

Newsletter from Maresfield Parish Council

November 2022

Please do log on to our Parish Website <http://www.maresfieldparish.org.uk/> to keep abreast of Parish Council activity. We would welcome your feedback as we are aiming to make the Website 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 (2023/24) and this expenditure becomes the basis of the Parish Precept part of your annual Council Tax Bill. The budget setting process commenced at the October 11th meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee and continues at the November meetings of this Committee (Nov 8th) and the Parish Council (Nov 15th). Expenditure in the current year is going to exceed budget mainly due to unexpected inflation (when the budget was set) and setting the budget for the forthcoming year is going to be challenging. 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 still await further news of the proposal to erect a 40ft mobile phone mast in Fairwarp village as we strongly opposed the proposed site (at the entrance to the Village) 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.

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. In addition, Officers from the Squadron will deliver a presentation in St.Bartholomew’s Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 12th November – ‘Signals Past, Present and Future’ including their time spent in Maresfield.

Whilst Road Safety has never been off our agenda, and speeding is the number one issue Parishioners are concerned about, the recent serious accident on Crowborough Road in Nutley reinforces the need for action by the appropriate authorities. The Parish Council was discussing at its October meeting what renewed pressure we, with our District and County Councillors, can exert so that suitable speed limiting measures are introduced on this dangerous road.

Both our Clerk and her Assistant are now working from the Parish Office and visitors are welcome. Visiting hours are 10.30 to 12.30 Monday to Friday by prior appointment, if possible, please. (E-mail clerk@maresfieldparish.org.uk or phone 714555).

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