

The Catsfield Flyer...

Welcome to Catsfield Parish Council's Newsletter 2015 - Issue 13

Catsfield had an uncontested election in April this year and four Councillors were duly elected. Two further Councillors have been co-opted by Parish Council.

Become a Councillor..... Could you provide a voice for people living in your community?

We currently have 1 remaining seat to be filled by co-option. So if you are interested in serving the Community and care about what happens in Catsfield.....please contact The Clerk for more information.

For 2015/16 Councillors contact information and area of responsibilities are as follows:-

Cllr. John Overall – Chairman	Newlands, Skinners Lane, Catsfield. TN33 9DN	T: 01424 893431
Cllr. Chris Thomas – Vice-Chairman	Brackendale Farm, 2 Twisly Cottages, Catsfield. TN33 9BH	T: 01424 892990
Cllr. Julian Goodliffe	37 Skinners Lane, Catsfield. TN33 9DN	T: 01424 893526
Cllr. David Scott	Oldfields, Church Road, Catsfield. TN33 9DP	T: 01424 893606
Cllr. Rachel Tottman	Brook Cottage, 2 Church Road, Catsfield. TN33 9DP	T: 01424 893526
Cllr. Martin Holgate	Church Farm, Church Road, Catsfield. TN33 9BG	T: 01424 893002

Planning Sub-Committee	Playground Sub-Committee
Cllrs. Thomas (Chair), Goodliffe and Scott	Cllrs. Goodliffe and Tottman

Footpaths	Cllr. Overall	Hedges and Verges	Cllrs. Thomas & Tottman
Open Spaces	Cllr. Scott	Highways & Traffic Matters	Cllr. Scott
Police Liaison	Cllr. Scott	Tree Warden	Dr. John Feltwell
Dog Warden	Cllr. Goodliffe	Pond Warden	Cllr. Thomas

Representatives to outside bodies	
RALC	Cllrs. Overall and Holgate
SSALC	Cllrs. Overall and Holgate
Village Hall Committee	Cllr. Goodliffe
History Centre	Cllr. Overall

Road Safety Improvements in Church Road.....your views are needed

A meeting was held back in April 2015 between Parish Council, Catsfield School + School Council, Sussex Police, County Councillor Kathryn Field and District Councillor Angharad Davies to discuss what appropriate traffic calming measures could be introduced to slow down the speeding traffic and improve driving behaviour outside Catsfield Primary School. All parties present agreed there was a need to create a safer environment for our Primary School children and residents in Church Road, before there was a fatality.

Following subsequent meetings with ESCC Highways a proposed plan has been drawn-up, which now has to be consulted on. We need to know your views and would appreciate if you could take the time to read the attached document produced by Parish Council and send your comments through to The Clerk as detailed. If you could indicate whether you 'Support' (subject to your alterations you may suggest) or 'Object' to the scheme going ahead in any form.

There will be a cost to Parish Council but this will be subsidised with ESCC 'Community Match Funding' and Catsfield Primary School is also raising funds to support the scheme.

Thank you for your help.

Parish Council updates in brief.....

Two new Notice Boards have been put up. One at the Recreation Ground and the other is located on the corner of the Village Hall Car Park to provide information for these areas.

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Due to continuing concerns raised in relation to the Bus Shelter impairing the visibility of traffic exiting Church Road onto The Green, the Perspex sides and some of the wooden slats have been removed to help alleviate this.

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Following complaints over the summer period about the amount of rubbish on the Recreation Ground, a new litter bin has been installed.

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Beware to all those irresponsible dog owners who allow their dogs to foul the Playing Field and do not pick-up after them.....Catsfield now has a 'Dog Poo Patrol' and they are watching you.....!

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Parish Council has been granted planning permission at the Recreation Ground to provide a hard surface parking area for 4 vehicles on the verge (located on the right hand side of the entrance before going through the gate) belonging to ESCC Highways. Geewoods Construction Co Ltd will be carrying out the work.

Please watch out for the notices advising when is due to take place as access to the Recreation Ground will be restricted during this time.

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Following the Catsfield Parish Survey earlier in the year, Parish Council has decided not to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan. With the results from the survey, Parish Council is proposing to produce a similar plan to the recently expired 'Local Action Plan' for the Parish.

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Speed Watch.....

As a Community we value our rural environment and the majority of us agree that our biggest local issue is in relation to speeding traffic and poor driving by those travelling through the Parish. Parish Council is currently tackling the problem in Church Road and has also conducted a traffic survey along The Green, with some very interesting results! But during all of our meetings with outside organisations we are always asked 'How is your Speedwatch' going.....what are your results showing?' Sadly Parish Council has to admit that it has been unable to carry out any Speedwatch sessions due to lack of help. Councillors cannot do this alone and to make this work and show the likes of ESCC and Sussex Police that we as a Community are serious in wanting to stop speeding traffic and educate drivers to drive more sensibly through our Parish we need you to volunteer and help run these sessions. The more people that come forward the less sessions you will all have to do. So please step-up and show that you are determined to sort this problem.

Community Benefit Funding

As part of the terms and conditions of the recent Solar Farm installation at St. Francis Farm in Potmans Lane, Parish Council received from Lightsource Renewable Energy Ltd a 'Community Benefit' payment amounting to £15,200 to be used for the benefit of the Community.

Parish Council has a few ideas on using the fund but we would like to hear your ideas.....how would you like to see the monies spent?

Before you write your 'Wish List' please remember it has to be of a benefit for the Community and it is only £15,200! (PC's 'Wish List' also needed a few more noughts on the end!)

Please send your ideas / comments through to The Clerk as per the contact details below.

How to contact Catsfield Parish Council.....

Visit our website at www.catsfieldpc.co.uk

Email your comments regarding any Village matters to: clerk@catsfieldpc.co.uk

Write to Parish Council at The Village Hall, Church Rd, Catsfield, East Sussex. TN33 9DP

Read the information on Parish Council's notice boards

Phone the Clerk on 01424 893526