

Horne Parish Council

Winter 2015 Newsletter



The Future of Newchapel Hall

Members of the local community in Horne approached the Parish Council as they were keen to ensure that Newchapel Hall stayed in the Parish and was not sold by St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC), a process which had already been put in motion.

The Parish Council agreed to form an advisory committee made up of three Parish councillors and a number of local residents who have brought their skills and passion to the project. The advisory committee is carrying out a feasibility study to show the Parish Council how much work and money is required to get the hall up and running and provide much-needed modernisation.

Members of the committee have secured a commitment from ten local businesses of £100 per year towards the running costs of the Hall. County Councillor Michael Sydney has also pledged £1,000. There are many grants available which could be applied for to update the facilities. The Parish Council may look for fundraise within the community if necessary.

In the meantime the Parish Council is carrying out a survey within the local community and would like to receive a response from every household in the Parish to determine the level of support

for saving Newchapel Hall. The survey can be found enclosed with this newsletter (or found on the Parish Council website) and can be returned to the Clerk by post or send your response by email.

It is hoped that the Hall will become a venue for a wide range of events, including providing leisure/social opportunities for all ages, holding Parish Council meetings and generally bringing the community together.

The advisory committee has had an initial meeting with representatives from the Parochial Church Council and has written to request whether the PCC would be willing to enter into negotiations for the Parish Council to lease the Hall.



Frogit Heath and Newchapel Green

The Parish Council owns two large areas of woodland in Horne.

Newchapel Green is located between the Blacksmiths Head and the A22 roundabout, and amounts to ten acres. The wooded area has recently been thinned out and a woodland path has been cut around the inside boundary.

Frogit Heath (pictured above) is located behind West Park Road and Bones Lane. Frogit Heath covers approximately 25 acres.

Horne Parish Council Upcoming meetings:

Monday 16th February
Monday 16th March
Monday 20th April
Monday 16th March

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Monday 18th May:
Annual Statutory Meeting
(AGM)

Thursday 21st May:
Annual Parish Meeting

Commencing at **7pm**
Centenary Hall,
Wheeler's Lane, Smallfield

Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend. The first 15 minutes of the meeting are available for the public to raise any issues with the council.

and Bones Lane. Frogit Heath covers approximately 25 acres.

The Parish Council also owns a number of verges along Newchapel Road and West Park Road.

Horne Parish Council is trying to acquire grant funding to produce a long term management plan for Frogit Heath (pictured above), which it has a duty to maintain in a reasonable condition for the future.

The Forestry Commission has recently ceased funding management plans and so the Parish Council is seeking other funding opportunities.

HPC has commissioned a tree survey of parish land adjoining the Highway and will be carrying out work to ensure that the verges are safe and tidy.

LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 2015

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

Are you concerned about your local area?

Do you want to represent the views of local people?

Do you want to contribute your business or Personal skills and expertise?

Are you passionate about services provided to your community?

Contact the Clerk to discuss further and/or attend a Parish Council meeting in the next few months to see what it is all about.

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Frogit Heath



Your Village Hall

Reduction in Local Government funding may see services you take for granted reduced in the future.

Horne Parish Council is involved in long-term projects for the Parish.

Become a Local Councillor: Make a difference

Elections for Town & Parish Councils will be held in May 2015

If you would like to make a difference and be involved in shaping the future of the local community

...why not stand for election?



Flooding



HGVs

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Riparian Ownership - Legal Responsibility for Ditches

Horne Parish is a low-lying Parish which has a history of flooding in prolonged wet weather. The effective maintenance of ditches is a very important factor in ensuring that rain water is able to be removed properly, thereby preventing flooding upstream.

It is the legal responsibility of the Riparian Owner / landowner to maintain the ditches which border their property, including the maintenance of the bank and bed of your section of watercourse, in order to avoid any obstruction of flow in the watercourse.

The most common problems affecting watercourses are:

- Failing to keep vegetation growth under control—including hedges!
- Failing to obtain consent for installing pipes or “culverting” of a watercourse. If you want to put in a pipe or culvert you must obtain permission from Surrey County Council.
- Disposal or storage of garden or domestic rubbish, waste etc. on the banks of watercourses

PLEASE:

**DON'T THROW GARDEN WASTE INTO A DITCH, STREAM OR ANY OTHER WATERCOURSE.
FOR EVERYONE'S SAKE... CLEAR OUT YOUR DITCHES & CULVERTS.**



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