

Horne Parish Council

Spring 2013 Newsletter



Above Horne Court Wood
By Bernard Lockley

Horne Parish Council Meetings

Held at Centenary Hall,
Wheeler Lane, Smallfield
From 7.30pm

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday 8th April

APM Tuesday 23rd April

Monday 13th May

Monday 10th June

Members of the public are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

Parish Plan 2013

Short Term Objectives:

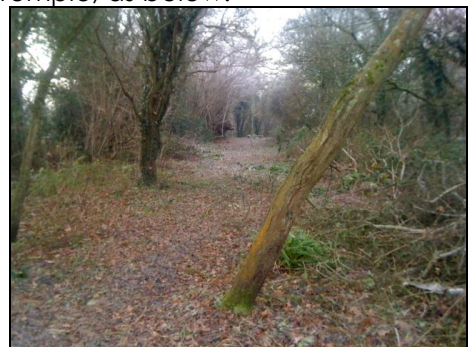
- To create a Vision Statement for Horne PC
- To set up a local flood forum for Horne and Burstow.
- To improve broadband access by prioritising Horne in the Surrey scheme.
- To represent local views on planning issues.
- To complete the Newchapel Green project and to initiate the project on Frogit Heath to carry out much needed clearing to maintain safety and increase availability for use by the public.
- To publish four newsletters a year.
- To continue to work with neighbouring parishes to enhance quality of life.

Long Term Objectives:

- To monitor HGV activity in Horne and the effect on the roads.
- To facilitate the improvement of the condition of road surfaces in Horne.
- To get the best deal for the Parish in its interaction with Gatwick Airport.
- To continue to identify the need for improvement for all areas of Horne: e.g. footpaths, bridleways and areas owned by Horne P.C.
- To work with Church PCC to ensure Newchapel Village Hall remains available for the use of Horne's residents in perpetuity.
- To investigate continuing the pavement along the south side of Newchapel Road from the Newchapel roundabout.
- Neighbourhood Plan: look to wider implications of produce a neighbourhood plan. To analyse possible housing needs in conjunction with SCAPTC. Possibly to be carried out in conjunction with Lingfield Hub.

Newchapel Green – Update

The consultant has overseen work alongside Newchapel Road in order to re-establish a bridleway/footpath on the south side of the next to Rabys Farm, running along to the A22 adjacent to the Mormon Temple, as below:



Vegetation was also cut back on the north alongside Newchapel Green to create a two metre footpath alongside the road.

The tree thinning and creation of a footpath within Newchapel Green has been postponed until the ground dries out.

We are also pleased to announce that Surrey Highways installed a safety fence along the A22 which enables safer passage for horses and riders alongside the busy road in order to cross over to an adjoining bridleway.

Many thanks to County Councillor Michael Sydney for assisting with funding for both projects. The Safety fence was fully funded through Community Pride, and we received 50% match funding for the work at Newchapel Green through the Cllr. Sydney's Members' Allocation Fund.

Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 23rd April 2013, 7.30pm
Centenary Hall, Smallfield

At this meeting Parish Councillors report to the village on the activities of the council over the previous year. Local residents can give their feedback. The PC also hopes to secure a guest speaker from Surrey Highways. Please keep an eye on the website for the final details. Refreshments provided. **The Parish Council would very much like to meet you there.**

Flood Forum

On 4th March Horne PC held its inaugural flood forum, which aims to start to identify key flood areas in Horne and to use expertise from Surrey Highways and other authorities to address the problems that are giving rise to flood issues in the area.

Thank you to local residents who have registered your email address with us – we were able to reach out to you for input into flood issues in the area.

More details available on the website www.horne-pc.org.uk

Landowner Responsibility for Ditches

Common Law imposes a duty on the owner of land adjoining a highway to maintain ditches that provide natural drainage for both the land and highway.

In the majority of cases the responsibility for ditch maintenance rests with the adjacent landowner.

The Land Drainage Act 1991 gives local authorities powers to deal with obstructions in ordinary watercourses where that obstruction to the flow of water creates a risk of flooding. If the obstruction impedes the flow, the Council may serve notice on the landowner to remove the obstruction. If no action is taken, the Council may carry out the work itself and recover the cost from the landowner.

Please take the time to fulfill your responsibility to maintain your ditch and help to reduce the amount of water flowing on to the local roads.

www.horne-pc.org.uk



Sign up at www.horne-pc.org.uk to receive occasional emails including upcoming meeting agendas and requests for input on local issues.

Precept 2013/14

As Horne Parish Council is running at a loss and has not increased its precept for six years, it is necessary to raise the precept this year to £9,720. The remaining shortfall will be met by the Council's minimal reserve fund and by looking at cost savings in other areas.

The impact of this for a Band D property would be an increase of 11p a week on the Council tax.

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Enter your postcode at <http://www.superfastsurrey.org.uk> to see when superfast broadband will be deployed in your street.

It's Good to Talk

Reporting issues to the Parish Council helps us to monitor local issues and provide support. However, it has been proven that there is no greater impact than a large number of local residents reporting issues directly to the relevant authority. **It has been proven that more attention will be paid to concerns where there are lots of us making noise!** Please use the following numbers to register your concerns:

Flooding or Potholes – Surrey County Council

The most effective way is to report these issues online

www.surreycc.gov.uk/do-it-online/report-it-online

or call 03456 009 009

HGV Activity - The Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA)
enquiries@vosa.gov.uk

Newchapel Village Hall

At the time of going to print the PC understands that the Parochial Church Council, on the advice of the Diocese of Southwark, will be selling Newchapel Village Hall. According to the Deeds from the Palmer Estate, the PCC is within its rights to sell the property however they should be obliged to use the proceeds to provide an alternative venue for Parishioners of Horne to meet. At this time we have been informed that the Church will be investigating the options of providing a new meeting space.

