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Council main contact number 300 456

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Your Wiltshire Council Unitary Representative is

Councillor Bill Parks Tel: 07712 490075

Your Local MP is Dr Andrew Murrison Tel: 01225 358584

Your Parish Council is here to help you. If you have a problem or concern about something locally, get in touch with the Parish Clerk and she will be able to advise you as to how you should proceed. It may be that it is something that the Parish Councillors can do or it may be that a particular issue needs to be raised with another body. Whatever the way forward, the Parish Clerk will be able to offer you advice. In the meantime, if you have something

you'd like to tell the Parish Council about, just contact the Clerk. She is available Monday to Thursday 9.00 to 4.00pm or use the email address below:



Sarah Jeffries PSLCC CertHE

9 Beech Grove, Warminster, BA12 0AN or email horningsham@virginmedia.com Tel:01985 213436

Parish Council Website can be found at

http://www.Horningsham.gov.uk

HORNINGSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

NEWS LETTER 2023





Like the "Horningsham News" Facebook page and keep up to date with the latest Horningsham News and Community articles.

Chairman's Annual Report 2023

As last year I must start by saying a farewell and a hello. First the farewell, Charlotte Hilleary has sadly stepped down from the Parish Council and on behalf of the Council I would like to thank her for giving up her free time and her contribution to the Parish Council. We welcome Steve Seals who has been co-opted as the latest councillor.

What a difference a year makes. Since my last report our longest reigning monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, died in her Platinum Jubilee year and we have crowned a new King, Charles III who has had the longest wait of any heir to the throne. The Parish Council awarded grants to the Village Hall Committee of £250 for the Platinum Jubilee and £1,000 to go towards the Coronation celebrations.

The annual cycle of work for the Parish Council does not vary too much and as the pandemic recedes into the rear view mirror the steady drumbeat of work for the Parish Council goes on. As usual we've set the budget, overseen the grass cutting contract, highlighted tasks for the Parish Steward and discussed 10 planning applications, down from 17 last year. As for last year the majority have been for tree work. As part of our commitment to have a positive impact on the environment we will be holding the annual litter pick, but slightly later than normal. We had a particularly good turn out last year and hope many parishioners will take part again this year. The annual Village Fayre was once again a great success, and our thanks must go to Councillor Steven Crossman and the organising committee. The Longleat concert consultation process went well with no issues, and we hope many parishioners took advantage of the free tickets for a concert of their choice. The Parish Council also received a talk from the Dark Skies organisation on how we can contribute the Cranborne Chase maintain it's status as a Dark Skies Reserve which will help limit the impact of light pollution on the environment. The council unanimously supported their aims, and will encourage that where outside lighting is to be installed should be fully shielded and not exceed a correlated colour temperature (CCT) of 2700K.

To aid the safety of pedestrians in the parish there is now a virtual footpath outside the village hall and at Heaven's Gate warning signs have been put up to help slow traffic. Last year I mentioned the street signs and I'm pleased to report that we were successful in our grant application for the installation of the road signs. Keeping on the road theme, Munday's Lane is now being maintained by the Parish Council and a new Salt Grit bin has been purchased for Newbury.

The Parish Council now has it's own IT equipment which means it is now a self-sufficient business with 21st century IT in place. With this move each councillor also has a .gov.uk email address which is complying with the regulations. To top off the council's great leap forward there is now a logo as an accessible image of an apple tree designed by Councillor Ken Windess.

There was a good response to the first electronic consultation of the Parish Plan and the Parish Council is working through the requests received. The Parish Plan is very important for the council as it helps us focus our work and I would urge all parishioners to take part in the future.

Parish Plan Consultation

What do you value most about the village, the results are below:

- 1. Rights of Way
- Public house
- 3. Common Spaces
- 4. Events
- 5. School
- 6. Childrens Play Area
- Estate liaison
- 8. Bus service
- Parking

How do you normally find out what's happening in Horningsham, the results are below:

- 1. Horningsham news
- 2. Word of Mouth
- 3. Horningsham Facebook Pages
- 4. Horningsham Village Website
- 5. Facebook in general
- 6. Community Groups
- 7. Email
- 8. Local newspapers
- Parish Council Website

Further consultation will be taking place if you want to take part please email the clerk@horningshamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish Council Accounts

Financial Report—below are the concluded figures from the External Auditor. The balance at the end of the financial year 2022/2023 was £13431.00

Summary of Financial Statement year end 31st March 2023. Income & Expenditure

Annual Precept £18,770.00

Other receipts £1,737.00

Total Income £20,507.10

Expenditure £28,719.59

A copy of the Internal Auditors report can be viewed on the Parish Councils website www.horningsham.gov.uk or contact the Clerk for a hard copy.

Parish Council Owned Assets

2 Bus Shelters — Holly Bush & Bath Arms

Noticeboard — Outside of the School

Three Wooden Bench Seats — various sites

Telephone Box — Newbury

Telephone Box — Bath Arms

Green Grit Bin — on the junction with Pootle Street

Chapel Signage – at the cross roads

War Memorial—Log Seat

Defibrillator—outside of the Village Hall

Play Area Equipment and Fencing

Plastic Bench Seat at the Play area

Issues not dealt with by the Parish Council— Highway Defects come under the remit of Wiltshire

Council. If any Parishioner sees or is aware of anything which they feel needs attention in and around the parish highways, they are requested to contact Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0105 or via the website or if you have a smart phone, download the Wiltshire Council app To make life even easier, Wiltshire Council have an app so you can report on the go any issues on the highways using your smartphone. The MyWilt**shire** app is available to download at both the App Store (for iPhones and iPads) and from Google Play™ (for Android phones). You can attach information such as photos or videos and pinpoint the location of your report using the mapping software on your phone. What can you report? You can report an issue using the Wiltshire Council online form or the app: bus shelters; car parks; Council furniture and signs; dead animal in the road or verge; dog mess; flooding; flyposting; fly-tipping; footpaths (pavements) and kerbs; graffiti: grass, weeds, hedges shrubs, materials on road; mud on road; needles and syringes; oil / debris on the road; pedestrian crossing; playgrounds; potholes; public toilets; public litter bins; public right of way; roads; drains and manholes; salt bins; street lighting; street litter and sweeping; traffic lights; and trees where ever you might be.