

## Newsletter from Maresfield Parish Council – June 2023

**The May 4<sup>th</sup> Local Elections:** Twelve retiring Parish Councillors were re-elected unopposed at the recent election which leaves two vacancies on the Council. Should you wish to seek co-option to fill one of these vacancies please contact the Parish Clerk on 714555. Ian Tysh was re-elected as the Wealden District Councillor for Maresfield and we look forward to continuing to work with him.

**Our Annual Parish Assembly:** Is being held on May 30<sup>th</sup> in Fairwarp Village Hall at 7pm for 7.30 when our speakers are representatives from East Sussex Highways. Please come along with your questions.

**Annual Report:** As last year the Parish Annual Report has not been sent to all households but is available on line at [www.maresfieldparish.org.uk](http://www.maresfieldparish.org.uk). A printed copy is also available on application to the Parish Office.

**Maresfield Recreation Ground Pavilion:** Just a reminder that the refurbished pavilion is available for hire for meetings and appropriate events. Please contact the Parish Clerk on 714555.

**Parish Council and Committee Meetings:** These meetings are open to the public. Dates and times are in the parish magazines and the Agendas are displayed on the notice boards in each of our three villages as well as being posted on the web site. If you wish to address the Council/Committee or ask questions or are just curious do come along.

**Planning Matters:** The Parish Council Planning Committee meets every third Monday (next meeting 5<sup>th</sup> June) and discusses all applications relating to the Parish and makes recommendations in its role as a statutory consultee to Wealden District Council, the planning authority. We continue to be vigilant regarding the current application for the expansion of Maresfield Business Park but do not know whether or when it will go to the Wealden Planning Committee (North) in its present form or amended to reflect the considerable opposition it generated. Parishioners will be interested to know that the planning application for 420 houses at Downlands Farm (North Uckfield and adjacent to our south western boundary) was recently refused by Wealden District Council.

### 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