

EAST PECKHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter focuses on our activities over the past month as well as providing useful and relevant information. Feedback good or bad is always appreciated so please do tell us what you think. If you would like to receive this newsletter by email please let us know.

CASUAL VACANCY: Following the resignation of Mrs Eddie Kemsley a casual vacancy exists in the office of Councillor. TMBC has advised that we are able to fill the vacancy by co-option; we are therefore looking to complete the co-option process during September. If you are interested in joining the Parish Council then please contact the Parish Office for more information.

2012/2013 ACCOUNTS: Our accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2013 have been published and are available on our website. Our Independent Internal Audit has been carried out and the auditor concluded that the Council continued to operate effective financial control systems that helped ensure that transactions were accurately reflected in the Statement of Accounts. The auditor has signed off the accounts and the Annual Return and all documentation has now been submitted to our external auditor.

PLANNING: During the month we have considered the following planning applications:

TM/13/01368/LB Internal and external alterations to existing garden store and link including refurbishment to form additional residential accommodation at 39 Chidley Cross Road, East Peckham

NO OBJECTION

TM/13/01551/RD Details pursuant to conditions 2 (external materials), 5 (boundary treatment) and 6 (sustainable environment scheme) of planning permission TM/13/00280/FL (Erection of 2 bedroom end of terrace residential dwelling at 12 Whitebine Gardens, East Peckham

NOTED

TM/13/01571/FL Two storey side extension, single store side extension (with flat roof and mock pitch) to form integral garage and single storey rear extension with pitched roof at Wayfaring, 8 Smithers Lane, East Peckham

NO OBJECTION

PLANNING DECISIONS

TMBC HAS APPROVED the following:

TM/12/02875/RD Details submitted pursuant to condition 2 (materials), 3 (landscaping), 11 (flood storage), and 13 (a) + 13 (b) (contamination investigation (assessment) of planning permission TM/11/01090/FL (Demolition of a public house store room, resurfacing of pub car park, erection of amenity area for pub and the erection of three new three bedroom terraced houses together with new car park for six cars) at The Merry Boys, 2 Pound Road

TM/13/00006/FL Conversion and extension of existing annex to provide a 4 bedroom dwelling with a detached garage at 27 The Freehold, East Peckham

TM/13/00280/FL 2 bedroom end of terrace residential dwelling at 12 Whitebine Gardens

TM/13/00626/FL Variation of condition 6 of TM///01086/FL: (Two storey side extension (rationalisation and alterations to previously approved scheme)) to provide a restricted side hung window on the southern elevation in place of a top hung light obscured glazed window at Orchard Cottage, 172 Hale Street

TM/13/00821/FL Construction of new orangery structure to rear with associated landscaping works; internal alterations, new and altered windows to side and rear extensions at Datura Cottage, 3 Grove Close, Hadlow

TM/13/01057/LB Removal of internal walls to enlarge kitchen, formation of new opening with double doors to garden. Creation of WC and utility room in garage, replacement windows and door new garage door and new window in first floor bathroom at 4 Old Road

TM/13/01085/FL Construction of a single storey full width extension at the rear of the existing house at Bush house, 289 Bullen Lane, East Peckham

TMBC has REFUSED TO PERMIT the following:

TM/12/01579/FL & TM/12/01930/LB Demolition of existing cart sheds/storage building and replacement with a new B1 office building to provide additional office floor space for Bullen Court Business Centre at Former Cart Sheds, Bullen Farm, Bullen Lane

TM/13/00093/FL Proposed two and single storey side extension and single storey rear extension to property at 255 Hale Street, East Peckham

PLANNING APPEALS: An appeal has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of TMBC's refusal to grant permission for the following:

TM/13/00093/FL Extensions to 255 Hale Street, East Peckham

PARISH PLAN: During 2013/2014 the Parish Plan Steering Committee will push ahead and complete the Parish Plan. All of the parish councillors will be involved but we would welcome community involvement as well. If you would like to be involved please let us know.

