



Chilham Parish Council

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Latest Council Meeting, 4th April 2024

In the last issue of the Parish Magazine, there was a printing error on this page, so we have duplicated much of that information here (in particular, the HIP below) in case you missed anything last month.

In the meeting on 4th April the council discussed:

- Additions and amendments to the Highway Improvement Plan (HIP). Please do get in touch if there is anything you would like to suggest for inclusion in the plan, we really want to hear from you (see below).
- Planning applications to which there were no objections raised.
- The very successful Easter Egg Hunt that took place on the Easter Weekend. 140 children completed the hunt, and a lot of fun was had by all. A huge thank you to the Events Committee and all the volunteers who helped on the day. A special thank you to Cllrs Barrett and Watkins who went above and beyond the call of duty in their chicken costumes!
- The Big Spring Clean litter picks. We had lots of volunteers going out, particularly from Old Wives Lees, and we managed to collect 14 bags of litter. So a big thank you to all who came out for that. We discussed lessons learnt, litter picks in the future and ways we might reduce litter in the parish in general.
- The playground equipment at Old Wives Lees, which will need to be replaced fairly soon. We discussed funding, grants, and timings for this.

The Minutes will shortly be available on the website.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 9th May at 7.00pm in Old Wives Lees 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, particularly ideas and concerns the discussion of which might improve safety and reduce accidents in our parish. 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 to improve safety.