

The Chairman of the Parish Council invites all residents from the Parish of Catsfield to attend

THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

On 24th April 2014

at 7.30pm in Catsfield Village Hall

DRAFT AGENDA - Subject to change

1. To welcome and receive any apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting on 25-Apr-2013
3. To discuss any matters arising from these minutes.
4. Parish Council Annual Report: *Chairman Cllr. John Overall*
5. County Council Report *Cllr. Kathryn Field*
6. District Council Report *Cllr. Angharad Davies*
7. Reports from the groups and societies of Catsfield
8. Open Forum.

Light refreshments will be available.

ALL RESIDENTS FROM THE PARISH OF CATSFIELD ARE WELCOME.

Finally.....How to contact 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 Parish Office on **01424 893526**

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The Catsfield Flyer...



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Catsfield Recreation Ground



On Friday 10th January 2014 Catsfield Parish Council was pleased to mark the official opening of the newly equipped play area at the Playing Field. The opening was attended by Members of Catsfield Parish Council, Cllr. Tony Ganly from Rother District Council, PCSO Daryl Holter, Terry Housden from Fields in Trust, Governors, staff and children from Catsfield C of E Primary School, staff, parents and children from Catsfield Under Fives Pre-school and local parents.

Parish Council began the project back in September 2012 with the help of local Dad Scott Lavocah. The aim of the project was to replace the existing outdated equipment and provide an enjoyable area for children up to eleven years old to develop their agility in a safe environment. Ali Norwood – a parent at Catsfield C of E Primary School started the ball rolling with a 'wish list' of equipment from a survey of the local Primary School children. This 'wish list' was used to invite play equipment suppliers to provide a quote for the design, supply and installation of the equipment.



Playdale Playgrounds Ltd won the contract with local landscaping done by Scott Hardy Landscapes, JW Fencing and Forestry and Sargents Turf Growers. The largest share of the funding was provided by Rother DC's Community Grant Scheme and the remaining balance came from funds built up by Catsfield Parish Council specifically for the project.

A donation of £200 from Sussex Police Property Act Fund was received from PCSO Daryl Holter towards replacing the fencing around the play area and this is due to be completed soon.



Queen Elizabeth II Field

Catsfield Recreation Ground has been formally registered and dedicated as a Queen Elizabeth II Field, which is operated by Fields in Trust, to protect outdoor recreational spaces in communities all across the country as a permanent living legacy of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee 2012

A plaque, paid for by Fields in Trust, was unveiled on the Catsfield Community Pavilion by Catsfield Parish Council Chairman - Cllr. John Overall and Fields in Trust Development Manager - Terry Housden on Friday 10th January 2014.



Summer Fete 2014

At Catsfield Horticultural Society's AGM in October 2013, Diane Wilson very bravely volunteered to take the lead on the 2014 Summer Fete.

A message from Diane.....

Planning is progressing well for the 2014 Village Fete on Saturday 2nd August. For our evening entertainment we are extremely fortunate in getting a return from the Swingstreet Band who performed for us so successfully as part of our Diamond Jubilee celebrations. If you have not already done so, put the date in your diary!

We are very keen to get as many local groups and individuals involved as possible this year. Aware that there are a number of very talented local arts, crafts and other artisans, we hope to identify an area of the field for those who would like to display products and provide demonstrations, as well as to sell locally produced art work, crafts, food and other produce. We would like to hear from you if you would be interested in being involved in this way on the day.

We would also like to hear from you if you have ideas for activities you would like to see on the day, especially if you are prepared to be involved in some way. We want to ensure the event is a most enjoyable one for all age groups so look forward to hearing from you.

You can contact us in the following ways:

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Diane Wilson

(On behalf of the Catsfield Village Fete Committee)

***** **Catsfield Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show - 12th April 2014** *****

Catsfield Primary School

Catsfield Primary School were delighted to announce that they had received an 'OUTSTANDING' judgement in every area in their October 2013 Ofsted Inspection. You can see the full report on their website www.catsfieldcep.e-sussex.sch.uk
A 'Balloon Launch' to celebrate the occasion took place at the school in November.

Rother District Council Core Strategy

At the beginning of August 2013 Rother District Council held a 7 week consultation on the main modifications to their proposed Core Strategy

A 'Core Strategy' document is a key compulsory local development document within the Local Authorities Plan (Rother DC). Every other local development document is built on the principles it sets out, regarding the development and use of land in a local planning authorities area - in our case Rother District Council. The principles should be in accordance with the community strategy - i.e. the needs of the people of Catsfield and our own Local Action Plan.

Rother DC has been required by the Planning Inspectorate to revise their Local Plan for the period 2011 - 2028 as it does not meet with an appropriate level of housing growth as set by Central Government. The required level of housing has increased from 4,800 to 6,180 since the plan was first written. However, The Planning Inspectorate is keen for this to be their final revision.

Where Catsfield fits in.....our original New Housing allocation was up to 30 homes and we already had planning permission for 7 new homes to be built around the Parish. This latest revision of the Rother Local Plan that Parish Council has just commented on has set our new housing allocation at 47 - not up to 47 and does not allow for the planning permissions that have been granted for 10 (3 extra) new properties in the Parish which are due to be built. Also there is a proposal to add a new criteria to the Local Plan that any developments of 6 or less houses on a site, will not be counted as part of our new housing allocation - these will be in addition to. These are the 2 areas that Parish Council has criticised as it is felt they do not meet with the National Planning Policy Framework or Rother DC's own planning policies which are supposed to protect the character of the local villages and allow an appropriate level of growth. There are around 133 houses in the Village Centre (which is classed as the development boundary) and Rother are asking for developments of 6+ homes to be built in this area - so it is quite a high growth level!

There are lots of other factors but we were only allowed to comment on the legal compliance and soundness of the revisions / modifications made to the Rother Local Plan

Bus Service

In late October 2013 ESCC Public Transport advised that Renown Travel Services were intending to withdraw the commercial part of the Monday to Friday No. 95 Bus Service from 5th January 2014. The Saturday service would be unaffected as it runs under contract to the County Council.

ESCC came back in mid December 2013 (eleventh hour?!) to say that Renown would continue to provide the service until at least the end of July 2014. This would allow them more time to investigate a better value solution which reflected the needs of those using the service.

This is our main bus service through the village which transports us to Little Common, Bexhill, Sidley, Ninfield, Battle, Conquest Hospital and Sainsbury's St Leonards-on-Sea.

SO PLEASE - HELP SAVE OUR BUS SERVICE. USE IT or we will LOSE IT!