

## Newsletter from Maresfield Parish Council – June 2024

**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 together with the minutes of meetings. 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 3<sup>rd</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. The Parish Council recently submitted its comments on the draft Wealden Local Plan and these are available to view on the web site. In particular we commented on the proposed new housing of 281 homes allocated to Maresfield Village, the expansion of the Ashdown Business Park and the proposal for 2,000 new homes at Owlsbury Farm (Uckfield).

**Tree Preservation Orders:** A Tree Preservation Order (TPO) is an order made to protect a tree, or group of trees, or a woodland and it is an offence to cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage or wilfully destroy a tree protected by that order without the Local Authority's permission. Anyone can ask for a tree or woodland to be protected under TPO legislation so if you would like Wealden District Council to consider a tree or woodland for a TPO please contact the planning department with details of the tree, why you think it is important and why you think it might be under threat. All trees within a designated Conservation Area are automatically protected and controls similar to TPO trees apply.

**Wanted !! New Parish Councillors:** Due to recent resignations we do have vacancies for new Parish Councillors. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested – this voluntary work is interesting and satisfying and can make a real difference to our community. Training is given and the time commitment can be tailored to individual circumstances.

### 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

