



Chilham Parish Council

March 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, 7th March 2024

We had a really great group of residents attend the meeting this time, it was so good to see some new faces and returning ones, of course. Thank you to all who came along.

In the meeting on 7th March the council discussed:

- Quotes for planting trees replacing the removed slippery crabapple trees at the entrance to Old Wives Lees Village Green, and quotes for removing ivy and overhanging branches in the area around the Village Hall car park.
- Planning applications to which there were no objections raised.
- The planting of donated snowdrop bulbs around the village of Old Wives Lees—thank you to Coucillors Barrett and Watkins for helping with the planting!
- Issue with the cleaning of the public toilets at Taylor's Hill. There may be a need to temporarily close them while a new cleaner is found, but we will update everyone as and when we know more.
- Upcoming changes to the waste management: again, we will update everyone as soon as we know if there will be a change of bin day or not.
- Upcoming Big Spring Clean: community litter pick scheduled for the morning of Saturday 23 March, which may be before this edition of the Parish Magazine goes out!
- The Highway Improvement Plan (please see below).

The Minutes will shortly be available on the website.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 4th April at 7.00pm in Chilham Village Hall.**

Highway Improvement Plan

The Parish Council are working on the Highway Improvement Plan, which sets out our priorities for Kent Highways. We welcome any communication from any resident who wishes to suggest something for inclusion in the Highway Improvement Plan. Please get in touch with the Clerk.

Current priorities include:

- Requesting crossings be installed at the junction between the A28 and A252, particularly for the safety of children walking to school from the Bagham area of Chilham.
- Rationalising the parking in Chilham Square, so it is less of a car park, and more of a community area.

Points that have been recently added include:

- Improving the state of broken roads in and around Shottenden.
- Improving driver safety at the junction between Bowerland Lane and the A28.
- Taking the speed limit down to 40mph (there are currently some 50mph areas) along the whole of the Chilham section of the A28, particularly near the junction with Shalmsford Street, to improve safety.