



Summer 2019

Your Parish

Danehill Parish Council Newsletter

Chairman's Message

This is my first Chairman's report since being elected in May. Firstly I would like to thank Mr Andrew Goodburn for his work and chairmanship over the last three years. We were all new and inexperienced councillors then, including Andrew, taking on many issues which greatly concern parishioners at the time. Despite this, Andrew steered us through with compassion, a willingness to engage and an eye for compromise. I hope to be able to follow his lead.

Over the past few months, we have been able to make progress with our funding of refurbishments to DHMH, and we have just signed off the final project cost. I believe this will be a breath of fresh air for the hall users, and provide an attractive option for bringing in new business.

Work is ongoing to improve the Recreation ground, as we will have Lindfield juniors playing there again this coming football season. In addition to this, we continue to work with Danehill School to get funding for the running track around the Ground.

Funding for the new Memorial Garden, at Chelwood Gate has also been approved and will be undertaken by Mike Mulford. This will transform the scrubland behind the church into a space for contemplation and memorial.

Hope to see you at the next Council meeting.

Rhodri Lewis Chairman

Grants

The Parish council has this year made grants to Ashdown Forest Conservators, Danehill Church Youth Worker, Danehill Primary School, Chelwood Gate Nursery and Forest School, and The Village Market

Council Meeting Calendar

17th July 2019 Chelwood Gate Village Hall 25th Sept 2019 Danehill Memorial Hall

30th Oct 2019 Chelwood Gate Village Hall 27th Nov 2019 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 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

We will not pass any information you give to any other party

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Councillors

Responsibilities

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

A message from Sussex Police

Dear Resident

I am writing as one of the Wealden Prevention rural crime officers in order to give advice on keeping your home and commercial properties secure.

As a resident of a rural area you should always be switched on to having your property and vehicles secure. All valuables should be removed from vehicles. Having CCTV and alarms at your properties are always a deterrent. Outbuildings such as sheds should be kept secure and have alarms.

As a business owner you should always keep your Buildings, Garages, Cars secure and have security lighting, and CCTV.

Dog owners are asked to please keep their dog on a lead around livestock in order to prevent sheep worrying.

CCTV signs, no cold calling signs and sheep worrying posters are available from Sussex Police therefore if you would like any please contact me on the details below.

We are committed to catching criminals and making your area a safer place to live. The information we receive from you and your neighbours plays a huge part in enabling us to do that.

No information is ignored, we will use it to develop the bigger picture and when the time is right we will take action.

If you see anything suspicious or can provide any information at all, please call Sussex Police on **101**.

You can also report crime anonymously to Crimestoppers on freephone **0800 555 111** or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

As always, the advice at this time is to make sure your car windows are closed, the doors are locked and you take all valuables with you.

For more crime prevention advice or any queries you may have, you can also contact your local PCSO Jack Matthews at jack.matthews@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Thank you for your help. For more information about the work of Sussex Police and useful advice on crime prevention, please see our website www.sussex.police.uk

Yours sincerely

Jack Matthews PCSO

**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 Common

An area of the parish, where in the past cattle farming was prominent. later many fields taken over to fruit growing including Strawberries, Gooseberries Raspberries and Apples, which were sent to Covent Garden, and Brighton Market

The cattle farming has been replaced with Pig and Sheep farming, and cottage industries such Aromatherapy, Computer consultants, Dog grooming and Hat making. Apple growing continues and cider and apple juice are produced commercially.

Riding stables have entered the arena giving a boost to the local leisure industry.

Some notable businesses are:-Black Pig Cider and Apple Juice

East View Riding Stables

Chelwood Common Forge

Bates Sausages, Pork and Ham

Chelwood Gate Village Hall

We are sorry to see the closing of the Nursery School later this month. August will be a time to repair and redecorate parts of the premises in preparation for the coming year. With the loss of the Nursery School comes more time available for a variety of different activities. Some enquiries have been received but there is still plenty of daytime hours available.

Danehill and Chelwood Gate Market

The next Market will be 21st September at Chelwood Gate Village Hall 10am to 2pm. Come along and see what quality produce and products are available to purchase locally. But hey!! This market is not just for shoppers for crafts, and produce but a place to meet friends and have a coffee whilst browsing.

