

Chiddingly Parish Council

Spring Clean: Thank you to everyone who turned out on Saturday 30th March, and in the days before and since. By lunchtime on the Saturday we had collected an impressive pile of bags of litter from the verges and ditches of this parish. Why drivers should feel free to throw their refuse out of the car window as they drive through our village beats me, but they do, and luckily, we have people who take enough pride in their village to be prepared to clean up after them.

Parish Council Elections May 2019: There is to be a contested election for the Parish Council. Twelve nominations have been received for the nine seats on the council so on Thursday May 2nd you will receive two ballot papers when you visit the polling station in the village hall, one for the District Council election and one for the Parish Council. The Parish Council paper will have twelve names on the list, and you have up to nine votes. Simply place an X next to the (up to) nine candidates you would like to see on the parish council. You may vote for fewer than nine, but you cannot vote for more than nine of the candidates.

The votes will be counted on Friday 3rd May afternoon and the nine with the most votes will become the new council meeting for the first time on Tuesday 21st May in the Village Hall at 7:30pm.

At that first meeting the new council will elect Chair, Deputy Chair of the Council and Chair and Deputy Chair of the Planning Committee and decide who takes on which special responsibilities. Details of these will be published on www.chiddingly.gov.uk shortly afterwards and here in the July edition of the Parish Magazine.

Annual Parish Assembly: A week later, on Tuesday 28th May you will have the chance to meet and talk to the new council at the Annual Parish Assembly in the village hall at 7:30pm (doors open 7:15). There you will have the chance to raise any topic you wish. It's your opportunity to set the Parish Council off in the direction you want. If there is anything in particular you would like to raise let Claudine know (clerk@chiddingly.gov.uk) as soon as you can and she can ask the right people along to the assembly to answer your questions, or take your suggestions.

We are hoping to have someone present from Wealden Planning to talk about the application for a commercial estate at the end of Nash Street on the A22. Watch out for further announcements to see if Wealden are able to put someone up.

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.

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 usually 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 10-12 noon. You may also find a councillor or three on most Friday evenings in the Six Bells around 7pm.