

Newsletter from Maresfield Parish Council

Summer 2023

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.

The Annual Parish Assembly - was held on 30th May and the many parishioners attending heard an excellent presentation from Dale Poore the senior Operations Manager at East Sussex CC Highways. Dale bravely answered a host of questions explaining that there was a new contractor in place which should yield performance benefits. Topics aired included the bridge at Underhill, Maresfield, the Nursery Lane/A22 junction in Nutley, School Hill in Maresfield and of course potholes and more potholes. There were no quick solutions offered to our various complaints but we have received a lengthy written response to our concerns and this is available for you to read on the Parish Council website.

Applications to the Parish Council for a Grant – should be made no later than 29th 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 £16,000.

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!

Playgrounds News – The Parish Council has agreed to completely remodel the children's playground at Fords Green Nutley and to install new safety surfaces at both the Fairwarp and Parklands Play Areas. These improvements are being paid for from Community Infrastructure Levy monies and it is hoped that all the works will be completed before the onset of the school summer holidays.

Planning Matters – The Parish Council's understanding of the present District 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.

Be informed - 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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