Defibrillator Sitting



**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

Welcome to your New Councillors

This is the nine Councillors who have agreed to continue the work that is required to upkeep and improve the facilities of your Rural Parish of Danehill.



Tony Blake

I have lived in Enholms Lane Danehill for over forty years with my family; all my children attended the village school. I worked in East Grinstead as a chartered Civil Engineer. I am fabric Officer for the Church and Danehill Memorial Hall. I am Vice Chair of the Parish Council and Chair of the Planning Sub Committee Looking forward I am keen to use my position on the Parish Council to maintain and where appropriate expand local facilities and services for the benefit of all sections of our community



Martin Lewer

I have lived in the Parish for nearly thirty years and in that time I have seen many changes. I met my wife in the village and we are bringing up our family in the parish.

The support and enhancement of local facilities is very important to me.

As a Councillor, I see my role as custodian of the parish funds and hope to see them spent wisely and where possible with local companies and services.



Rhodri Lewis

I have lived in Chelwood Gate for just over nine years now. I have two children attending local schools, with one at Danehill and the other at Uckfield College. Having been on the Parish council for the last three years, I decided to stand again. This was driven by the same reasons as when I stood originally: getting the basic needs of the Parish right as well as bringing the community together to move the parish forward into the future.

Looking forward to working with the new team, and some new Projects!



Neil Macleod

I have lived in Chelwood Gate for seven years with my wife and three children, and was a member of the previous council of three years with a remit for Highways. We have always the sense of community here and joining the Parish council is a way of giving something back. My primary aim in my second term is to provide an additional speed indicator devise (SID) for the parish.



Tony Martin

Having lived in Chelwood Gate for over forty years, except for a period of working overseas for International Banking. Since retiring I have endeavoured to put something back into the community. I organise the Parish Poppy Appeal, assist with the village market signage and erecting/dismantling of marquees, and volunteer to work with the Forest Rangers.

My aim as a councillor is to understand and address the Parish needs and match them with spending with the intention of avoiding unnecessary increases



Neil McPherson

I have lived in Chelwood Common for twenty five years. After qualifying as a Chartered Accountant, working for a large commercial property management company. In charge of business planning, finance, contracts and compliance. In recent years my time has been focussed on caring for my Parents and family. Therefore, as a parish councillor I will always be mindful to balance the differing needs of residents and, whilst seeking to enhance our community, will not forget that the council is the custodian of parishioner's money.



Matt Mockridge

I have lived in the Parish for over fifty years, the past twenty years as Deputy Head Master at Cumnor House School. As a large employer locally, we know we have a responsibility to the community. By Becoming a Parish councillor I hope to put time and effort back into the Parish. We have a drive at Cumnor for "sustainability" and hope to be able to spread that into the Parish, as well as supporting the Primary School and maintaining the push for Lower speed limits in and around our villages.



George Powell

I have lived in the Parish for a little under ten years and have served on the Parish Council since 2017. I work as an aerospace engineer for an airline and I am also studying with the Open University. I represent the Parish Council on the Danehill Memorial Hall committee and I am also a member of the planning sub- committee. I want to ensure the Parish precept is spent wisely on work and projects that genuinely make a difference to the local community



Robin Wood

I have lived in Chelwood Common for many years, and have been involved with many local voluntary bodies including; Youth clubs, Village Halls, Social Club, Sports Club and Ashdown Weekend. I retired from the Motor Industry In 2011. I is a committee member of the Ashdown Forest Tourism Association and the Danehill Social Club. I joined the Parish Council in 2017 and have been responsible for Communications and The Parish Newsletter and community Library which I will continue together with Rights of Way and representative to the Chelwood Gate Village Hall

Assistance Required

There are many items in and around the Parish that these Councillors will attempt to improve, rectify and introduce to enhance the area. They all have various responsibilities and expertise to give where required.

The only way any problem can be addressed is with the help of the Parishioners. If you have a comment or any suggestion please contact clerk@danehill-pc.org The Councillors will then review and distribute to the relevant body for attention.

