



March 2018

# Your Parish

## Danehill Parish Council Newsletter

### Parish Precept

The Parish Council precept has been set at c. £100,000 - this is a decrease of 11% versus last year and means that the average household precept has been reduced by approximately £70 per annum since the new council was voted in.

### Village Amenities & Facilities Update & Next Steps

Further to the workshops undertaken with the help of Action in Rural Sussex (AIRS) there were a number of areas highlighted which are within the possible remit of the Parish Council and which could benefit the entire community. The PC has around £200,000 of surplus funds which could be used to fund some of these initiatives should the community be supportive.

In order to help us understand how you would like these funds to be used we need your feedback. Lake Research will be sending of a questionnaire during April to each household. This is your chance to have your say and to ensure that this money is spent sensibly and for the benefit of all parishioners.

It is vital that we get your input, as the better response we have will result in better decisions being made - as a special incentive, every questionnaire received will result in a donation of £1 to Danehill School from the Council. By the end of May we should be in a position to review the responses received and make concrete recommendations.



### Emergency Planning

With all of this adverse weather, the Parish Council contacted, via phone, all of those that are listed on our data base for vulnerable parishioners to ensure that they had everything they needed and that they felt safe and secure.

As you can appreciate unless we are advised of anyone that needs to be added to this list some people will fall through our net. Should you wish to add a name and contact details please contact Councillor Catherine Crouch at:

[catherine@danehill-pc.org](mailto:catherine@danehill-pc.org)

### Barbecue Areas

One of the ideas put forward as part of the Village Amenities & Facilities workshops will soon be ready.

Plans for Danehill Rec & Jubilee Green are being finalised and BBQs should be installed during April

### Danehill Memorial Hall Footpath Solar Lighting

Another of the ideas put forward as part of the Village Amenities & Facilities workshops has been completed. Solar lighting has been put up along the path as a welcome safety improvement.

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### eMails

Thank you to those that have already registered for eMails. However, due to new rules (GDPR) we need to ask everyone to opt in again. The clerk will send you a link so that you can re-register.

If you have not registered and would like to receive a digital newsletter instead of a printed version, then please click on the 'Electronic Updates' link to send a message to the clerk quoting name, first line of address and postcode so we can take you off the distribution list for the printed version. Digital newsletters will reach parishioners 1 week before a printed version via the post.

We will not provide your email address to any other party.

Contact [clerk@danehill-pc.org](mailto:clerk@danehill-pc.org) to sign up or visit [www.danehill-pc.org](http://www.danehill-pc.org)



## Important Decisions or Proceedings

The most important decisions or proceedings from recent meetings are summarised below. Full details are contained in the meeting minutes which can be accessed via the Danehill PC website [www.danehill-pc.org](http://www.danehill-pc.org) or ask the clerk for a hard copy if you do not have access to the internet.

### Precept

A precept of £98790.00 for 2018/19 was approved by majority vote with one abstention - this reflects a decrease in decrease in the precept of circa 11%. Reserves remains static at c.£200,000.

### Village Amenities & Facilities

A survey is being prepared by Lake Reserach to get your feedback to a number of possible improvements in village amenities and facilities. It is vital that we get a good response rate so that the results reflect the real wishes of the community and are therefore actionable.

### Street Light Beaconsfield Road

The light unit at the Beaconsfield Road/Stone Quarry Road is beyond repair - we are waiting for contractors to fit a new unit.

### Forest Row Recycling - Closure

The consultation period on the possible closure of Forest Row Recycling Centre Tip ends on 15th May. This is an important community facility and everyone is urged to voice their comments on [www.eastsussex.gov.co.uk/haveyoursay](http://www.eastsussex.gov.co.uk/haveyoursay)

## Chairman's Message

During the first couple of months of 2018 your Parish Council has spent a considerable amount of time to decide on the level of precept that is appropriate for our Parish.

Last year we had held office for only a few months and consequently had little understanding of the full year running costs, however, we decided to reduce the precept by 25% despite this inexperience. We have now been running the Parish for over eighteen months and believe that the financial resources required to maintain the existing parish facilities and services together with a small pot for grants to local organisations, is around £100,000. I am therefore pleased to announce that we are able to reduce the parish precept by a further 11%. We have therefore reduced the average household precept by approximately £70 per annum since we were voted in to run your Parish.

During April, a questionnaire will be sent to each household by Lake Research, an independent market research company, to understand how you would like us to spend the surplus funds we have, that are approaching £200,000. This is your chance have your say to ensure that this money is spent sensibly for the benefit of all parishioners. Please do ensure that you complete your household's copy of the questionnaire, as the better response we have should result in better decisions being made. We expect the analysis of your responses to be completed by the end of May, for the Parish Council to consider in conjunction with the various parish committees. I look forward to sharing the conclusions of this project with you in our next newsletter.

