



## HELLO ...

Welcome to the fortyfirst parish council newsletter. The aim is to provide useful information about council issues that affect the parish of Chilham, Old Wives Lees and Shottenden. If you have internet access all the information contained in these newsletters and more can be found on our regularly updated website at [www.chilhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.chilhamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

We welcome feedback (good or bad) so please contact the clerk with your views, suggestions or comments at Chilham Parish Council, PO Box 983, Canterbury CT1 9EA.

## CURRENT ISSUES

### Strategic Plan Priorities:

Allocation of Section 106 monies:

A meeting has been held with officers from ABC Cultural Services who are now councils contacts in respect of the s106 monies. Details of the s106 projects being progressed had been provided. It is anticipated that a cabinet paper will be submitted to approve the release of outstanding funds in July.

Planning Policy:

Council will be updating its Parish Design Statement following advice from ABC that whilst it remains a material consideration in the determination of planning applications, it increasingly risks being challenged as "out of date". ABC has recommended that the Parish Design Statement be updated through the production of a Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAMP).

Community Engagement:

Following an analysis of the results of the "sixty second interviews" conducted by parish councillors with a random sample of parishioners aimed at understanding the reasons for a lower than expected response rate in 2017, the approach to Parish Question Time 2018 was adjusted as follows:-

- 1) the consultation leaflet was restricted to a covering letter and 10 simple questions;
- 2) a specific page was added to the parish council website providing useful background information with regard to the questions asked;
- 3) drop off points were provided in Old Wives Lees and Shottenden;
- 4) parishioners were also able to complete the survey online;

As most respondents to previous Parish Question Times had identified Planning matters as their primary concern, and the production of a CAMP will help Council to influence the Planning process:-

- 1) Council worked with Clague Architects to agree a set of suitable questions to inform the research they are carrying out;
- 2) these questions formed the sole focus of Parish Question Time 2018.

A summary of the results follows on the next page. ***These results will inform the CAMP being produced by Clague Architects and parishioners are encouraged to attend an exhibition being held between 630pm and 8pm on Thursday 10th May in Chilham Village Hall.***

## PARISH QUESTION TIME - SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

A COMMUNITY & HOUSING					
	Usually		Sometimes		Rarely
1. Are residents proud of their village	62(73%)		20(24%)		3(4%)
	Excellent		Satisfactory		Poor
2. How do you rate public transport in the parish	5(6%)		37(45%)		40(49%)
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3. How important are the following issues	1	2	3	4	5
a. More affordable housing	32(37%)	12(14%)	17(20%)	11(13%)	15(17%)
b. Maintain local character of buildings	40(46%)	27(31%)	13(15%)	3(3%)	4(5%)
c. Restruct new development	25(29%)	14(16%)	24(28%)	10(11%)	14(16%)
d. Strong emphasis on design quality of new housing	44(51%)	19(22%)	10(11%)	7(8%)	7(8%)
e. Availability of green spaces	46(53%)	19(22%)	12(14%)	5(6%)	5(6%)
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B. FACILITIES & TOURISM					
	Often		Sometimes		Never
4a. Do you use local shops in the parish	50(60%)		31(37%)		2(2%)
	Yes		Possibly		No
4b. Are more shops and services required	31(39%)		38(48%)		11(14%)
	Often		Sometimes		Never
5a. Do you use the local surgery	37(44%)		21(25%)		27(32%)
	Yes		Possibly		No
5b. Does it have adequat facilities	47(72%)		14(22%)		4(6%)
	Often		Sometimes		Never
6a. Do you work in the parish	13(16%)		16(20%)		52(64%)
	Yes		Possibly		No
6b. Are more employment oppportunites needed	20(24%)		54(65%)		9(11%)
	Often		Sometimes		Never
7a. Do you use sports facilities in the parish	11(13%)		15(18%)		56(68%)
	Yes		Possibly		No
7b. Are nore spoorts and leisure facilities needed	8(10%)		47(59%)		24(30%)
	Often		Sometimes		Never
8a. Do you support the parish church at Chilham	17(20%)		49(58%)		18(21%)
	Yes		Possibly		No
8b. Do you think it could be used more for parish activities	30(35%)		47(55%)		8(9%)
	Yes		No		
9a. Do you have children at Chilham Primay School	3(4%)		70(83%)		
	Yes		Possibly		No
9b. Could the school be used more for community use	13(16%)		57(70%)		12(15%)
	Often		Sometimes		Never
10a. Do you use Chilham or Old Wives Lees village hall	13(15%)		50(60%)		21(25%)
	Yes		Possibly		No
10b. Is it easily accessible for you	71(86%)		7(8%)		5(6%)

### **Parish Welcome Pack:**

A "Welcome to the Parish" booklet has been produced containing useful information about the parish and its organisations. This booklet is intended for new arrivals in the parish and will be distributed to households in the new Bagham Place development.

