

Newsletter from Maresfield Parish Council

October 2023

Your Council Tax

The Parish Council sets a budget each year and this expenditure becomes the Parish Precept part of your annual Council Tax Bill. The budget setting process for next year starts at the October 10th meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee. All Parish Council and Committee meetings are open to the public and are held in one of our Village halls or in the Parish Office. All meetings start with an allocated time for members of the public to raise issues and ask questions. It would help if you would let the Parish Clerk (714555) know that you are attending.

Parish Office Staffing

Our Assistant Parish Clerk has for personal reasons requested a reduction in her working hours and so we have agreed that she will assume the title of Planning Clerk and will just be responsible for looking after our Planning and Neighbourhood Development Plan Committees. Consequently we need to recruit a Clerical Assistant to help our Parish Clerk with general office tasks and to work say 15-20 hours a week by agreement. The successful candidate will have a good telephone manner, reasonable keyboard skills, be familiar with email processes and have some experience of office working. (Previous parish administration experience is not a requirement.) Should you be interested please contact our Parish Clerk for further information. (714555)

Overhanging trees and hedges

Pavements and footpaths in various parts of the Parish are becoming impassable due to overhanging tree and hedge growth. If your land abuts pavements and footpaths please cut back any vegetation growth which is impeding pedestrians, pram pushers and those using mobility scooters. If you are such a landowner it is your responsibility to take action.

Mystery of the missing conifers

A Maresfield village resident who some eighteen months ago had planted a row of conifers adjacent to her property boundary woke up one recent morning to find that overnight they had been dug up and stolen. This is not what we expect in our Parish and anyone witnessing such an act of vandalism should at the very least report it to the Police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

The Annual Parish Report

This 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.

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/>

And you can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

Martin Craddock – Chairman Maresfield Parish Council