

Newsletter from Maresfield Parish Council

November 2023

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 (2024/25) 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 10th meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee and continues at the November 7th meetings of this Committee and the Parish Council (Nov 21st). 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 understand alternative sites for the proposed 40ft mobile phone mast in Fairwarp village are still being considered as we strongly opposed the originally proposed site (at the entrance to the Village) and 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 on 12th November.

Concerns have been raised about dogs being walked unleashed particularly in Maresfield. Even friendly dogs can be alarming to children and the elderly so please keep your dog on the lead at all times on the highway and under firm control in other public spaces.

The sports clubs using the Maresfield Recreation Ground have agreed to a Parking Protocol in order to eliminate any nuisance due to their activities causing excessive use of the private Park Farm Lane. Access to parking for other Permitted Users of the Recreation Ground remains unchanged – in other words you may park at the Recreation Ground as before if you are actually using the Recreation Ground (including the Pavilion and children’s play area). Access over Park Farm Lane to park for other reasons such as shopping or school drop off is not permitted.

Our Parish Clerk works from the Parish Office and visitors are welcome. Visiting hours are 10.30 to 12.30 Monday to Friday by prior appointment, 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