

Newsletter from Maresfield Parish Council – May 2022

Annual Parish Assembly

Our Annual Assembly will be held on the evening of Tuesday May 24th at 7 for 7.30 in the Fairwarp Village Hall. The Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, Mrs Katy Bourne OBE, has kindly agreed to be our speaker and I am sure she will also be happy to hear Parishioners' views and answer your questions. Please come along to meet Katy that evening.

The Margery Pegg Award

The closing date for nominations for this Parish Award has been extended to May 6th. Please contact the Parish Office for further information should you be considering nominating a person this year. (01825 714555)

Site “A” – Land to the north of the Maresfield Recreation Ground

Many will recall that this elongated triangle of land stretching south westerly from the Church Yard is being passed to Parish Council ownership as part of the planning agreement for the 25 homes now nearing completion between Wellington Gate and the Bye-pass. It will be retained as an amenity for Maresfield Village and is planned to include 10 allotments and associated parking as well as upgraded footpaths, grassland and wild flower areas. It is hoped that the transfer will be completed within a few months.

The State of our Roads

The Parish Council has regular meetings with East Sussex CC Highways who are responsible for the upkeep of our roads; we also report any issues which come to our attention and would urge you to use the reporting tool at www.eastsussexhighways.com/report-a-problem. The Parish Council is prohibited from undertaking any highway works such as mending potholes so we are at the mercy of the budgets and priorities set by the County Council. Our County Councillor is Roy Galley and he is aware of local highway shortcomings.

Our Parish Clerk

It was with much regret that recently I accepted the resignation of our Parish Clerk, Mrs Claire Goossens. Claire has been an excellent Clerk and contributed much to the workings of the Council and will be sorely missed. Claire leaves us on 24th June and we have started our search for a replacement. Should you be interested in pursuing our vacancy please contact the Parish Office for further information.

Parking at the Maresfield Recreation Ground

In last month's Newsletter, in order to avoid potentially unsafe parking on High Street/School Hill, I stated that parking at School drop-off times is available in the Recreation Ground Car Park. The owners of the private Park Farm Lane do not allow access to the Recreation Ground car parking using this private road except for “permitted users” of the Recreation

Ground which in their view does not include using the Recreation Ground parking for School drop-off purposes (even if the Parish Council were to authorise those persons for such use). I apologise for any misunderstanding.

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