

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 you will have a say in who represents your interests.

Younger people or those new to the village may feel that they should step back and leave the Parish Council to the older and more experienced or those who know the village better. Yes, a certain amount of experience is helpful but so are new ideas and fresh viewpoints. The Parish Council welcomes newcomers with new ideas, and new ways of thinking about the village.

Community Infrastructure Levy: There is a tax on new dwellings called the Community Infrastructure Levy or CIL. This collected by Wealden District Council and a proportion is handed over to the Parish where the dwellings are built to be spent on "Infrastructure". It has to be spent within five years. This year Chiddingly Parish Council collected something over £17,000 from CIL. This amounts to around 50% of our annual precept so you can see that it is a significant sum. There are rules and government guidelines as to what is and is not regarded as infrastructure. Full details and regulations can be found by going to www.wealden.gov.uk and searching for CIL. If you have a project in mind that might qualify as "infrastructure" then please feel free to contact the Parish Council and we will consider using some of the CIL money available to it.

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 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

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.