

The Catsfield Flyer...

Welcome to Catsfield Parish Council's
Newsletter 2014- Issue 11



Catsfield Village Hall Car Park

You may have noticed items disappearing from the Village Hall Car Park at the end of June.....signs, grit bin, salt.....? No we haven't been burgled! Rother District Council has been removing their assets in preparation of Catsfield Parish Council taking over responsibility of the Car Park which finally happened on **1st July 2014**.

We will shortly be putting up our own notices and providing a new grit bin later this year.

Overhanging Hedges - A Growing Problem

The problem of overhanging hedges and vegetation encroaching onto roads and pavements has become more of a seasonal problem than usual this year.

ESCC Highways advises us that their contact centre is receiving over two hundred calls a week from members of the public about hedges and vegetation straying across pavements and roads. The vast majority of these complaints concern private property and the ESCC has not got the resources to tackle this problem; which arguably they shouldn't have to as it is the responsibility of the home / land owner. Where this affects visibility or public safety ESCC will take action by contacting the home/land owner and asking them to cut back the offending growth. In extreme cases, Highway Stewards will take action themselves by cutting back the hedge and then charging the home/land owner for the work carried out.



Very often these matters can easily be resolved at a local level and ESCC Highways Authority has asked for Parish Council's help in tackling this problem. We have made a start on reviewing properties (you may already have received a visit from one of our Councillors). Please help us make our pavements safe for our residents as walking on the road is not a safe alternative!

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE
OUR PARISH SAFER**



Dog Fouling at Catsfield Playing Field

Regretfully, Parish Council need to remind the minority of irresponsible dog owners once again that they have an obligation to clean up after their dogs. **'Your dog is your responsibility'** and not cleaning up after your dog is against the law. The main reason for dog fouling laws is because dog faeces is unhygienic and a health hazard. Dog fouling is unsightly, unpleasant and can lead to toxocarasis in humans.

Parish Council constantly receives complaints from our residents, sports clubs and families with young children about the amount of dog mess on the Playing Field. **It is disrespectful to our local community who also enjoy using this open space.** Stepping in dog 'mess' will spoil a visit: **Please consider others who walk and play here.**

We ask you to **be a responsible dog walker** and 'pick up' your dog litter in our open areas. There is a dog bin near the main entrance - please use this or take the bags away with you. Bags thrown into the bushes cause litter, pollution and are an eyesore.

THANK YOU.....



...**SUSSEX POLICE** Report – ‘We are still seeing garages, sheds and other outbuildings targeted by criminals. These buildings often contain valuable property including gardening equipment such as strimmers, chainsaws and lawnmowers. Please ensure your outbuildings are secure and locked at all times, and where possible consider getting security lighting and an alarm fitted. Also remember to take note of the serial numbers of your valuable equipment and consider signing up to www.immbolise.com which is the nation’s crime property website and aids the police in reuniting seized stolen goods to rightful owners.

...**ROTHER DC** has finally received the Inspector’s Report on the examination into the Rother Local Plan Core Strategy. The Inspector concludes that the Core Strategy is ‘sound’ subject to the inclusion of the main modifications set out in the Appendix to her report.

The delayed response from the Inspector has caused the Village Study that Catsfield PC had agreed to work on in partnership with Rother District Council to be put on hold. At Parish Council’s meeting in July, Councillors agreed to set-up a working party to research this prior to preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. Their findings will be reported back to the Parish Council to discuss and decide whether to proceed.

...**WHAT IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?** A Neighbourhood Plan establishes general planning policies for the development and use of land in a neighbourhood, for example:

.....where new homes should be built
.....how they should look

The Plan can be detailed or in general terms, depending on what local people might prefer.

Neighbourhood Plans allow local people to get the right development for their community. However, the plans must still meet the needs of the wider area and this means that our Neighbourhood Plan must conform with Rother DC’s Core Strategy – the assessment of housing and other development needs in the area.

We need your feedback.....should CATSFIELD have a Neighbourhood Plan?

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ESCC has launched a 12-week consultation period on the proposed changes to local bus services beginning on the 7th July to 28th September. This will affect our No. 95 village bus service.

ESCC has sent out the following message:-

‘We are seeking your views on a number of changes we are proposing to our subsidised bus services. The proposals would save £1.79m of public money but still ensure that 91% of all current passengers on the East Sussex bus network are unaffected. It would also ensure that over 95% still have access to a 6 day a week service, Monday to Saturday. Please find below a link to our consultation page for organisations and the accompanying documents that you may find helpful to read prior to completing the survey.

<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/organisationsbuschanges>

We are keen to hear the views of everyone in the community, which includes businesses and organisations such as yours, as well as individuals. We have therefore produced a consultation page for individuals to enable them to comment about specific bus services as well as about our plan and draft proposals.

<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/individualsbuschanges>

If you would prefer to print, complete and return your survey via the post or to an East Sussex library please download the Survey for Individuals. If you do not have access to a printer we can arrange to send paper copies to you.

If you feel it is appropriate, please forward this email to any business, organisation or individual who you think would like to give their views about our suggested changes to buses. We have also attached a short briefing note which provides a summary of the consultation for you to share within your organisation or with other members of your group. If it would be beneficial we can arrange a face to face presentation to explain about our plan, vision, priorities and why we are proposing to make these changes.

This consultation starts on 7 July and you have until 28 September to take part. We hope that you are able to find time to complete our survey as we really value your feedback.

*Yours sincerely
Karl Taylor
Assistant Director – Operations’.*

You will also find a link to the consultation on Catsfield Parish Council’s website - www.catsfieldpc.co.uk
Please take this opportunity to have your say.

Due to the wonders of modern technology this issue of our ‘flyer’ is slightly different i.e. our reliable but dinosaur version of Microsoft Publisher doesn’t want to work with all those new techy things!!!!!! **Hope you like it.**

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 Parish Office on 01424 893526