

# Newsletter from Maresfield Parish Council

## Summer 2021

**As I write this in mid-June the Government has postponed relaxing the lockdown restrictions and whilst many businesses and amenities have reopened and there is some semblance of normality I hope the news is better when you read this. Meanwhile I do hope that all Maresfield parishioners are safe and well. However, should you need assistance of a non-medical nature please ring the Parish Office on 714555 or contact Wealden District Council on 01342 443322 (Community Hub).**

**On behalf of our whole community I again wish to thank** – those who have organized our local emergency volunteer groups and to those of you who have volunteered. Our local support networks, both formal and informal, have worked well but as we emerge from this crisis it is still important that no one is forgotten or neglected so we all must be aware that someone somewhere might be being overlooked.

**The Annual Parish Report** – was sent to all households in the Parish at the end of May as we have again been unable to hold the annual Parish Assembly. The Report, which includes contributions from many of the clubs and organisations in the Parish, is also available on the Council's web site [www.maresfieldparish.org.uk](http://www.maresfieldparish.org.uk). I do hope you find it interesting and we would appreciate any feedback.

**Applications to the Parish Council for a Grant** – should be made no later than 24<sup>th</sup> September and should be submitted to the Parish Office. A copy of the Parish Council's Grants Policy and the relevant application forms are available from the Parish Office (714555) and on the website. For this current year the Parish Council approved and is paying out 27 grants and donations totaling some £15,000.

**Pavements are for people!** Does your property adjoin a footpath or pavement? Hedgerow, bush and shrub growth this spring has been prolific. Is there any overgrowth of trees or bushes that may be restricting the safe passage of pedestrians, including those pushing prams or riding on mobility scooters? If so, it is your responsibility not to allow such overgrowth so please cut any offending trees, shrubs and bushes back to your boundary. Thank you!

**Planning Matters** – The Parish Council's understanding of the present planning situation as it affects our Parish was set out in the Annual Report and in the November 2020 Newsletter (both accessible on the Parish Website). Since they were written an Outline Planning Application for up to 49 houses at Mill House Farm, off School Lane, Maresfield has been submitted and was on the Agenda to be discussed at the Parish Council's 22<sup>nd</sup> June Council Meeting. There has not been any discussion with the landowners and I am sure that there will be local opposition to this Application particularly as it shows access on to Maresfield's School Hill. Letters of support or objection can be sent directly to Wealden's Planning Department under reference WD/2021/1068/MAO.

### **Be informed !**

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/>

And you can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

**Martin Craddock** – Chairman Maresfield Parish Council