Danehill Memorial Hall

After many months of discussion and planning between the hall Committee and Parish Council decision has resulted in the Council providing approximately £65000 to improve and renovate various areas of the premises. The areas to be covered are; A complete heating system, a complete renovation of the kitchen and toilets to include the disabled and child changing facilities. An audio-visual system. Modification to the electrical system. A lightweight stage and a new front door, Work is due to start towards the end of July which will necessitate the cancellation and availability of some bookings.

Parish Hedges and Verges

Having had a mild spring and start to the summer and the birds have fledged, the next stage is for parishioners to tend to the fast growing hedges and verges of their properties. As a reminder hedges that are by pedestrian footpaths should not encroach to less than one metre of the roadside. If this means a harsh cut back, if carried out in the autumn new growth will soon return the hedge to its former glory.

V.E. Day

Next year 2020 the May Bank Holiday has been moved from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May to coincide with the 75th Anniversary of the ending of the Second World War in Europe.

As many parishioners fought and died in both wars it would be fitting time to celebrate the courage, and sacrifices they made. At this early stage it would be helpful to get ideas and offers of assistance in all ways to celebrate the day.



DON'T fall foul of the law. It is **YOUR** responsibility to ensure your rubbish is disposed of legally. Failure to do so may result in a criminal record. **DO** check a waste carrier is registered. **DO** retain a receipt or record their details,

Keep up to date with the latest householder's rubbish disposal guidance.

Available on line at; www.wealden.gov.uk

Report fly tipping at; www.wealden.gov.uk

Ashdown Cafe

Every 2nd Friday of each Month
Danehill Memorial Hall



9.30am til 12noon
All very Welcome. Coffee, Tea, Cake

Danehill & Chelwood Gate Social Club

Open

Saturday to Monday 7 pm to 11pm

Friday 3 pm to 11pm



Darts league Monday Evenings
Outreach Post Office
Friday 1pm to 3.30pm

Chelwood Gate Village Hall

The Macmillan Big Coffee Morning

September 28th 10.30am to 12 noon



Including the Cake Competition

V.E. Day Celebrations



Advance request for assistance with;-
Planning, Preparation, Participation.
Can you join a team in organising the
event?

Please contact the Parish Council to offer
any help you can give ; [clerk@danehill-
pc.org](mailto:clerk@danehill-pc.org) or
robin@danehill-pc.org

Danehill & Chelwood Gate Social Club

The Darts team completed the 2018/19 season in a merited second place in the 2nd division of the Mid Sussex Darts League. They also won the 7's Knock-out competition.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 5th June with 19 members present.

A planning application to convert part of the premises into a shop has been approved.

The club has been named as the headquarters of the Danehill Man's Action Group (DMAG) and the recently formed Crocodile Golf Society

Parish Litter-pick

Thanks to Roz at Chelwood Gate and Roy at Danehill the litter-pick in June was a success attracting about thirty volunteers. The satisfaction everyone gained led to the request for it to be repeated in the autumn

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

Helicopters

Complaints about Helicopter Operations and noise. Individuals wishing to make representations about policy aspects of civil helicopter operations can do so by telephoning the DFT's Aviation Environmental Division (AED) (020 7944 5796). Similarly the Home Office Police Aviation Advisor (020 7217 8293) may be contacted over policy for police helicopters and the Ministry of Defence (020 7218 4664) for military helicopters. Complaints about noise should be made to the relevant local authority, police force or military air station. It is better to do this as soon as possible after, or during the event. If any helicopter is thought to be flying dangerously or is for another reason outside the law, , the Air Regulation Enforcement and Investigation Branch of the Civil Aviation Authority may be contacted at CAA House, 45-59 Kingsway, London WC2B 6TE (Tel: 020 7379 7311). The British Helicopter Association (Tel: 01276-856100) may be able to identify a civil helicopter if an accurate description of the time, place and aircraft can be given

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Power Cut?

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

- * Call 105, or 0800 31 63 105
- * Text POWER & your postcode To 80876

Anti-Social Driving
& Abandoned Vehicles



**Operation
Crackdown**



Fed – up with Anti-social Driving? Report it online at www.operationcrackdown.org It takes 5-10 minutes to complete form and is anonymous. You can even follow up and see what action was taken