

Newsletter from Maresfield Parish Council - January 2025

A Very Happy, Peaceful and Safe New Year to everyone in the Parish !

Finance and the Parish Precept

In December's newsletter I wrote about the Parish Precept setting process. (The Parish Precept is a constituent part of your annual Council Tax.) At the December meeting the Parish Council was expected approved its Budget and Precept level for 2025/26. The recommendation at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting on 10th December was for a modest increase of 3.7% (Band D equivalent), whilst maintaining a satisfactory level of reserves.

Urgent need for new Parish Councillors

Maresfield Parish includes the villages of Fairwarp, Maresfield and Nutley and surrounding countryside. Maresfield Parish Council has a quota of fourteen Councillors; currently we have four vacancies which we can fill by co-option. It is a worthwhile and satisfying role so if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact our Clerk, Nancy O'Hanlon, on 714555 for more information.

The Parish Council Website

There is a mine of information available to you on our website about the Parish Council, its various policies, agendas and minutes of meetings and who the parish councillors are. Please do take a few minutes to browse.

www.maresfieldparish.org.uk/

I can also recommend that you subscribe to the personalised Wealden District Council web pages at <https://my.wealden.gov.uk/> and Wealden will send you a weekly email not only reminding you of your bin collection day but also advising you of any planning applications lodged close to your property of which you may like to be aware.

The Parish Office

Our Parish Office is situated behind the Memorial Hall and adjacent to the Social Club in Churchfields, Nutley. Parish Office visiting hours are 10:30 to 12:30 Monday to Friday by prior appointment, please. (E-mail clerk@maresfieldparish.org.uk or phone 714555).

Other useful links are: www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk www.ashdownforest.org/

And you can also follow the Parish Council on X (Twitter) and Facebook.

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