

Chiddingly Parish Council

Grants: The Parish Council will be sending application forms for Grants in the next few weeks. This is a month or so earlier than in previous years as we would like to have all applications in and decided before we come to set our budget at the end of year. Forms will be sent to previous applicants. If you haven't previously applied but would like to apply then please contact the clerk.

East Sussex County Council: And talking of budgets East Sussex County Council are talking of further cuts. It has set out plans to strip back services to the "legal minimum" amid calls for talks with central government. East Sussex County Council (ESCC) said it had saved £129m since 2010 and had to be realistic about the future. The authority has confirmed it may only be able to offer services it is legally obliged to provide. It may be necessary for the Parish Council to increase its own precept to cover services no longer provided by East Sussex. We won't know what the effects are until East Sussex sets its budget and confirms what services it is cutting. The Sussex Association of Local Councils has urged East Sussex to keep Parish and Town Councils informed.

The BBC News site has some more detail at www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-45058677 as does the Guardian www.theguardian.com/society/2018/aug/03/local-council-funding-crisis-east-sussex-cuts-services

Wealden Local Plan: Wealden District Council is consulting on its proposed submission Wealden Local Plan. The documents are available for consultation between 13 August 2018 and 5pm on 8 October 2018. Just go online and search for "Wealden Local Plan".

The Wealden Local Plan provides the framework (along with national legislation and guidelines) within which planning applications within Wealden are to be determined so it is relevant. If nothing else just go online take a look and search for "Chiddingly" or "Muddles Green".

New Mailing Lists:

Parish Notice Board – this list already exists and members receive copies of council agendas and minutes by email up to four times per month.

Parish List – this is a new list to be used for information generated by the Parish Council, Wealden District Council or East Sussex County Council which may be of interest. For example Parish Council notices, links for online surveys, or notifications from Highways about road closures. I would expect there to be less than a dozen emails a year on this list.

Neighbourhood Watch – this is a revival of a list that was run successfully by Linda Fittal for many years. I would expect one or two emails a week on this list including the regular bulletins from Sussex Police.

Village Events – This list will be run on behalf any group or organisation in the village that currently places posters around the village. Send me a copy of the poster and I'll put it out on the Village Events mailing list. I would expect a few emails per month on this list. It allows village groups to use an email list without having to comply with the GDPR because the Parish Council does.

Just email me with details of which lists you would like to be included on, and I'll do the rest.

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.