



Autumn 2019

Your Parish

Danehill Parish Council Newsletter

Chairman's Message

Another year has almost come to an end, and I am having to change this report a little due to very disturbing events happening in the Parish. I will get to what the Council has been doing, but first I wanted to speak about the recent crime incidents around the Parish.

It's extremely sad to see the recent succession of break-ins and thefts within our community. The safe and relaxed place we normally live in has become a real target, with garages, outbuildings and even homes being broken into. The Council started looking at what can be done, after a series of fuel thefts in Oak Tree Cottages, back in September.

For the moment, I'd ask everyone to keep their eyes open and report anything suspicious on Social Media and to police 101 or their website, especially number plates. Keep an eye on your neighbours especially the elderly.

On a positive note, the Council has been busy looking ahead to next year, with budget and precept planning. We have completed the funding of the Memorial Hall refurbishment in Danehill; the results of the remodelling are looking very good.

We are still looking at the possibility of installing a multi use track on the recreation ground (which you will be asked about) continuing drainage improvements to the rec. And the Memorial Garden at Chelwood Gate is really taking shape.

So, a slightly more serious report than I would have liked, but we continue to work to make our Parish a better place.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rhodri Lewis Chairman

Council Meeting Calendar

15th Jan 2020 Chelwood Gate Village Hall 12th Feb 2020 Danehill Memorial Hall

11th March 2020 Chelwood Gate Village Hall 29th April 2020 Danehill Memorial Hall

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The **Community Library** situated at Chelwood Gate Village Hall is now open 10am to 12noon 2nd Friday and last Saturday of month

E-Mails

If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically would you please submit your Name, Address and E-mail address so we can transfer from postal hard copy to electronic edition to :-

clerk@danehill-pc.org or robin@danehill-pc.org

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Responsibilities

<u>Rhodri Lewis</u>	Chairman Recreation Ground, Jubilee Green, Finance.
<u>Neil McPherson</u>	Chairman Finance Committee, Planning.
<u>Tony Blake</u>	Chairman Planning Committee, Finance.
<u>Martin Lewer</u>	Planning, Finance, Burial and Memorial Grounds.
<u>Tony Martin</u>	Ashdown Forest, Parish Liaison, Planning, Emergency Planning and Wealdlink.
<u>Robin Wood</u>	Communications, Rights of Way, Finance, Chelwood Gate Village Hall, Planning.
<u>Neil Macleod</u>	Finance, Planning, Highways, Speed Cameras.
<u>Matt Mockridge</u>	School and Youth Liaison, Planning.
<u>George Powell</u>	Danehill Memorial Hall, Planning.

2020 Council Proposed Projects

The A275 from Chelwood Gate to Danehill has for many years been unique for the avenue of copper beech trees. Many of the original trees have been lost through age etc.

After the hurricane in 1987 the Parish Council planted copper beech trees along the green in Chelwood Gate.

The Council is considering an approach to landowners adjacent to the section of A275 between Chelwood Gate and Danehill with the proposal of planting Copper Beech trees where they have been lost.

With the commencement of the new programme of maintenance of the Danehill recreation ground, future additional proposals have been suggested.

The construction of a Multi-purpose, All Weather Track around the perimeter of the playing field for the use of many activities. The cost of about £38000.

The other proposal is regarding the pavilion which is in a poor state of repair.

- (1) To demolish it.
- (2) It is renovated.
- (3) It is incorporated into an additional building to accommodate a Nursery School, other School and youth activities.

All these items are being investigated and no decision has been made on any project yet.

Please tell us your views and comments in writing. Please send to:-Danehill Parish Council, Beaconsfield Road, Chelwood Gate, RH17 7LF or clerk@danehill-pc.org by January 7th.

V E Day 8th May 2020

For the 75th anniversary of V E Day the Parish are arranging a series of events, A Coffee Morning at Danehill, An Afternoon Tea at Chelwood Gate, An evening event at Danehill Club. Also a display of "The Parish at War"

As space may be limited at some events please inform the Council of your Preferences Please send to Danehill Parish Council, Beaconsfield Road, Chelwood Gate, RH17 7LF or robin@danehill-pc.org by January 7th.

