



chilham parish council

serving chilham, old wives lees and shottenden

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Or call the phone number: **0203 7502192**

Latest Council Meeting, 9th May 2024

The meeting this month was not only one week later than normal because of the PCC elections, but was also the Annual Parish Meeting as well as a regular Council meeting. It was a busy day!

The Annual Parish Meeting was really well attended by residents, as well as our representative on Ashford Borough Council, Geoff Meaden, and our representative on Kent County Council, Clair Bell.

What became clear at the meeting was just how many wonderful volunteers and community groups we have in the Parish. We had reports sent in from OWL Community Choir, Ukulele Group, Recorder Group, Knit Crochet and Natter, Baby and Toddler Group, Bell Ringers, Friends of Chilham St Mary's Church, Chilham Theatre Arts, OWL Village Hall Big Breakfast, and OWL Community Teas, and we know that this list only scratches the surface of the activities in our three wonderful villages.

If you have a community group or an activity going on in the village, please do get in touch—we would love to list groups on the Parish Council website to raise awareness for newcomers to the area.

Please visit the Chilham Parish Council website to see a copy of the Impact Report from 2023-24.

In the council meeting on 9th May the council discussed:

- A new plan for the Old Wives Lees playground equipment. The slide will be repaired as soon as possible and a complete replacement carried out in due course.
- Logistics for the D-Day anniversary celebrations on 6 June, including the plan for a free fish and chips meal for over-70s, 2-4pm at OWL Village Hall
- Extra training possibilities for councillors
- Ongoing negotiations with Kent Highways about Chilham Square
- Budget and arrangements for the Village Fete

The minutes will shortly be available on the website

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 13 June, 7.00pm in Chilham Village Hall**

Ashford Borough Plan Consultation

Chilham Parish is part of Ashford Borough, and Ashford Borough Council are starting a consultation on their Plan for the Borough 2024-28 They would love our thoughts and feedback.

ABC's words about the Plan: 'This Plan sets out Ashford Borough Council's priorities over the next four years as we face the dual challenges of climate and economy and strive to bring people and organisations together to achieve our vision: To make Ashford a place where people, business and nature can collectively thrive.

You can read the Plan and make comments at:

<https://haveyoursay.ashford.gov.uk/2024-borough-plan>