

Horne Parish Council

Summer 2013 Newsletter



Red Deer at the British Wildlife Centre
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Horne Parish Council Meetings

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

Upcoming Meetings: Monday 8th July

No PC meeting held in August;
planning meeting held if required

Monday 9th September

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

Flood Forum

The second flood forum meeting was held in May, attended by representatives from Horne PC, Burstow PC and Chaired by County Councillor Michael Sydney. Also in attendance was the SCC Area Highways Team Manager and a guest from the Environment Agency. Further to the meeting and as a result of input from local residents since the meeting, Horne PC has collated the information received to date to form a profile of the flood hotspots in Horne. The document is available to view on the Horne PC website. The purpose of the document is to try to identify all the issues in order to enable a plan of action to be established. Further input from local residents about these issues would be very welcome.

Landowner Responsibility for Ditches

Blocked ditches are still a major cause of flood issues in Horne. We are aware of some ditches that have recently been cleared out and would like to extend our thanks to those landowners who have taken the time to fulfil their legal responsibility to maintain their ditches. Please take the time to check whether you are responsible for the ditches on your property boundary and carry out routine maintenance of the ditch if required.

Extended Bus Service

Horne Parish Council was delighted to receive news that the Southdown PSV bus service 236 has been extended to include Horne. The bus will stop by St Marys on Church Road. 236 Oxted to Crawley will stop in Horne at 10.19, 12.19 and 14.19. 236 Crawley to Oxted will stop in Horne at 9.37, 11.37, 13.37 and 16.37. For full details including route map visit

www.southdownpsv.co.uk/ops/timetables.php or contact the Clerk of Horne Parish Council

Horne Parish Council would like to see the service extended with more frequent stops. If you would benefit from this service being extended further please contact us so that we can gauge the interest from Horne residents.

Horne's Annual Parish Assembly – your council, your meeting

Unfortunately turnout was very low at this year's APA. Horne PC would be interested to hear from residents regarding ideas to encourage greater attendance. The Parish Council is considering a cheese and wine evening for this event next year to provide an informal opportunity to meet your councillors and discuss local issues, but would be interested in your feedback.

Reporting Issues

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
0300 123 9000

Parking Issues – PC Moira Cocks, Tandridge Casualty Reduction Officer
101 Ext 37499
cocks1262@surrey.pnn.police.uk

Please also tell our Clerk!

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.

A local resident's view of attending Parish Council meetings

Being typically English, I spend hours with my friends putting the country to rights but never feel we can do anything to make a difference, so apathy reigns but I still carry on grumbling.

One of my gripes is the state of our local lanes and verges, the Lane where I live in particular of course. I tried to take issue many years ago, even getting a letter from Parliament basically saying there is nothing that can be done!

Having received a Horne Parish Council newsletter telling me that there is a meeting every 2nd Monday of the month, I decided to make the minimal effort to attend to see what went on.

To my astonishment, I learned that there were major issues and considerations being discussed about the concerns I had. Were I not to have attended, I would never have known nor been able to voice my concerns to ears that were listening and people that were trying to address some issues I and I am sure, others have.

I learned some things about the plans and options for Gatwick – a concern many of us must have.

Why are they closing the lanes for so long laying a water main, where was it going? What was it for? That too was answered in the meeting.

We still might not achieve what we personally think is needed and we will continue putting the world to right amongst our friends, but showing some interest in what our local Parish Councillors are highlighting time and time again seems to be slowly getting somewhere.

I am glad I chose that one visit, I now try to attend regularly. A combined voice is stronger than secret whispers – maybe!

Gatwick Airport

It's been a busy time for watchers of Gatwick Airport, which includes Horne Parish Council! The Davis Commission are due to publish their interim report later in the year and in the meanwhile have published several discussion documents which are available on their website:

www.gov.uk/government/organizations/airports-commission.

Discussion seems to be around a proposed second runway which is to the south of the airport, which could lead to some flight paths moving away from the centre of the Parish. The PC is a member of the GACC group which monitors the airport and has potential new flight paths on its website.

Consultation has also commenced on night flights which may see changes to the present arrangements, which on average sees 30 flights a night, 90% of which are arrivals.

The Blacksmiths Head Vintage Car Day Sunday 30th June

Vintage and classic cars on show from midday. BBQ & live music from The Big Blue. Bouncy castle & face painting. The day will include fundraising for Riding for the Disabled, who will be bringing a Shetland pony for children to ride.



East Park Riding for the Disabled Group

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www.eastparkrda.org.uk
01342 837546

East Park RDA Group is based at Little Brook Equestrian Centre in Newchapel. During term time the group runs eight riding sessions per week for disabled children from local schools. With six riders per session, they are able to give 48 young people a weekly opportunity to ride.

Horne Vision Statement

What does Horne mean to you?

Please email the Clerk by 8th July if you have any ideas or thoughts to contribute to the forming of a vision statement for Horne.

Superfast Broadband: Surrey

Surrey has begun roll out of superfast broadband to 15,000 homes and businesses across the county. Aiming to become the best connected county in the UK, Surrey CC expects to cover almost all of the region with superfast broadband by the end of 2014. The local authority has selected BT to create the county wide superfast network and expects the strategy will create an annual £30m boost for the local economy.

For more information, visit:
www.superfastsurrey.org.uk

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