

## **Chiddingly Parish Council**

**Parish Council Elections May 2019:** In a few months the Parish Council is up for re-election. Some members of the current council are standing down and some will be standing again. We will need some new people to put themselves forward. If more than nine people come forward for the nine seats on the council there will be a contested election and every voter will have a say in who represents your interests.

In previous articles I have encouraged young people to put themselves forward (it looks good on the CV) and those recently moved to the village (new ideas and viewpoints are welcome), so now it's the turn of those recently retired or about to retire. You would bring a wealth of experience, as well as time, both essential to the smooth running of the parish council.

The current council has seven men and two women, elected from the eight men and three women who stood in 2015. It would be good to have a better gender balance so I would encourage women to put themselves forward for election.

Nomination forms and guidelines will be available from Wealden District Council early in March, to be completed and returned by the end of the month. Wealden will then publish the list of candidates in April ready for the elections on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Candidates do not have to live within the Parish of Chiddingly, they need only be able to demonstrate a strong connection with the parish. Each candidate will need a proposer and a seconder who must be on the Electoral Roll as a resident of Chiddingly.

**Spring Clean:** The Parish Council will be repeating the spring clean initiative this year on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March. We are calling for volunteers to turn out and litter pick the verges and ditches of the parish. We will supply bags, litter pickers and all the equipment necessary. Bags of litter can be left at the recycling centre in the village car park and tea and coffee will be provided in the village hall. Full details will be provided nearer the time, just remember the date, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March. If you want to know more now then please contact the Clerk Claudine Feltham, 01435 810439, [clerk@chiddingly.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@chiddingly.gov.uk)

**Email Lists:** thank you for your response to my appeal for you to register for the various email lists run by the Parish Council. Numbers are creeping up but the lists still reach only a small proportion of the community. Just email me [mike.goss@chiddingly.gov.uk](mailto:mike.goss@chiddingly.gov.uk) and I will add you to whichever of the mailing lists you ask me to.

If you want to know what social events are planned for the village you need to be on the Village Events list.

If you want to know the details of our meetings you need to be on Parish Notice Board List.

There is a Neighbourhood Watch List for emails relating to Neighbourhood Watch.

If you want receive council notices from us, Wealden District and East Sussex County Council you need to be on the Parish List.

Mike Goss, Chairman, 01825 872016, [chairman@chiddingly.gov.uk](mailto:chairman@chiddingly.gov.uk)

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

Claudine Feltham, Clerk to the Parish Council, 01435 810439, [clerk@chiddingly.gov.uk](mailto: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.