

Newsletter from Maresfield Parish Council

November 2021

Please do log on to our Parish Website <http://www.maresfieldparish.org.uk/> which was relaunched last year. We would welcome your feedback and hope to make it a really useful resource for Parish (not just Parish Council) information. Let us know what additional information it should contain.

The Parish Council is setting a budget for the next financial year (2022/03) and this expenditure becomes the Parish Precept part of your annual Council Tax Bill. The budget setting process continued at the October 7th meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee and continues at the November meetings of this Committee and the Parish Council. All Parish Council and Committee meetings are open to the public and start with an allocated time for members of the public to raise issues and ask questions. Please contact the Parish Clerk for an invitation.

We await further news of the proposal to erect a 40ft mobile phone mast just off the B2026 at the entrance to Fairwarp village. We have strongly opposed the proposed site and have made constructive suggestions of alternatives. Whilst improvements to the phone signal in Fairwarp will be welcomed it should not be at the expense of our beautiful countryside.

Litter bins at the Maresfield Recreation Ground are often full and overflowing – please take your litter home when this is the case. We are actively exploring whether larger bins can be provided and the frequency of waste collections (which the Parish Council has to pay for).

We will be welcoming “our” Royal Signals unit back to Maresfield at Remembrance Weekend - they will be parading to the Church for the Remembrance Sunday service but will also be running a relay around the village from 12.30pm on Saturday 13th. Please turn out and encourage them!

We were fortunate to invest in our IT a couple of years ago which enabled our Clerk and her Assistant to work seamlessly from their homes during lockdown and subsequently. Whilst we continue to need a Parish Office we have decided that flexible home/office working best suits our staff and may even be more productive. Accordingly we are withdrawing the published Office opening hours but any Parishioner is welcome to attend the Office and meet with our Clerk(s) by prior appointment. (E-mail clerk@maresfieldparish.org.uk or phone 714555).

Lastly and sadly John Mason, who for very many years worked hard for the Parish and in particular for the Maresfield Recreation Ground, recently passed away. John and Barbara who lived off Park Farm Lane moved to South Chailey only in July after many decades in Maresfield. John was the fount of all knowledge relating to the history of the MRG and will be sorely missed.

To keep up to date about local matters the internet and social media are invaluable resources. Useful links are: <https://my.wealden.gov.uk/> <http://www.maresfieldparish.org.uk/>

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

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Martin Craddock – Chairman Maresfield Parish Council