Andrew Goodburn

## Chelwood Gate Village Hall raises £800 for Peanut Ward

The Village Hall held its 51st annual Christmas Tree Lighting Party on December 15th. This was again a well supported event by parishioners of all ages and particular thanks go to the many that helped, entertained and donated to the CGHV recognised charity, The Peanut Children's Ward at the Queen Victoria Hospital East Grinstead. This year exceeded expectations and CGVH was able to present a cheque for £800 to the nurses of the Ward.



CGVH runs additional fund raising events including a monthly Whist Drive (the first Friday of October to April) and Quiz Evenings (October and February) these events have raised in excess of £600 which will go towards towards the proposed toilet refurbishment planned for later this year.

## URGENT REMINDER - RECYCLING BINS AT CHELWOOD GATE

Recycling bins have been sited in Chelwood Gate for a number of years courtesy of Chelwood Gate Village Hall (CGVH) Committee in their private car park - a facility that benefits the whole community. **Unfortunately, items are being deposited on the ground around the bins – basically fly tipping for which there is a hefty fine for anyone caught.**

CGVH Committee asks that in the event the bins are full, to not leave anything on the ground but instead take it to the Danehill, Forest Row or Maresfield recycling bins/centres. Other items not listed as recycling items should be taken to the Forest Row or Maresfield recycling centres.

Some people are abusing the system and creating a problem - we do not want parishioners fined or to lose the recycling bins completely.

## Data Subject Access and the Data Protection Act

Danehill Parish Council takes your data privacy seriously.

If you wish to find out what information Danehill Parish Council holds about you please contact us providing your contact details, a brief description of the information you require and enclose proof of your identity. This could be a scanned copy of a household bill, passport or driving licence.

You will receive a response to your request within 20 days.

Please send your request to the Clerk.

## Parish Council Vacancies

We urgently need two volunteers to come forward as Parish Councillors with an election due in a year it could be a chance to try out the role and see if it is for you. If you want to get involved in making decisions on the parish assets and local planning get in touch the Clerk can confirm what is needed and how to apply. It would be lovely to get more locals involved and it really is not an onerous task and can be very enriching.

## Boxing Day Football Match



18 players turned up for the Danehill Boxing Day football match, including some smartly outfitted youngsters, a couple of ladies, a 10 year old and a few veterans – the latter being full of skill and guile, but short on energy. Conditions were perfect: a bright winter sun and a slightly damp pitch.... or you could say mud bath!

The captains, Grace and Tom, picked their teams and referee Wells got the game under way just after midday. The match was drawn at 1-1 for a long time and then conditions worsened: we were treated to a biting wind and cold rain. Consequently the pitch became a little boggy – and later positively farmyard-like...lovely! Then through some divine intervention Team Tom now found the net 4 times in a short period and the game turned round at 5-1.

Then with the assistance of a muddy goalmouth, both teams found their scoring boots and the game pushed forward but with Team Tom still leading at 10 - 4. A defiant team Grace repelled attack after attack – simply brilliant! and half way through the second half Team Grace pulled the score back to 8-5. However, two quick goals from Team Tom (possibly - as it was difficult to tell who was given the mud) meant that the scoreline ended 10 - 5.

It was a great good natured game with lots of fun for players and spectators despite the wind and rain and everyone wondering why they had decided to get covered in mud on Boxing day, all vowed to be back next year.

## Danehill Village Memorial Hall

As pre-announced in the last newsletter, The chairman and trustees stepped down at the March AGM where Malcolm Burwood was elected as the new chairman supported by Rosemary Burwood and Sara Norton as the other elected members and with the representative committee unchanged.

Work will be starting in August on replacing the main hall floor thanks to an anonymous and very generous donation of £12,000.

## Fingerpost Signs - Finished!

No more need to point fingers...the signs are finally up...

## Library Van

Last visit of the mobile library van to C G V H & Danehill is April 28th

## Food Shopping

Just a reminder :

### Farm Shop Van:

Every Friday 10am - Noon at Chelwood Gate Village Hall (CGVH) Pre-order goods packages by calling 01825 790331 prior to 12 noon the day before for pick up the next day.



### Fish & Chips:

Every Tuesday: 5 - 6.00 pm DSC & 6.15 -7.30pm CGVH  
Check the Danehill and C. Gate Selling Page on Facebook for the precise times as they are subject to change.

### Richard Bates Pork Table:

Pork & Sausages available at CGVH between 10.00am and Noon - (same time as Post Office).

