

## **Chiddingly Parish Council**

**The Great British Spring Clean:** Spring is on its way, and with it the annual spring clean of the verges and ditches. Thanks to the many volunteers that have taken part in previous years many bag-fulls of rubbish dumped by fly-tippers and thrown out of the windows of passing cars have been collected and disposed of. We plan to support the national effort on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March this year with our own litter-pick. Please contact Beryl Marchant on 01825 872998 who will be able to supply bags, litter pickers and hi-viz protective clothing.

If you find anything too big for a black plastic bag it can be reported to Wealden as Fly-Tipping and they will send a team out to deal with it.

**Glebe Field:** Subject to a few details to be approved by our solicitor the council approved the new lease for the Glebe Field to allow the establishment of a Community Orchard on the site surrounding the Millennium Sculpture Garden. Please look out for announcements from the Millennium Garden Trustees for further details. We expect there to be some planting in February/March this year followed by some more next Winter/Spring of 2018/2019

**Parish Emergency Plan:** The current draft of the Parish Emergency Plan will be appearing on the council website in the next few weeks. Keep any eye out for further announcements from me. Your comments will be welcome.

**Roads:** The recent bad weather has not been kind to the roads. Please use the East Sussex Highways web site to report problems with the roads. Not only pot holes, but crumbling edges, degraded surfaces and blocked drains. Repeated reports help concentrate the minds of the Highways Department, and, if a problem is reported, and not fixed in a timely manner then ESCC will pay compensation for damage caused to vehicles. But only if the problem has been reported.

**Mobile Phone Coverage:** Following a presentation about mobile phone masts at Wealden's Parish Conference at the end of last year, the Parish Council has made some enquiries about getting a mast installed in Chiddingly to fill the gap in coverage here. A phone mast requires power and a fibre connection into the broadband network, both of which are now available in many locations. Choice of location is a complex business, particularly in wooded hilly areas like Chiddingly. Once the area has been surveyed and suitable locations, if any, located it is then a matter for the landowner and the company that operates the network to come to an agreement. This may come to nothing, but if a suitable location can be found we may get much improved coverage.

**Jubilee Field Gates:** The new gates for the Jubilee Field have been made and fitted. We have had an enquiry about the old gates so they are up for sale to the highest bidder. Please refer to [www.chiddingly.gov.uk](http://www.chiddingly.gov.uk) for details.

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And should you want to email the whole council you can use [council@chiddingly.gov.uk](mailto:council@chiddingly.gov.uk)

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**Talk To Us:** If you have any questions or comments please ask any councillor or the clerk. You will find a councillor in the village shop on the third Saturday of the month 10-11am, or at the Saturday Morning Market in the Village Hall on the first Saturday of the month 10-12noon . You may also find a councillor or three on most Friday evenings in the Six Bells around 7pm.