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HERSTMONCEUX PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

February 2017

Parish Meeting

Our Parish Meeting will be held at 8pm on Monday 20th March at the Village Hall.

This is an opportunity for anyone to come along, meet with your Councillors. You will hear about the work of the Parish Council over the last year and also what is ongoing in the Parish for 2017, plus an update of progress on the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was great to see so many of you there last year at this event and we hope you will support us again this year. You will be able to ask questions and make comments and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee or a glass of wine.

We look forward to seeing you all. If you have any questions before the night, please do contact Clare the Parish Clerk in the office, 833312 or through email, clerk@herstmonceuxparish.org.uk or just speak to one of the Councillors when you see them out and about!

Neighbourhood Plan

We hope that you have seen the newsletter about the schedule of the plan that has recently been circulated, house to house, in the Parish. If you haven't received a copy they are available from the Parish office which is open every Thursday 10am – 1pm. Please do come in and ask for a copy.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be presenting the Draft Plan for Public Consultation at the Parish Meeting on Mon 20th March 8pm the Village Hall. It is so important for as many of you as possible to have your say through this consultation period, so come along if you can. Copies of the Draft Plan will be available for you to take away with you.

Sussex Police

Representatives from the Parish Council recently met with Tony Wakefield, the Sussex Police Community Inspector, who explained that the PCSOs are now working centrally. Incidents are logged and monitored for trends and longevity of issues. Working in this way, the Inspector can exercise more support to the PCSO team to resolve issues and find solutions to local problems. He informed us of a new Neighbourhood Watch scheme which we know is being looked at by a couple of parishioners. More details will follow.

Don't forget you can now report all crimes and incidents, including anti-social driving and abandoned vehicles, to Sussex Police online at <http://www.sussex.police.uk/contact-us/report-online/> or email 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk in addition to calling **101**. Also, log into <https://www.facebook.com/sussexpoliceforce/> for their facebook updates.

Face book

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Councillors' Surgeries

Don't forget Parish Councillors are available in the Village Information Centre on the last Saturday of every month 10am-12pm. Why not pop in for a chat.

Developments

We are still waiting for the developers of the Lime Cross site to proceed to the next step.

Parish Councillors recently met to engage with the new developers of Lime Roughs. The Council will report back to the Parish once there are any developments.

The application to convert the public toilets to residential has been refused for the third time by WDC but the developers have appealed against this decision. The Parish Council have been against this application as we believe the access on to and off the site could affect the safety of our children. You can see our comments on this application and any other planning applications on the Parish Council or WDC websites.

Wealden Plan

The Wealden District Council local plan should be available shortly. We are expecting a number of new homes to be allocated in local parishes and so we are likely to see an increase in housing required in this area. We will keep you informed when their plan is released.

Allotments

We are pleased to say that there are allotments available on a first come first served basis. A great time to get ready for the spring.

If you're interested phone Simon Goacher on 01323 843210 or email finance@herstmonceuxparish.org.uk

Telephone Boxes

As some of you are aware BT are decommissioning the telephone boxes in Stunts Green and Windmill Hill due to lack of use. The Parish Council have resolved to adopt them both and would be pleased to receive any suggestions for their future use.

Clerks Corner

Thursday morning Parish Council Open Office, (10.00-13.00hrs), is proving a success. I have received a lot of visits over the last few months. It's good to get to meet some of you and hear about the positive aspects of this wonderful parish as well as working with you to try to solve some of the issues you experience. I'm also enjoying getting dialogue going on Facebook with you and am finding this a convenient way of providing updates to those of you who use this form of social media.

One subject that comes up a lot in the Parish Office is parking. For villages that receive such a lot of through traffic and are so busy at peak times, it's sometimes difficult to park as well as we might like to. Please let's all remain vigilant to the safety of our pedestrian neighbours and other road users, noting if there is enough safe passing room for buggies, wheelchairs and pedestrians and remembering to park well away from junctions 😊.

Best Wishes for a happy and healthy year ahead, *Clare Harrison*, Clerk to Herstmonceux Parish Council