish Council, there are so many active individuals and a whole range of organisations who are working hard to maintain the vibrant life in our villages; all of whom are also busy finding new ways of working to further expand cohesive, safe and sustainable communities.

Fingers crossed for a long & warm summer, Best Wishes, **Clare Harrison**, Clerk to Herstmonceux PC