



Chilham Parish Council

January 2024

How we can help: If you have an issue, suggestion or question, please contact the Parish Council clerk@chilhamparishcouncil.gov.uk Or call the phone number: **0203 7502192**

Latest Council Meeting, 4th January 2024

In the meeting on 4th January the council discussed:

- The state of some road surfaces in Shottenden. Residents reported very bad conditions, including flooding, mud, and bad potholes. CPC will liaise with Kent Highways about this and include the issues in the Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) to be discussed in February's meeting
- Potential new play equipment in the Old Wives Lees playground.
- Dog fouling and loose dogs (see section below)
- The amenity list which members of the council are putting together—taking the details of all of the publicly-owned items in the Parish and making sure they are all in good order
- The rural prosperity grants available from Ashford Borough Council (www.ashford.gov.uk/business/get-business-support/rural-england-prosperity-fund-grants)
- Cllr. Geoff Meaden (Borough Council Ward Member) reminded everyone that there is money available for small groups and charities, so do get in touch if you would like to apply
- The Parish Council website
- Ongoing maintenance issues with the Phone box Little Library in Old Wives Lees and the Parish noticeboards

The Minutes will shortly be available on Social Media (follow the Parish Clerk on Facebook) and shortly after that on the new-look website.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 1st February at 7.00pm in Old Wives Lees Village Hall.**

Dog Issues

We are a parish of dog lovers, but dog fouling has become a big issue in all corners of all three villages. If you are experiencing issues with this, then contact the Ashford Borough Council Dog Warden directly at canine.officers@ashford.gov.uk. This is also the email address to use to report any nuisance or loose dogs. You can find more information on dog issues, along with a link to how to report serious issues to the police, at: www.ashford.gov.uk/environmental-concerns/dogs.

Bring Back Eurostar

If you have not seen the petition yet to bring Eurostar services back to Ashford, then have a look at the petition here: www.change.org/p/bring-back-eurostar-train-services-to-kent.

Worried about energy bills?

As winter begins to bite, so does fuel bill anxiety for many households. A Hug2 (Home Upgrade Grant) may be able to help. For more information visit: www.ashford.gov.uk/hug2.