



NUTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Dear residents of Nutfield Parish

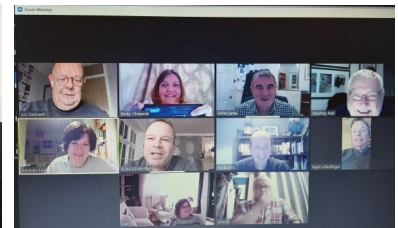
Welcome to our first ever **Nutfield Parish Council (NPC) Newsletter** produced as a consequence of current national pandemic restrictions which have put a stop to our physical Annual Parish meeting. We wanted to reach out to every household and say a very big, warm 'hello' and update you all on a few matters of council business over the last year.

First and foremost, *thank you* for taking the time to read this and not put it straight into your recycling bin! As a parish council we like to think we remain 'in touch' with our parishioners needs, and we are aware that not everyone has the means or inclination for social media as a means to keep in touch with the latest news and views; hence a good old-fashioned paper mail drop it is, and one that is hopefully appreciated and deemed worthy of some of our budget spending (£100).

We have been meeting over Zoom once a month since April 2020 and following government protocol relating to local council practice during lockdown. Our online meetings have been productive and our Parish Clerk—Nicky Chiswick—has ensured proceedings remain legal and recorded our minutes with her unfailing patience and professionalism. The Chairman, Stephen Hall, keeps councillors on the ball and the agenda moving, but gives all councillors an opportunity to comment or raise matters.

Yours sincerely

Stephen & Nicky



...from January 2020 to a year later—how our meeting format has changed!

We are all delighted to hear of the roll-out of the vaccination programme and dates proposed for further easing of restrictions when we can come together once more to celebrate our village life...!

A Community Pulling Together

A benefit that arose out of lockdown, was the huge surge in community spirit that kicked in last March and has thrived ever since. VE Day saw socially distanced street parties giving neighbours the opportunity to re-connect, clapping for front line workers could be heard throughout the village on a Thursday night and new friendships were made. Neighbours knocked and called on each other, offering shopping errands, a chat at the end of a garden path and even jigsaw swapping.... A list of volunteers to help in each road was collated by NPC along with those who needed assistance due to shielding and these two were put in touch. The NPC would like to take this opportunity to thank those that volunteered and went above and beyond helping their neighbours. Some volunteers are still active so if you are shielding or need assistance, please contact the assistant clerk to be put in touch with someone who can help.

The council reached out with the offer of food boxes to any families in need. Via a TDC grant (matched fund by the council) NPC were able provide a great food box every two weeks from April to August come rain or shine. Further Grants to the Parish Council have made it possible to provide hardship grants to parishioners.

All enquiries or requests are treated in the strictest confidence so please do get in touch with the Parish Clerk if we can support you in any way.



CCTV Installation in the Parish



There is a fine line between a sense of 'being watched' and feeling secure. The Council have listened to residents' growing concerns over the number of petty crime incidents and took the decision to plan and install a comprehensive programme of CCTV and ANPR recognition cameras at various vantage points in, and around the Parish. The cameras are strategically located day/night colour cameras used for identification and number plate recognition. Their location should be able to assist in crime detection and spot problems such as fly tipping of waste and identifying persons and vehicles involved.

'This Green and Pleasant Land'

...or allotments, Jubilee Fields, woodlands, bus stops, pathways, playgrounds and trees! As diverse as this list may seem, they are all subjects given a lot of thought and discussion on the NPC monthly agenda; and ultimately, budget decisions are made to assist in the maintenance and delivery in all these areas.

The allotments are located on the left hand side of Scout Hut Lane towards the Jubilee Fields. Over the last year they have been very busy and provided some much needed outdoor distraction during lockdown for many. NPC has provided a new noticeboard for owners to utilise and share news. There is currently a small waiting list for the allotments but if you would like to be added please email the assistant clerk on assistantclerk@nutfieldpc.com.

The playground and gym equipment are run by Tandridge District Council (TDC) and have also provided a much needed escape to the outdoors. The adult fit equipment has now had the tape removed and can be used. NPC are responsible for the basketball court and some improvements have been made to replace damaged boards. It has been encouraging to see that these are often in use as well. NPC has recently responded to two incidents of fly grazing horses on our land and ensured the animals were successfully returned home. The NPC website has faced a compliance audit and has subsequently been improved and the small Parish Office has received a makeover on a shoestring!

Tree Planting in Jubilee Fields



The dry weekend of March 6-7th saw a number of volunteers head to the Jubilee Fields to plant trees in an initiative through the Tree Wardens and Woodlands Trust.

Thank you to all those who braved the mud and the very strict Covid 19 Restrictions! There will be other tasks for this project this year, so look out for our pleas of help.

What does the Parish Council do?

- ⇒ Undertakes a monitoring role on planning applications to protect the green belt.
- ⇒ Manages the Cemetery & Woodland Burial grounds, Jubilee fields, Allotments and the Triangle wood.
- ⇒ Responds to consultations and attends meetings on transport, planning, housing & education.
- ⇒ Has liaison meetings with the Police.
- ⇒ Represents the Parish interests on various bodies such as the BIFFA landfill, Gatwick airport consultative committee, Redhill Aerodrome consultative committee and TDC Parish Assembly.
- ⇒ Is responsible for the Memorial Hall playground and fields.
- ⇒ Looks to make improvements within the Parish for the benefit of all.

Nutfield Cemetery

Nutfield Cemetery is located on the A25 towards Redhill. The cemetery is comprised of 2 parts, the formal cemetery and a woodland/meadow burial site. Ashes and full burial



plots can be pre-purchased and rates are greatly reduced for parishioners. Over the last year a lot of improvements have been made at the cemetery, including tree works, general maintenance and work to improve the overall appearance of the site. Three new benches have been installed and memorial bench plaques can now be purchased for the benches and these can be for anybody, not just those interred in the cemetery. If you would like to discuss purchasing a plot or bench plaque, please contact the assistant clerk.

Looking and Planning Ahead... Discussions have commenced about the **Village Fireworks** in November and how they could be managed, plus we are planning a **Christmas Market** on **27th November** together with the Christmas Lights switch on. In **June 2022** we hope to be able to come together as a whole village community to celebrate.

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