



Chairman's Monthly Newsletter

The Parish Council has not let the matter of several lockdowns get in the way of its work which continues at a pace! Funding applications to manage highways flooding on Church Hill and the biodiversity of the pond are almost complete and another to replace some ageing play equipment on the Top Field has been submitted. New bins for the Top Field and School Hill, which have been on order for almost a year, will be installed shortly.

The Council is also a consultee on the new Arundel Bypass and has been asked to respond to the Impact Statement that Highways England is presenting to the Planning Inspectorate with a deadline of April 1st. The chosen route is not the one preferred by the Council and does have implications for Shellbridge Road, so we shall focus on this when we send in our response. If you have any views do please make them known to us.

Coronation Hall has not been chosen as a polling station for the May elections although our Clerk has written to Arun District Council to seek assurances that it will be used in future. Slindon residents can register for a postal vote if there is a concern about travel.

Visitors' parking continues to be a worry particularly during the bluebell season. The National Trust Rangers will be laying logs along stretches of Park Lane to restrict parking but there will undoubtedly be more cars parked in the village. Cones are available to stop people blocking driveways but using them to prevent parking on long stretches of road will probably just move the problem elsewhere. If the weather is good in the month ahead, the National Trust may open up the Forge field.

The Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday May 4th at 7.00 p.m. allowing it to take place remotely, as with all meetings over the past year.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish, usually held at some point between April and June, will sadly not happen in the first half of this year. This has always been an opportunity to hear from groups and societies in the village and also to bring in outside speakers. Zoom is really not the best medium for such an interactive gathering and Covid restrictions might prevent an actual one. If times improve and there is enthusiasm for this meeting, it can be re-scheduled to later in the year but for the now the priority must be to protect the health of parishioners.

It goes without saying that everyone is welcome to attend Council meetings – indeed we had our first member of the public join this week. If you are interested in actually becoming a Councillor do speak either to me, Jan Rees (01243 814360) or contact Sarah via the PC website contact form.

Jan Rees

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