

Chiddingly Parish Council

Annual Parish Assembly: This year the annual Parish Assembly falls on Tuesday 22nd May 2018 in the Village Hall. Doors open at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start with refreshments. This year's meeting will follow the usual format with a few presentations on subjects the Parish Council thinks you might find interesting, followed by an informal chance for you to enjoy the refreshments and speak the representatives of the many village groups we shall be inviting, followed by a chance to discuss in public any matters you feel need to be discussed. We have yet to finalise the groups and speakers present but expect there to be something from the Community Land Trust Steering Group, and something from the Parish Council on Roads and verges.

I look forward to a good turnout.

Land the PC Owns and Maintains: The Parish owns a number of plots of land in the Village. The car park by the church, the Millennium Sculpture Garden next door and the Glebe Field (just planted with the first trees of the Community Orchard). The Sculpture Garden and Community Orchard are managed by MOSAG on a long-term lease.

In Muddles Green the Parish Council owns and manages the Jubilee Garden opposite the junction with Burgh Hill Road, and manages the Jubilee Field (opposite the School) on a long term lease from East Sussex County Council. If you have any comments, compliments or complaints then please let us know.

The road verge alongside the Jubilee field is owned by East Sussex County Council but the Parish Council has taken on the maintenance. The verge has got into bad state over this winter with vehicles parking on it and other damage so getting it back into an acceptable state will not be a quick job, but we will start by getting some short bollards installed to keep vehicles off it. The grass will be cut more regularly this year than has been the case up until now, and as its condition improves we will take a view about what extra work is needed. We had hoped to start some of this work last year but discussions with East Sussex County Council have delayed things.

Council Elections 2019: May 2019 will see new elections for Parish Council. Some members of the current council will not be standing again so now is your chance to get involved. There are nine councillors; if more than nine candidates come forward we will trigger an election. Last time in 2015 we had eleven candidates for the nine seats, and it would be good to have that number or more next time. The current councillors have two meetings a month to attend, with a few hours preparation for each meeting. How much time you undertake to give over that is entirely up you. If you would like to get involved please feel free to talk to any councillor to find out what they do, or look at www.wealden.gov.uk. The Wealden site does concentrate on district councillors (also up for election in May 2019) but also has some information for Parish Councillors.

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And should you want to email the whole council you can use 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.