

## **Newsletter from Maresfield Parish Council – May 2021**

### **Parish Surveys**

We are asking every household in the Parish to complete two surveys. This is to update our evidence base for the latest draft of our Neighbourhood Development Plan and also to inform our ongoing discussions with Wealden District Council as they consult the Parishes during the preparation of their new Local Plan. As I have written before these Plans will affect our Parish and especially Maresfield Village so your input is vital; the Parish Council needs to understand the views of parishioners so we can fully represent them to Wealden and reflect them in our NDP. The first survey is a General Survey and it should take only 12 minutes to complete, the second is about housing need and should take just 10 minutes. Please complete these online by going to: [www.maresfieldparish.org.uk/surveys](http://www.maresfieldparish.org.uk/surveys) . Paper copies are available on request from the Parish Clerk for those not able to access the surveys online 01825 714555 (closing date 31<sup>st</sup> May).

### **Annual Parish Assembly**

We intend to convene the Annual Assembly as a Zoom meeting on the evening of May 20<sup>th</sup>. (Last year, you may remember the meeting had to be cancelled.) Please check on the Parish Council Web Site for the latest information and how you can join the meeting.

### **Maresfield Recreation Ground Pavilion Refurbishment**

Work to refurbish the Pavilion is now complete and the result is very impressive! Thanks are due to Cllrs Sheila Cummings and Laura Stevens-Smith who organised and supervised the project and thanks are due to our main contractor, Peter Penfold who has done an excellent job, as well as to Graham Parr of Mulberry Designs who kindly drew up the plans for us free of charge.

### **Anti-social behaviour**

Regretfully we are experiencing some serious (and illegal) anti-social behaviour by some young people in the evenings around the children's play-area as well as general litter problems at the Maresfield Recreation Ground. The MRG is a valuable community resource: please respect it. We will not hesitate to invoke the support of the appropriate authorities to help us maintain the MRG as a safe and enjoyable facility for our Parish.

### **Junction of Nursery Lane with the A22 in Nutley**

Nutley residents will be aware of this dangerous junction exacerbated by inconsiderate parking in front of the Village Shop. The Parish Council has tried in vain to get East Sussex Highways to recognise the problem and do something about it and so our County Councillor Roy Galley suggested that a Petition be raised which he will present to the Leader of the County Council to try and get some action to find a solution. This has attracted good support in Nutley and we look forward to a positive result.

### **Parish Council Web Site**

Our Web Site has recently been completely overhauled and re-launched. Please visit it at [www.maresfield-parish.org.uk](http://www.maresfield-parish.org.uk) not just to complete the Surveys (see above) but also to learn more about our Parish Council and our Parish Community. We would welcome any suggestions for further improvements including ideas

for additional information and links. We wish to make it the “go to” site for all your local information needs and links.

**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.

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