



HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

YELLOW LINES IN, UP and RUNNING!

Unfortunately several people are still parking irresponsibly and even on the yellow lines at the crossroads.

Sevenoaks District Council is going to police the parking and will be issuing parking fines for those people parking on the yellow lines. Please remember **NOT** to park on the corners at the crossroads.

DIARY DATES 2016

VILLAGE CLEAR UP SATURDAY 19 November 2016

Volunteers are needed.

Meet at the Pavilion at 9.30am.

There was a bumper attendance at the Clear Up in April which was really gratifying; can we do this again to close 2016 on a high?

COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2016

14 November & 12 December

2017

9 January, 13 February

13 March, 10 April

8 May, 12 June

10 July, 14 August

11 September, 19 October

13 November, 11 December

All meetings are held on Mondays in the Pavilion

FREIGHTER SERVICE 2017

Saturday 11 February

Saturday 10 June

Saturday 7 October

ELECTION 2017

County Council Election

Thursday 4 May in the Pavilion

THE VILLAGE PLAYGROUND.

The location of the play area is now not very suitable due to the problem with vegetation growing around it and the fact that it is far away from houses and habitation. Some of the play equipment is very old but is still safe to use, but it would be good to update and modernise the rides.

The trees, and undergrowth will be cut back later in the year but Council would like to take over a piece of land near the car park and install a new playground there. This could be expensive but someone somewhere might have a piece of ground to donate?

The current play area could be used perhaps for tennis, petanque or skittles. What do you think?

Please contact any of your Councillors or the Clerk with your opinions.

RECREATION GROUND BENCHES

The Recreation Ground has several donated benches that need some loving care and have no 'owner' to undertake this.

It has been suggested that Council organise a village working party to rub-down and paint the benches.

All the equipment, and coffee, supplied.

Contact the Clerk to offer your help. 01959 534881

ALLOTMENTS

There are several vacant plots at the allotments and many of these have been worked in the past so are ready for use. The annual charge is still £25.00 (to include water) and hoses can now be used.

Several allotment holders are starting up an Allotments Association which means that seeds and plants can often be bought at a reduced price.

If you are interested in a plot contact the Clerk on 01959 534881 or gillian.rara@btinternet.com

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PRoW)

There have been many discussions at the Parish Council Meetings about the do's and don'ts when walking on a Public Right of Way, so one of the councillors walked the routes.

A few tips.

- PRoW's cross private land and all walkers should walk only on the PRoW.
- If you are walking a dog please make sure you bag up any poo and take it home.
- Do not hang the poo-bag on a tree or on anything else!
- Do not leave any rubbish, take it home.
- Take care when climbing over stiles

If there are any problems report these to the landowner.

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL HOUSING STUDY

Sevenoaks District Council will soon be carrying out a Housing Study to ascertain peoples wants and needs and to develop a new housing strategy which will be launched in April 2017.

Every Household will receive the questionnaire with a pre-paid return envelope. The questionnaire can also be completed online and there is also a Freephone number for those who may need a little assistance to fill in the form.

FLOWER BEDS

There are several flower beds in the village which require sponsors. The cost to sponsor for a year is £125. Please contact the Clerk.

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GOOD WISHES FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**