

Chiddingly Parish Council

New Web Site: The new web site is now live at www.chiddingly.gov.uk Please take a look, I am confident you will find it much easier to find agendas, minutes and other information about the Parish Council and Chiddingly in general. Please email any comments, compliments or criticisms, to Claudine (clerk@chiddingly.gov.uk)

Skate Park: The decision has been taken not to go ahead with a Skate Park on the Glebe Field. Our advice from Wealden Planning Department was that the proximity to the Chiddingly Conservation Area, The Church and some dwellings would present significant obstacles to obtaining planning permission. The search is on for an alternative site. Any suggestions are welcome, particularly if you are a land owner who would be willing to make some suitable land available.

Planning Applications: The clerk and I have taken calls from parishioners asking how the Parish Council has been able to submit a response to a Planning Application when that application has not been discussed at a meeting. This happens occasionally when an application comes in after one planning meeting, with a deadline imposed by Wealden District Council that falls before the next Planning meeting. If we can we will add the Planning Application to the full Parish Council meeting, but sometimes the deadline is too tight even to allow for that.

What we do when this happens is to invite all members of the planning committee to respond to the clerk by email with their own recommendation. The clerk collates the responses and replies to Wealden District council with a summary and the majority opinion, in favour of recommending granting of permission or refusal.

All members of the planning committee are entitled to ask for an extra meeting to be called if they feel the application is important or contentious enough to merit a discussion in public, but this has not been thought necessary for some years.

Jubilee Field Dog Bin: Apologies, the dog bin in the Jubilee Field was not emptied and became full to overflowing earlier in November. It is, or should be, emptied by Wealden under contract to us and for some reason it wasn't. If you happen to notice that the bin is getting near to full then please let me or the clerk know and we will chase Wealden to get it emptied before it fills completely.

Fly Tipping: There have been a couple of instances of fly-tipping in the parish over the last few weeks. Wealden deal with fly-tipping and remove it promptly when it is reported to them. You can report it directly to Wealden via their website <https://my.wealden.gov.uk/> or via the independent web site <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

If you find some fly-tipped rubbish then please report it. If you witness anyone in the act of fly-tipping then please obtain what evidence you can without putting yourself at risk. Photographs and registration numbers are particularly helpful, and Wealden will prosecute when they have the evidence.

The Gun Defibrillator: Work on the red phone box is now complete and the defibrillator has been moved from the pub to the phone box and is now available 24/7. Thanks again to our volunteers for their work, and to The Gun for looking after it until the phone box was ready.

Mike Goss, Chairman, 01825 872016, chairman@chiddingly.gov.uk

And should you want to email the whole council you can use council@chiddingly.gov.uk

Claudine Feltham, Clerk to the Parish Council, 01435 810439, clerk@chiddingly.gov.uk

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.