THE HARP LICENCE APPLICATION: The Licence was **REFUSED** and the premises should cease to operate as a sexual entertainment venue by 30 June 2013

BRANBRIDGES ROAD LATEST UPDATE (*Rose & Crown Public House & Mobile Home*): We are very impatient with the lack of action. In the case of the Rose and Crown Public house; we have made it very clear to TMBC that if the site is not cleared by 30 June 2013 then we expect a S215 notice to be issued which would force the landowner to tidy up the site.

TWINNING: On 14 June 2013 approximately 55 children and 6 adults from our twinned village, Chereng, visited East Peckham Primary School, this followed on from a French themed day which took place on 13 June 2013 and involved the whole school community. Hopefully school children from East Peckham Primary School will visit the schools in Chereng in October and arrangements in this respect are being finalised. It is hoped that this will lead to strong links being formed between pupils of the two schools that will thrive and develop. For more information on Twinning please contact the East Peckham Twinning Association by email to admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk. ***The Twinning Association is independent of the Parish Council and twinning activities are funded by those taking part and by fund-raising with no use of parish funds.*** Future events include:

15 September 2013 Chereng Jumelage is holding a Fun Day and residents have been invited for the whole weekend; subject to demand the Twinning Association will book a coach. Overnight accommodation would be with host families in Chereng.

06 July 2013 The Twinning Association will be having a second hand fundraising book stall at the Battle of the Bands event. Twinning membership information will also be available.

07 September 2013 The Street Singers will be performing at Holy Trinity Church; proceeds from the event will be split 50/50 between Holy Trinity Church and the Twinning Association.

DOG FOULING: is a problem within the village. Please ensure you pick up after your dog and do not allow them off the lead if children are playing or a football match is taking place. No one should have to clear up after other people's dogs and it's sad that a section of our community do not value our open spaces. We would urge you to notify us, TMBC's dog warden or the community warden if you witness any incidents of dog fouling. We do have dog bags in the parish office which we provide free of charge.

JUBILEE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS: These are your facilities and we want you to enjoy using them. Activities which take place each week include keep fit, Zumba, French classes (Beginners), gym, Children's Centre, badminton, bowls, Mini Music, Parent & Toddler group and a monthly Carers Group. Our football pitches are used by The East Peckham Junior Football team and we also have super fitness equipment and play equipment for children of all ages. If you are looking for a venue for an activity such as a sports event, book club, birthday party or a meeting then please contact our Clerk who will provide details of availability and can arrange for you to have a tour of the facilities.

We have installed two vending machines which you are welcome to use when the hall and/or office are open. The machine in the lobby dispenses cold drinks and snacks and the machine in the meeting room dispenses hot drinks. The prices of the vended items have been to cover the hire costs of the machines and the vended products. Free Wi-Fi access is also now available.

Following the closure of the East Peckham Club as the only other venue in the village able to hold licensable activities is the Village hall we are making enquiries with TMBC regarding the feasibility being able to make available the Jubilee Hall for licensable activities during weekends.

We want to rejuvenate interest in the Street Snooker and have been in contact with Play Innovation who designed the concept and are in discussions with them about having a youth focussed workshop.

Sadly there has been some vandalism on the playing fields, the street snooker was badly defaced and two very deep holes have been gouged out of the playing fields by the ball court. Whilst both of these issues have been dealt with it is frustrating for us to have to spend a great deal of time and council tax payer's money dealing with such matters. If you know anything of these incidents or witness any other acts of vandalism please report it to us, the police on 101 or to our Warden on 07969 584183.

CRIME PREVENTION: Public communication remains an important part of crime prevention and a contact directory is available to join in order to receive electronic updates – the link is <http://www.kent.police.uk/enews>. New crime prevention guides are available at http://www.kent.police.uk/advice/personal/your_guide.html. It doesn't matter what the crime is, please report it on 101 or contact the Community Warden Paul Harfleet on 07969 584183.

