

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2021



NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETINGS

During the pandemic we have been holding our meetings virtually using Zoom but the government have now advised us we have to resume face to face meetings

Covid permitting we will be back in the village hall at 6.30pm 5th July 2021 and hope to see you there.

DOG THEFTS

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme have launched a Protect your Pooch campaign highlighting things you can do to reduce the risk of your dog becoming a victim of dog theft.

www.ourwatch.org.uk/protectyourpooch

SPEED ON OUR ROADS

The Councillors were pleased to see the 50 miles per hour speed limit from the Greyhound Pub to Cocking had now been implemented.

We hope that together with the new village gateway it will have some effect on speed of traffic through the village.



SPEED THROUGH THE VILLAGE

We seem to be under siege from lorries going to and from the Pendean Quarry site and we have had words with the management who are asking drivers to observe our 30mph limit. However if you witness any bad driving whatever the vehicle including being on the phone there is nothing stopping you reporting them.

NEW COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Welcome to our new West Sussex County Councillor for the Rother Valley Division.

Following the elections in May we have a new County Councillor - Tom Richardson who lives in Selham.

He will be attending our Parish Council meetings and has a particular interest in highways issues so we will be discussing our traffic speed problems with him hoping that he can help us find some solutions.

CONGRATULATIONS PHILIP

We have heard that Philip Jackson has been granted the Freedom of Chichester City. There is a rumour that he now gets free PARKING.



NEW COUNCILLOR

We welcome Jane Elliot-Renney to the Council. There is still one vacancy and if you are interested contact our Parish Clerk.

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DEFIBRILLATOR PURCHASED

We are contacting South East Coast Ambulance to register the defibrillator and to see if we can organise some training for the local community, We will let you know as soon as the defibrillator is ready for action.



SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

Welcome to Evie and Travis who have bought the the Village Post Office and shop back to life. They would like to hear from you if there is any item which you would like stocked. It is also really good to see the Blue Bell reopen after lockdown. It is now up to us to support our local businesses if we want to keep them in the village.

MYSTERY SOLVED OR IS IT

The picture shows the state of the pedestrian barrier by the pedestrian island at the entrance to the CROFT. Over the last couple of years the barrier has been damaged on several occasions but there have been no skid marks or pieces of a vehicle. Well an observant resident believes the damage is caused when a tractor or something similar is towing an item slightly wider and sees the keep left sign and drives closer to the kerb and hits the barrier. We are chasing Highways to repair the barrier and passed them the problem to solve.



BROADBAND

Progress is being made and cables are being laid to bring high speed fibre broadband to the north of the village in July.

GETTING FIT IN COCKING

The Council are currently looking at the provision of external exercise equipment located on the playground area at the centre of the village. The equipment does not have to be enclosed and at initial overview it could be located at the far side of the childrens area with the possibility of cutting back some of the undergrowth.

The location is an advantage to parents with children that they can keep an eye on them in the playground also visitors to the village can take advantage of this ever increasing popular recreation. Funding for this project will be by GRANT AID.



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