

## **HERSTMONCEUX PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER** **May 2019**

**Annual Parish Meeting and having your say!** - Thank you to all those parishioners that came along to the Parish Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March. It was reassuring to see so many people and a wealth of information tables from organisations supporting the Parish. We hope you were able to ask the questions and make the suggestions you had in mind.



If you were not able to make the above meeting, you can contact the Parish Council anytime on 01323 833312, call in the Parish Office Thursday mornings 10am-1pm or come to the Councillors' surgery on the first Saturday of the month in the Village Information Office 10am-12pm (May 4<sup>th</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup>). Every third surgery will be held in the Merry Harriers at Cowbeech (June 1<sup>st</sup>).

**Local History Exhibition** - Thank you to the Wartling and Herstmonceux Local History Group and anyone else that worked hard to put on a fantastic exhibition in the Village Hall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April. This included photos of all the local villages at varying times in the past, from Victorian times to 1980s, as well as military vehicles from the Second World War. It was a delight and extremely well attended by parishioners of all ages. Let's hope this is not, as publicised, the last exhibition to be staged.

**Access Road to the Recreation Ground** - You have probably noticed some activity on the access road to the Recreation Ground. With the support of the landowner, John Ford, we are planning to slightly widen and resurface the lane with two new speed bumps and are hoping work will start fairly soon.

**Loos** - The toilets in Herstmonceux are nearly ready to open, we just have a few operational bits to sort out. They have been cleaned and a basic coat of paint given but not completely refurbished at this stage as it is an ongoing project. We will keep you posted.

**Herstmonceux Parish Boundary Walk** - This is for those who are interested in walking the 19-mile boundary of Herstmonceux Parish using public footpaths. The nineteen miles will be divided between two days:

1. Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 a.m. at recreation ground. The walk will then go to Windmill Hill and eventually end up at Magham Down (approximately halfway).
2. Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> May 10.00a.m. at the Old Forge and thence to Egypt Farm and finally recreation ground.

The walk will be led by Steve Burke who is completing it in order to improve the footpaths and stiles of the parish. For further information call Steve on 01323 833473 or ask at the Parish Office.

**Road Markings** - As you are aware the road markings outside the school and in the centre of Herstmonceux, including the pedestrian crossing, have been unsatisfactory for some time. The Parish Council have fought to get this done and whilst we haven't got an actual starting date, we have now been advised that we are the next Parish on ESCC's list. Hopefully that is soon.

**West End** - We were advised that repairs to West End would be carried out in April this year but we have not been given a date.

**Allotments** - We now have some vacant allotments at Stunts Green, so if you would like to make the most of this rare opportunity and 'grow your own' please contact Clare for an application form.

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**Housing Developments and Housing Waiting Lists** - Lime Roughs/ Hailsham Road appears to be proceeding as planned. The development at Lime Cross is still ongoing and we have not yet received a confirmed building start date. Please don't forget – if you are interested in the Social Housing on these developments, you will need to be on the Wealden District Council waiting list. For purchasing a property details should be sought from the developers, please keep an eye on their websites for properties for sale.

**Playground** - As part of the agreement with the Lime Cross developers, there will be a new playground on the open space area on the development at the top of the twitten. We are very excited about this as discussions are beginning. We will be consulting with the Parish on this as plans progress. Please contact the clerk if you feel you could support us by joining a 'steering group' to help with progressing this. Young people with lots of ideas and carers of local children welcome!

**Grass Cutting** - This year ESCC have prepared a new grass cutting map and we have been advised that the triangles at the top of Chilsham Lane, Gingers Green, and Cowbeech Hill can no longer be cut by the Parish. They will be cut twice a year by East Sussex County Council. If visibility becomes a problem, we will ask them to come and do an extra cut.

**Bus Shelters** - Last year we arranged for the refurbishment of the bus shelters outside North Lodge and the one opposite, as a result they look so much smarter. The latter shelter is to have a bench fitted inside. Shelters at the Horseshoe Inn and Strawberry Fields are due for makeovers in the next few months

**Flooding Outside Collins Garage Survey** - As everyone is aware, there has been a problem with flooding for years. Recently there has been a five-day survey carried out on the drains to try to ascertain the problem. We await the results.

**Volunteers Needed** - There are some fantastic organisations in our Parish, but many are crying out for volunteers to assist them. If you can spare a bit of your time pop into the Information Centre or the Parish Office.

**Herstmonceux Parish Neighbourhood Plan (HPNP)** - As you can see from above, we have already started implementing some of the HPNP policies.

**Litter picking** - The Parish have accessed some funds for litter pick up equipment and there will be a Community Litter Pick on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May meeting at the Parish office at 9.30am.

If you would like to use it any other time whilst you are out and about or for a litter picking up session, please contact the clerk at the office to book it out. An example of resources that you can borrow are a number of litter pick-ups, high-vis jackets and tabards, long handled scraper and rubbish grabber, work gloves plus other equipment.

**Clerk's Corner: As from May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Herstmonceux Parish Council will be moving into a new 4 year Administration Term.** The statement of persons validly nominated and who stand for each ward in the parish (un-contested) can be found in the parish noticeboards and on the Parish Council website. There is one vacant councillor post for Castle Ward, this will be announced as a Casual Vacancy and will follow the usual Wealden District Council democratic procedures. Many congratulations and a big thank you to the nominated individuals for the offer of your services. I look forward to working with you for the good of the Herstmonceux Parish communities. Kind Regards, Clare H.