Cash4Clubs: Sport in the community is about local people, local facilities, local groups and organisations working together to provide opportunities to enjoy sport. Cash 4 clubs offers sports clubs in the UK grants ranging from £250 to £1,000. Funding is available for a wide range of activities and can include funding to help with the coaching of young children or perhaps a grant to help buy a new boat or help renovate current facilities. No preference is given to types of sport or the age of people involved with the club as long as the sports clubs have an active role in the community. **The next round of applications will open in July 2013. The judging panel will meet to consider applications in October 2013. More information can be found at the Cash 4 Clubs website.**

FREE LOFT AND CAVITY WALL INSULATION: Action with Communities in Rural Kent has teamed up with British Gas to offer free cavity wall and/or loft insulation to anyone in receipt of eligible benefits including child and working tax credits and state pension credit. There is no catch and you don't need to be a British Gas customer. Insulating your home can save you hundreds of pounds on your energy bills and makes your home warmer. It's good for the environment too by lowering your carbon emissions. Contact British Gas FREE on 0800 980 9037 for more information or speak to Tessa O'Sullivan at Action with Communities in Rural Kent on 01303 813790

GREEN GIVING – GRIMPLE'S GREEN GRANTS: This scheme is offering up to £1,000 to small organisations for environmentally friendly green projects. Projects can be anything from creating a community garden to reducing food miles by growing your own vegetables or a wildlife garden to encourage biodiversity. For more information go to the Green Insurance Company Website.

PlanLoCAL WORKSHOPS: The PlanLoCal (Planning for Low Carbon Living) toolkit is aimed at community groups and organisations working at community level and all the resources are available to download for free from the website. They include template presentations, tools, guidance notes, videos and games. PlanLoCAL are running a series of free workshops across the country aimed at inspiring community energy projects. Dates and locations are:

5 July Birmingham 6 July Manchester 12 July London 13 July Bristol

If you would like to find out more either email: communities@cse.org.uk or visit the Plan Local Website.

ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENTS: Subject to funding during 2013/2014 we will continue with our programme of village environmental enhancements the next phase will be the installation of finger post signs and hamlet signs. The project costs are expected to be in the region of 8,000 of which we have made funding provisions of £1,875. We have also submitted a Community Payback application to TMBC as the organising body; in respect of cleaning of and vegetation clearance of village signs, vegetation clearance and litter clearing of the Public Rights of Ways and litter clearing and the emptying of litter bins on the Jubilee Fields.

HIGHWAYS: Potholes and other highway problems can be reported on the website http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads_and_transport/highway_maintenance/fault_reporting.aspx. If you need to report an emergency situation call them straight away on 08458 247 800.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY: Information has been received regarding vegetation clearance. During 2013 KCC will be operating a 60% fixed and 40% reactive schedule and the Public Rights of Ways will receive one cut during a 4–6 period which commenced on 17 June 2013. The reactive part of the schedule will allow for further cutting to take place which will take the form of a second round of cutting starting immediately after the completion of the fixed schedule. We have been asked to nominate by mid-July the paths we would like to be considered for the reactive part of the schedule. If requests are also received from members of the public then officers administering the clearance contracts will make a judgement about which paths are the most urgent. If there are any paths which you would like us to refer for a reactive cut please let us know. Also if you have encountered a problem on one or more Public Rights of Ways please report it on 0845 345 0210 (Lines open 8am - 8pm Monday - Friday), for emergencies on 0300 333 5538 or use the online fault reporting tool on Kent County Councils website.

BULKY REFUSE: The fortnightly Saturday bulky service now has separate collections of Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and scrap metal items. Items collected will be stripped down into their component materials and recycled.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (All meetings are held in the Meeting Room at the Jubilee Hall)

01 July 2013	Planning Committee. 7.45 p.m.
15 July 2013	Planning Committee followed by a Parish Council Meeting. 7.45 p.m.
24 July 2013	Surgery, 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. in the library. Nikki Kearns will be present

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