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HERSTMONCEUX PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER
MAY 2018

Herstmonceux Parish Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

3RD May 2018 Herstmonceux Village Hall 7am – 10.00pm

Herstmonceux Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The Herstmonceux Parish Neighbourhood Plan (HPNP) is a plan for the future of the Parish, formulated after five years discussion and consultation with parishioners. The HPNP can be viewed on the Wealden District Council (WDC) and Parish Council websites and in hard copy at the Village Information Centre (VIC), Parish Office and the Merrie Harriers.

There have been open HPNP Surgeries every Saturday in April, the final one being held on 28th April in the VIC 10.00am - 12.00pm. The usual Councillors' surgeries will then continue, last Saturday of every month.

Although the HPNP does not have any bearing on Planning Applications that have already been approved by WDC (the Local Planning Authority), future applications will be bound by all HPNP Policies (listed below). To familiarise yourselves with the key policies in the HPNP before voting, they are:-

A Spatial Plan for the Parish
Local Green Spaces
Resisting the Loss of Employment Locations
Retail Development in the Parish
Sports, Leisure and Recreation Facilities in the Parish
Redevelopment of the former public toilet site, Herstmonceux
Refurbishment /extension to the car park at the Recreation Ground
Rights of Way in the Parish
Creation of new shared access from WMHill to Herstmonceux
Mobile Phone Connectivity and Broadband
The Design of Development in the Parish
Windfall Sites
Older People's Housing Needs
Herstmonceux Community Land Trust
Infrastructure Development

Have your VOTE on the 3rd May!

New Finance Officer

The Parish Council are delighted to welcome our new Finance Officer, Karen Crowhurst. Karen has 10 years' experience in local government so we are in safe hands. Simon Goacher has now retired, or so he thought.... Simon has agreed to help us complete last financial year's accounts and show Karen the ropes.

100-year Commemoration of WWI

7 varying events, spread over the months of June and through until November are currently being planned. In addition, steel soldier figures are being purchased by the Cowbeech Bonfire Society and the Parish Council; poppies have been planted by the Castle; a photographic display and poppy making session at the Malthouse are being proposed. The possibility of holding a 'family day' is being researched. Next meeting is planned for the 17th May.

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Defibrillator Training

Defibrillator training has been requested by Cowbeech residents. This is being organised at the Merrie Harriers for Saturday June 30th, time to be confirmed.

Herstmonceux Transport Access group

A group has been set up, led by 3VA, to discuss transport in the Parish. As you are aware, we have a limited bus service which has proved difficult particularly for people who need to access the two major hospitals and travelling back from work after the last bus. If you would like to get in on the discussion please come along to the Village Information Centre, Herstmonceux on Thursday 10th May at 3pm.

Timetables for the Stagecoach and Cuckmere bus services are available in the VIC.

A scheme called Access2Healthcare has set up a Patient Transport Scheme for those who can't get to the doctor's surgery. To book your journey simply telephone 01273 517332 between 8am and 4pm. Why not become a Volunteer Driver? More details on www.access2healthcare.org

Dog Poo

This is still an ongoing problem throughout the Parish.

We are aware that some kind people have been picking up after other owners' dogs. This shouldn't be necessary and we appeal to all dog owners to keep our lovely Parish clean so that our children can play safely.

There is no Dog
Poo Fairy,
please pick up
after your pet



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 May 26th, June 30th, July 28th, August 25th. Please note the June Councillor Surgery will run from Cowbeech at the Merrie Harriers, 11am-12.00pm.

Don't forget you can email (clerk@herstmonceuxparish.org.uk), 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.

Out and about in the Parish:

Trees -You will see that three new trees have been planted in the recreation ground which will look lovely when established. A flowering cherry, a copper beech and a green gum

Clear up -A special thanks to parishioner, Catherine Russell, who organised a working party to clear up the MUGA/tennis court on the recreation ground. She was ably assisted by Jen Hortop and boys from the Herstmonceux Scout Group, Sue and Dan Maycock and children, Sarah Smith (a resident of Heathfield), Emma Goodsell and Stephen Nash. Great community spirit!



Road Works -We are advised that West End and part of the A271 will be resurfaced in May/June.

Bus Shelters -Over the next few months the Parish Council will start work on refurbishing two of the bus shelters. The one outside North Lodge and the one in front of Denefield. The other two will be refurbished in the next financial year in order to spread the expense.

Community Speedwatch - Volunteers have been recruited (more always welcome), training is underway.

Clerks Corner – The Annual Parish Meeting was a lively one that went really well. In addition to reports from the Parish Council Chair, Finance, ESCC and WDC Councillors and Parishioner Open Forum, was an update from the Neighbourhood Plan Chair and a goodbye speech from the Finance Officer. A market place type of event operated with representatives from the Fire Brigade and Police, Community Speedwatch, Community Land Trust, Footpaths/Walking Group, Vitality Villages and the VIC, St Wilfrid's Hospice, a local photography display. Big thanks to one and all, Best Wishes, *Clare Harrison*, Parish Clerk