**POST
OFFICE**

Services are available every Friday

Chelwood Gate Village Hall
10.00 – 12.00 (10am to noon)

Danehill Social Club:
13.00 – 15.30 (1.00pm to 3.30pm)

**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS REQUIRED
FOR WEALDLINK
COMMUNITY BUS SERVICES**

Ring 01892 771332

Spotlight on: - Chelwood Gate

Designated as one of the Gates to the Ashdown Forest. In recent years the area of Beaconsfield Road and part of the A275 has been known as Chelwood Gate. With many new dwellings and the loss of six shops and garage it has become an area of residential and cottage industries.

An area of privately owned ground adjoining the forest was purchased by The Parish Council and opened up as Jubilee Green with a flat grassed play area with two B-B-Q stands and seating. There is a woodland walk leading to the forest.

Next to this is the Chelwood Gate Village Hall which is available to hire.

The small Church is attached to the rear of the Village Hall and a Memorial Garden is a work in progress behind this.

Commercial Businesses in this area are

The Danewood Press

The "Red Lion" Public House

Munich Legends Garage

The Cats Protection Head Office

SLEEPING BEAUTY

For one performance only at

DANEHILL MEMORIAL HALL SATURDAY JANUARY 4th 3pm

Tickets: oldinn@btinternet.com or 01825 740678

Defibrillator Locations



**Heart
Defibrillator**

We have two

- 1 Outside Danehill Memorial Hall Main Entrance
- 2 Chelwood Gate Village Hall Church Entrance side

Useful Contact Details

WEALDLINK PASSENGER SERVICE

01892 771332

PARISH BOOKINGS

Chelwood Gate Village Hall.

01825 740562

Danehill Memorial Hall.

01825 791725

Recreation Grounds.

01342 822404

Village Library.

01825 740562

DH & CG. Social Club.

01825 790484

Home Security

In the light of recent events within the Parish it is felt that some ideas for security should be suggested. Condition of all door and window locks checked and replaced if necessary. Extra attention to patio doors. Do not hang spare keys close to doors. Alarm systems to include garages and outbuildings. CCTV systems. Keep all gates closed at all times if possible. Keep all valuables in the house out of sight or in a safe. Do not leave packaging of recent purchases in view. Arrange for someone to watch the property while you are away.

Report anything suspicious to police and Social Media including any number plates or identifying details seen.

Join the Neighbourhood Watch (in the Know) web site to get regular information and advice to help everyone to be aware of local incidents.

A Message from Ashdown Forest Conservators

What price this magical place? Imagine you were offered lifetime admission to a vast, enchanting park- a place where paths wind through woods and slopes, past streams, waterfalls, hidden gardens and magnificent views, a place whose wildlife and landscape can set your spirits soaring.

Most of us would probably be willing to pay a small admission charge for all this.

In fact there's no charge to enjoy Ashdown Forest- which at the moment offers all these things and more-and there won't be. But if you want to keep the forest the way you love it the time has come to consider making a donation for its upkeep.

The reason is simple-the forest is losing public grants of £60,000 which help to pay for its maintenance- from fly-tipping to cutting back dangerous roadside trees and from keeping car parks in a good order to managing livestock.

So unless the guardians of the forest, the conservators, can raise this money elsewhere the forest will start to lose its shine.

That's why they are now urgently appealing for donations from everyone who appreciates and enjoys the unique qualities of Ashdown Forest. Whether you are an occasional stroller or a regular dog-walker, a horse-rider or a nature-watcher, a picnicker or someone who scampers across the forest with the kids- please pause and think whether your life would be worse without it.

Donating is easy you could post a cheque payable to "**Conservators of Ashdown Forest**"

Postal address **Ashdown Forest Centre, Colemans Hatch Road**

Wych Cross, Forest Row, East Sussex, RH18 5JP

Text **ASH001 to 70331 to give £3**

ASH001 to 70970 to give £5

ASH001 TO 70191 to give £5

Or via fundraising web page

<http://easvdonate.org/ASHD001>

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Contact UK Power Networks free and they will keep you updated on progress in repairing the fault, likely time to fix the problem etc.

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* Text POWER & your postcode
To 80876

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& Abandoned Vehicles

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Crackdown**

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IT!**

Fed-up with Anti-social Driving? Report it
online at www.operationcrackdown.org it takes
5-10 minutes to complete form and is
anonymous