

HERSTMONCEUX PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

August 2020



COVID 19 & OTHER THANKS

Well what fantastic community spirit!! A massive thank you goes out to all those who have risen to the challenge over the past few months and supported our community through these unusual times; key workers, the volunteers, mask makers, the local shops, pubs and restaurants and many more. A special thank you to Pippa and Graham for co-ordinating our volunteers who have helped so many. Whilst this is now winding down there are still some Parishioners still in need of help and if you do the number to call remains **07934 712707**. The Wealden's Community Hub is also still available via 01323 443322.

**THANK
YOU!**

A massive thanks also to those who contribute time and resources to the upkeep of the community areas in the villages, the flowers, water for the flowers and the litter pickers.

PUBLIC TOILETS

The disabled toilet facility has now reopened with special measures in place. Opening hours may be affected by Council staff annual leave.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, MUGA, TENNIS COURT AND SKATEPARK

These have also now reopened with special measures in place. These are laid out in the notices attached to the areas and will change in line with Govt updates, so please keep COVID safe.

The Parish Council have received quotes to upgrade the surface of the play area and extend it a little in order to add a couple of extra pieces of equipment. We aim to put a poll out on facebook for your preferred new items choices, plus we can keep the existing play equipment. Please let us know your preferences. Non facebook user? Just drop Clare and email to have your say.

Once the development at Lime Cross goes ahead, a whole new family recreational space and playground is to be planned with further input from the community. Very exciting! In other fitness updates, all of Freedom Leisure's facilities across Wealden are now reopening!

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROJECTS – REC ACCESS ROAD & CAR PARK.

The access road to the rec just has the side areas to be completed. The Parish Council are getting advice and quotes to extend and resurface the car park in accordance with Policy 8 of the approved, Herstmonceux Parish Neighbourhood Plan. When completed, there will then be more parking bays available for Recreation Ground users and workers / visitors needing all day parking.

DOG POO!

Just another reminder to dog users to pick up after their dog, for the safety of all. To those that already and consistently do, our grateful thanks!

PLANNING

The latest plans for The Woolpack, The Horseshoe, Community Land Trust are with Wealden District Council but we have received no recent updates. With regard to the Lime Cross development, Southern Water are in the process of building the pumping station and work is being carried out in Church Road in this respect. The developers hope to start work on the houses in November of this year. Don't forget that all planning application comments can be seen in the Planning Committee or Full Council minutes on the Parish Council website.

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SPEEDWATCH

As you are all aware, we do have a problem with speeding in the Parish and we would like to get our SpeedWatch up and running again. Firstly we are looking for someone to be the co-ordinator and also for more volunteers. This does not need take up much time as it can be done on a rota basis. If you would like to help, please contact Clare, our Clerk, on 01323 833312 or email clerk@herstmonceuxparish.org.uk for more details

COUNCIL MEETINGS AND OPEN OFFICE.

The Parish Council had been holding their meetings by Zoom but are now back to meeting in person, holding these at the Village Hall whilst observing all social distancing requirements. Prior to all meetings, details are available on the website or on the parish notice boards. We will let you know when the Councillors' Surgeries and the Open Office re-start.

HEDGES

Just a gentle reminder that landowners/residents are responsible for keeping their hedges, trees etc cut back so that they don't obstruct the pavements, roads, visibility etc. It is not easy with foliage growing so quickly but if you can keep an eye on it, it would be much appreciated by your fellow pedestrians/drivers. Thank you.

PCSO

Our new PCSO is Matt Jarvis, PCSO 39401. Matt is a member of the Wealden Neighbourhood Policing Team (Hailsham) and can be contacted through Twitter [@sussex_police](https://twitter.com/sussex_police)

NEW COUNCILLOR

Being a local Councillor is a rewarding and varied role that gives you a voice and legislation to support your community needs and present their views for collaborative local decision making. We have one Councillor vacancy, and, drawing on the great community spirit we have seen, we hope you would like to help the Parish in this way at this busy and exciting time. For more information, please contact Clare, our Clerk, on 01323 833312 or email her at clerk@herstmonceuxparish.org.uk

NEW JOB ROLE IN THE COUNCIL

As the Council begins in earnest to deliver on Neighbourhood Plan policy projects and the delivery of services is devolved to local councils even more, the workload is ever increasing. As a result, the Parish Council have agreed a new Parish Council Administration Assistant post of 20 hours per month (averaging 5 hours per week but to be worked flexibly) to support the efficient continuation of Parish services. If you might be interested in finding out more about this post please do contact Clare on 01323 833312 or email her at clerk@herstmonceuxparish.org.uk for a job description and person specification.

Clerk's Corner: Parish Office Open Mornings or surgeries are still suspended due to Covid-19. Please continue to contact me via email or my Clerks phone 07842 515268. Information and updates are regularly posted on our Facebook page and our website.

Following a very unsettling period for our year 11s and year 13s, I just wanted to wish you all, as the future of our parish, district, county and beyond, the very best for those exciting futures ahead of you. Remember that whatever your received grades were, disappointingly downgraded, to be appealed or as submitted, the world is now your oyster. 'Success is not final, failure is not fatal; It is the courage to continue that counts', (Winston Churchill). Best Wishes to each and every one of you, Clare the Clerk 😊