

Newsletter from Maresfield Parish Council - February 2021

Covid-19 Pandemic

Strict pandemic related restrictions are still in force so if you are quarantining, self-isolating or are otherwise vulnerable do remember that if you need assistance of a non-medical nature you can phone the Parish Office on 714555 or contact the Wealden District Council Community Hub on 01342 443322.

Finance and the Parish Precept

The Parish Council, at its December 15th meeting, set the Parish Precept for 2021/22 and it is equivalent to an increase of £4.52 pa to a Council Tax Band D property compared with the current year. The level of Parish Precept for a Band D property for 2013/14 was £49.44; for 2021/22 it will be £51.40. The Parish Council set a budget for next year of £100,010 compared to this year's £100,979 but the Parish Precept will amount to the lesser sum of £93,688 with the difference being funded from reserves.

Parish Office Currently Closed

The Parish Office is currently closed due to the Covid situation but both the Clerk and her Assistant are working from their homes and due in part to the investment in IT we made last year have been able to maintain our normal high level of service. Do contact the Team, Claire our Clerk and her Assistant Nancy, to see if there is anything we can do for you. (714555). We hope that you will also tell us ways you think the Council might better serve the Community.

Local Bus Services

For a small village Maresfield is quite well served by local bus services, Nutley significantly less so and Fairwarp not at all. Our Community bus company, Wealdlink, is supported by the Parish Council for the provision of the 262 on Saturdays but also the Shopping services to local centres. The Shopping services are for anyone who has difficulty accessing normal bus services and are door to door. For further information contact the Parish Office or see on line at <https://www.4weald.co.uk/door-to-door.html> for current information.

The Compass service 261 operates between East Grinstead and Uckfield via Nutley and Maresfield whilst Maresfield is also served by the Compass services 31, 121 and 246.

For further information a good website is <https://bustimes.org/localities/maresfield>

It is important that we use our bus services – otherwise we will lose them.

Useful links are:

<https://my.wealden.gov.uk/> <http://www.maresfieldparish.org.uk/>
<http://www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk/> <https://www.ashdownforest.org/>

And you can also follow the Parish Council on Twitter and Facebook.

Martin Craddock – Chairman Maresfield Parish Council

