

Chiddingly Parish Council

Councillor Responsibilities: At the first meeting of the new council at the end of May the following responsibilities were agreed:

Katrina Best: Jubilee Garden

Mike Goss: Chairman Parish Council, Neighbourhood Watch, Lachelle Link

Cliff Marchant: Footpaths & Bridleways, Finance Working Party

Nikos Mikelis: Parish Church/PCC, Finance Working Party

Steve Newham: Deputy Chair Planning, Highways, Footpaths & Bridleways, Jubilee Field & Verge

Julian Richards: Deputy Chair Parish Council, Police, Veolia

Steve Tolhurst: Chairman Planning, Emergency Planning, Village Hall, Finance Working Party

Brendon Welsh: Village Car Park and Recycling Centre, Emergency Planning

Andy Barnes remains as the Parish Tree Warden

Annual Parish Assembly: Special thanks to Claudine and Beryl Marchant for the catering. About fifty residents of Chiddingly turned up to partake of the refreshments, listen to Inspector Jon Gross from Sussex Police and our new Wealden District Councillor Geoff Draper. Amongst the topics that came up in the general discussion were the recurring problem of the "rat run" through the village in the late afternoon and early evening when the A22 slows to a near halt. This subject gets raised every year and only gets worse. The Parish Council is open to any idea to improve the situation. There was some discussion about spending the Community Infrastructure Levy. The council has around £17k from this source and £30k of other money that could be made available to a suitable project. Various possible projects have been suggested and will be discussed by the Parish Council, including a Community Swimming Pool, Improving/upgrading footpath links between Chiddingly and Muddles Green, and road/kerbstone improvements along the Jubilee Verge from the school to the corner. These will need to be investigated and costed before any expenditure is considered. The Parish Council will consult local residents on any scheme it considers viable.

Talk To Us: The Parish Council is there to represent the local residents, so talk to us, tell us what you think. You will find parish councillors in the Six Bells on a Friday evening between 6-7pm, at the Saturday morning market in the village hall on the first Saturday of the month 10-12am, and Patrick O'Hare, though no longer a member of the council, will be in the village shop on the 2nd Saturday of the month 10-11am and is happy to pass messages on.

Phone numbers and email addresses for all councillors will be found in the Parish Magazine.

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. Please note that the GDPR means I can only add those who have sent me an email asking me to do so. If you don't ask, I can't add you.

We maintain four mailing lists for Village Events, Parish Notice Board List (Agendas and Minutes), Neighbourhood Watch and the Parish List for council notices from us, Wealden District and East Sussex County Council.

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

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