

Newsletter from Maresfield Parish Council

Summer 2022

Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee – was enthusiastically celebrated in all three of our villages and we were blessed with good weather. Thank you to all who organized and participated in the various events, which do help bring people together, and which I am sure were enjoyed by everyone involved. The Parish Council has planted a commemorative Red Maple tree on the Maresfield Recreation Ground.

The Annual Parish Report – is available on the Council's web site www.maresfieldparish.org.uk. I do hope you find it interesting and we would appreciate any feedback.

Annual Parish Assembly - was held on 24th May and those attending heard an excellent presentation from our Police and Crime Commissioner, Mrs Katie Bourne OBE. Mrs Bourne is always receptive to comments or complaints about policing in Sussex and can easily be contacted via her web site <https://www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/contact/>

Applications to the Parish Council for a Grant – should be made no later than 30th 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 has paid out 24 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. The latest information from Wealden District Council is that until they see clarity from the Government in respect of the new homes planning target for the District, they are unlikely to publish their new draft Local Plan. However they continue to publish reports and surveys as part of the evidence base for their forthcoming Plan and these are available on the Wealden website and make interesting reading.

Parish Clerk – We said “goodbye” to our Parish Clerk, Claire Goossens, towards the end of June and hope to have a new Assistant Clerk in place soon to help our newly appointed Parish Clerk, Nancy O'Hanlon. Our clerks are always happy to see parishioners and assist wherever possible and be contacted on 01825 714555.

Parish Councillor Vacancies – We have two vacancies which we can fill by co-option. Please put yourself forward. Please ask the Clerk for further information.

Be informed - To keep up to date about local matters the internet and social media are invaluable resources. Useful links are:

<http://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

