

Spring 2021

# Your Parish

Danehill Parish Council Newsletter

## Chairman's Message

Feels like Spring is with us again! It's been a long year for most of us, and seems like a lifetime ago that we had an emergency meeting, in March 2020, to discuss this new virus called COVID-19. We have had to adapt as a Council, with Zoom meetings now the norm and any face-to-face work minimised. That said, we are getting things done and it feels like progress.

### Here are a few highlights

- \* The Pavilion on Danehill Rec. Is being refurbished to be a useable space for hire. It should be finished by early April. We've already had some interest, so watch this space.
- The tennis courts will get their spring treatment and will be cleaned ready for summer. It's great to see them getting used extensively by the community.
- I'd like to welcome Lindfield Juniors FC back to the Rec. as of April they will be playing their home matches here on Sunday mornings. They always looking for local talent (under 11's only), so if you are interested, get in touch and we can pass you on to the relevant coach.
- In Chelwood Gate, we continue to make progress on the Memorial Garden. Planting has started, and a memorial bench has been installed. It's really starting to take shape nicely. I encourage you to head over for a visit.
- Another initiative which we have kicked off is the Climate Action Group. It has been well publicised and we have had our first two meetings with a great group of volunteers. Please keep an eye on the government websites and other channels to keep up with the latest COVID-19 advice and guidelines.



I do hope, by summer, we will be celebrating with a BBQ on Jubilee Green and the Danehill Rec. Have a safe and pleasant Spring

*Rhodri Lewis* **Chairman** Danehill Parish Council

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## 2021/22 Precept

Your Council debated the need to recognize the financial pain that many households have gone through over the last year, balanced with the ongoing need to run the Parish day to day, and to be able to maintain and improve our assets.

The Council has decided that the Parish precept should rise by 1% over its 2020/21 level in order to at least meet inflation, which could be higher than this.

The rise is roughly equivalent to £1.50 per household which we feel allows us to run everything, but also minimizes any significant increase in these challenging times

## Councillors

## Responsibilities

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## Council Public Meeting Calendar

[April 21<sup>st</sup> Chelwood Gate Village Hall /Zoom](#)

[May 5<sup>th</sup> Danehill Memorial Hall / Zoom](#)

[June 16<sup>th</sup> Chelwood Gate Village Hall / Zoom](#)

[July 14<sup>th</sup> Danehill Memorial Hall /Zoom](#)

[Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Chelwood Gate Village Hall /Zoom](#)

## Sussex Police Commissioner Election

Both Chelwood Gate Village Hall and Danehill Memorial Hall are designated polling stations for the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner election to be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

## Parish Litter-pick Spring 2021

The Keep Britain Tidy Spring 2021 campaign is May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 13<sup>th</sup> May 29<sup>th</sup> has been nominated for the Danehill Parish Litter-pick; again there will be the two bases, Chelwood Gate Village Hall and Danehill Club.

Anyone who can spare this Saturday morning could you please E-mail [jimrozdenman@btinternet.com](mailto:jimrozdenman@btinternet.com) or [robin@danehill-pc.org](mailto:robin@danehill-pc.org) with your preferred starting base



## **POST OFFICE SERVICES HAVE BEEN RESTORED AT CHELWOOD GATE and DANEHILL**

### **POST OFFICE**

Post Office Ltd has restored services by offering outreach services to Chelwood Gate and Danehill from November 2020. The outreach services started with the Postmistress from Windmill Drive in Bexhill, which is a small family run shop with a Main Post Office and cafe.

**Prital**, the postmistress is normally joined by her mother (**Nina**, the apprentice!) to offer and support the local community with the much-needed P O services. She is an accountant by profession and has worked in the UK, USA, India and Nigeria. Working in industries such as car manufacturing, software development consultancy, private education, not for profit organisations and various charities, health and safety consultancy, accounting consultancy, retail, private hospital and private healthcare.

**Prital** strongly believes in local community and is involved with the local Chamber of Commerce and Rotary. She is also involved in charity work with schools, orphanages in India.



### **TIMES**

Courtesy of Chelwood Gate Village Hall **FRIDAY 11.30am to 1 pm**

Courtesy of Danehill Club **FRIDAY 1.30pm to 3 pm**



### **Save the Date**

Neighbourhood Watch Week 2021 will be an opportunity for us to ensure that we build on the new and existing neighbourly relationships formed throughout the pandemic

We have all been affected by the virus in some way or form, so now that we have made valuable connections, let's stay connected!

## **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS REQUIRED FOR WEALDLINK COMMUNITY BUS SERVICES Ring 01892 771332**

### **Defibrillator Sighting**



**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. & C.G. Social Club**

**01825 790484**

**Ashdown Forest Health Centre**

**01342 822131**

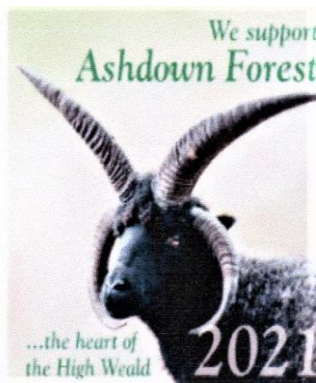
## **Tree Survey**

In Mid December the bi-annual tree survey of four sites within the Parish Council control was conducted by a specialist arboreal company on the state of the trees on Danehill Recreation Ground, Chelwood Gate Village Green, Danehill Burial Ground and Danehill War Memorial Area.

The conclusion was that some trees due to disease and age required felling, however a number required some remedial work in removing dead branches and others needed monitoring for a number of issues during the summer months when in full foliage.

The work required has now been put out to local tree surgeons for tender and will be completed when a decision on the successful tender.

## **Ashdown Forest News**



A large area of the Ashdown Forest is situated within the Parish of Danehill and has been used for many years by parishioners for various leisure activities. As with many projects the finances for the conservation of the forest have been reduced

The Parish Council have been able to help by awarding small grants for the reconstruction of a footbridge, printing of footpath maps and new display signs. The Parish Council now support the Conservators of Ashdown Forest in their Appeal to all parishioners and visitors for voluntary donations to help with the Management of their amenity spaces and car parks

For 2021 the conservators have introduced a new car sticker featuring Lucifer

their four- horn Hebridean ram, Available from the online shop or from the office, Donations can be made by QR code or Text



### **APP/WEB**

Use the free App  
[Easydonate.org/](https://www.easydonate.org/)  
ASHD001



### **TEXT/SMS**

ADHD001 to 70331 to give £3  
ASHD001 to 70970 to give £5  
ASHD001 to 70191 to give £10

## **Check your Bin Collection Dates and local Planning Applications.**

Wealden D C now does not notify neighbors of local planning applications. To find out any application that may affect you or your property .Visit Wealden D C website sign up to **Wealden My Alerts** to get regular information on what is going on in the district, receive notification of all planning applications within a preselected distance from your home and reminders when your bins are due to be collected

## **What Does the Council's do?**

Parish Council, District Council, County Council? Here's a simple guide to what Responsibilities the various councils hold.

### **Parish Council**

- Trees on Parish Ground
- Burial Grounds
- Bus Shelters
- Play Areas and Equipment
- Grants to help local organisations
- Consultation on Neighbourhood Planning
- Community Areas

### **District Council**

- \* Rubbish Collection
- \* Recycling
- \* Council Tax Collections
- \* Housing
- \* Planning applications
- \* Environmental health including noise pollution

### **County Council**

- \* Education
- \* Transport
- \* Planning
- \* Fire and public Safety
- \* Social care
- \* Libraries
- \* Waste Management
- \* Trading Standards