### John's Fish Van:

Every Friday Morning: CGVH 11.45am

## Village Market

Firstly, massive thanks to all those who rallied to help stage the March Market. From erecting marquees, manning the day right through to packing away and all the jobs inbetween. All this in adverse conditions.

Secondly, huge thank you to all of you out there who came and supported us in such unpleasant weather – we salute you.

It was a shame that the Sun didn't have his hat on and wasn't coming out to play! Let's hope the next Market will have sunshine wall-to-wall, marquee-to-marquee etc.....

Dates of Markets for the rest of 2018:

All Saturdays – 10am until 2pm

May 19th CGVH

Sept 22nd CGVH

Nov 17th DMH

We hope to see you there

Catherine Crouch

## Bowls For Fun Open Day - 21.4.2018

The Isle of Thorns Bowls Club on the A275 at Chelwood Gate (in the Cat's Protection grounds) are having our Annual Open Day on Saturday 21st April, 2018 (11am to 1pm and 2 pm to 4.00 pm) and welcome all who would like to play bowls in the heart of the Ashdown Forest.

It is great fun and players with or without previous experience, are all very welcome.

All you need are some flat shoes with no ridges on them.

The club will provide all other equipment and hope you will come and join us for fun and gentle exercise. (Phone Barbara 01342 323861 or John 01825 761108 for more information if needed.)

## Ashdown Forest Conservators

The following is a snapshot of activities being held by the Ashdown Forest Conservators over April/May. For more info please revert to their website ashdownforest.org

Tuesday 10th April 10am-3pm Family Environmental Art Workshop (day of art and creative making based on the animals of the Ashdown Forest)

Tuesday 17th April 10.30am-1.30pm Poets Walk. (write, walk then write about your walk)

Wednesday 18th April, Saturday 28th April and Wednesday 2nd May

6.40am-9am approx. Dawn Chorus Bird Walks.

## Danehill Parish Council Office

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## Councillors

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Dee Birchall  
Tony Blake  
Catherine Crouch  
Rhodri Lewis  
Neil Macleod  
Andrew Pattison

## Responsibilities

Chairman & Burial Ground & Memorial  
Chelwood Gate Village Hall  
Chairman of Planning Committee  
Danehill Village Memorial Hall  
Ashdown Forest Parish Liaison Panel,  
Emergency Planning & Wealdlink  
Danehill Rec & Jubilee Green (including  
Chelwood Gate Village Green)  
Highways, Speed & Footpaths  
Chairman of Finance Committee  
Danehill Village Memorial Hall

2 Positions Vacant

## Defibrillator Siting



We have two:

1. Outside Danehill Village Memorial Hall Main Entrance
2. On the side of Chelwood Gate Village Hall at Church Entrance side

## What Does The Parish Council Do?

County Council, District Council, Parish Council? Here's a simple guide to what responsibilities the various councils hold. (source: www.gov.uk)

### County Council

Responsible for services across the whole of a county:

- education
- transport
- planning
- fire and public safety
- social care
- libraries
- waste management
- trading standards

### District Council

Covers a smaller area than County. Usually responsible for:

- rubbish collection
- recycling
- Council Tax collections
- housing
- planning applications
- environmental health including noise pollution

### Parish Council

Below District & County. They help on local issues such as:

- allotments, trees on parish grounds
- bus shelters
- burial grounds
- community centres
- play areas and play equipment
- grants to help local organisations
- consultation on neighbourhood planning

**POWER CUT?  
CALL 105**

Or call us  
24 hours a day on  
**0800 31 63 105**

## Power Cut?

One of the drawbacks of living in a rural area is the number of power cuts. 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**

**DON'T  
TOLERATE IT  
REPORT  
IT!**

## Fed Up With Anti-Social Driving?

Report it online at [www.operationcrackdown.org](http://www.operationcrackdown.org)  
It takes 5-10 minutes to complete the form and is anonymous. You can even follow up and see what action was taken.

**POST  
OFFICE**

Services are available every Friday

Chelwood Gate Village Hall:  
10.00 - 12.00 (10am to Noon)

Danehill Social Club:  
14.30 - 16.30 (2.30pm to 4.30pm)

## Useful Contact Details

WEALDLINK PASSENGER SERVICE  
01892 771332  
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Chelwood Gate Village Hall  
01825 740562  
Danehill Village Hall  
01825 790797  
Recreation Ground  
01825 740731

## Calendar

25.4.2018	Chelwood Gate Village Hall - Annual Parish Meeting
23.5.2018	Danehill Memorial Hall
20.6.2018	Chelwood Gate Village Hall

DMH=Danehill Memorial Hall CGVH = Chelwood Gate Village Hall