Any parishioner aware of new arrivals in the parish is encouraged to contact the parish clerk so that they can be provided with a Welcome Pack.

### **Volunteer Network:**

Councillors are forming groups to carry out volunteering activities in each of our villages to carry out the following list of activities:- refurbishment of parish council assets; cleaning of borough and county road signs in the parish (with permission); vegetation clearance of parish council land; vegetation clearance of borough and county land and verges (with permission); reporting issues to borough using Report It webpage; reporting highway faults to county using the Kent Highways Report A Problem web page.

Associated guidelines for these activities have been approved and risk assessments are being drafted so that volunteers can be covered for personal accident and public liability by the parish councils insurance.

If you would like to get involved and volunteer, please contact the clerk on 07923 631596 or [clerk@chilhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@chilhamparishcouncil.gov.uk).

### **Community Clean Up – 14th April:**

On a sunny Saturday, 33 volunteers collected 28 bags of litter which were left in agreed collection points for ABC waste disposal contractors to pick up. The clean up covered village centres and the minor roads on the outskirts of each village. ABC provided litter picking equipment, bags and hi-viz jackets.

### **Ashford Civic Awards:**

First held in 2012, the Civic Awards were Ashford's opportunity to honour local people who had helped others in a voluntary capacity, in their own way, at a local level. Six years later, the Council has decided to host the Civic Awards again – to find out who today's community 'heroes and heroines' are, and to make sure that they are acknowledged and get the civic recognition they deserve. The Civic Awards 2018 are sponsored by local companies, as well as Ashford Borough Council working together with the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce.

Parish Councils are being to think about people who live within their Parish or village: people whose actions have made a truly positive impact in the community, or on the borough as a whole; people who show caring and devotion for others; people who are shining examples of community spirit, giving selflessly of their time and their talents to support and help individuals within their communities.

Anyone aged 16 or over, who is either a resident or who serves Ashford's communities but lives outside the borough, can be nominated. Essentially, the dedication of those people nominated must shine through as an example to others and their personal efforts must inspire those around them.

If you would like to nominate someone you believe deserves to be considered for a Civic Award, please contact the clerk on 07923 631596 or email [clerk@chilhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@chilhamparishcouncil.gov.uk) for a nomination form.

## **DID YOU KNOW ...**

In this section we hope to provide useful information regarding our parish.

### **Parish Council Surgery (prior to parish council meetings)**

The clerk and parish council chair Paul Lulham will arrive 30mins prior to parish council meetings (ie at 7pm) so that parishioners can come along to raise and discuss any issues or concerns they would like the parish council to take up on their behalf.

This is intended to complement existing methods of contacting the parish council, eg. using the clerks phone or email address or the feedback form on the parish council website.

### **Neighbourhood policing**

You can contact our KCC Community Warden Richard Sinden on 07969 583920 and our Neighbourhood PCSO Lee Sinden by calling 101.

Call 999 if a crime is happening now, people are injured, people are being threatened or are in danger, or someone suspected of committing a crime is nearby. Call Kent Police on 101 (new number) to report minor crime.

You can also find out about crime in your area by accessing the Kent Police crime stats web page using the link on the WhatYouCanDo page of our website.

### **Litter**

As a result of funding cuts and the new Waste Management scheme implemented by ABC, the parish council no longer employ a litter picker. If you see litter or fly-tipping in the parish you can contact ABC on 01233 330535 and ask for Street Scene Department who can then take the action required. You can also use the Report page on the ABC website.

### **Dog Fouling**

Dog owners are reminded to take a plastic bag to collect their dogs mess when walking them in our villages. Dog litter bags are also available from the post office so there is no excuse for the unpleasant and anti-social lack of concern that is spoiling many areas of our parish. You can report dog fouling by contacting the ABC Dog Warden on 01233-330340.

### **Potholes, Damaged Signs, Overgrown Verges, Blocked Drains**

Kent Highways inspect our roads regularly but if you see a pothole, a damaged sign, overgrown verge, blocked drain or any other highways fault then please contact them on 03000 418181 (new number). You can also report and track highway faults on the internet using the KCC website at <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>.

### **Whats On Listing**

We now produce a monthly Whats On Listing covering events in our parish. The latest version can be found in shops and pubs in the parish as well as the church and Chilham surgery. If you are organising an event in the parish this is an effective way of publicising it. Contact the clerk to get your event listed.

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