

EPPC NEWS – JANUARY 2017

Working on behalf of the community

Dear All,

Happy New Year.

A warm welcome to our new readers, this newsletter is just one way we communicate with residents and is not only a summary of our activities over the past month but news on items we hope you find interesting. If you'd like to receive the newsletter by email, you can register your interest at www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk/subscribe.

Following the resignation of Murray Hodgson at the end of 2016, we have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. TMBC has not yet advised if we can fill the vacancy by co-option or if we will be having an election, nevertheless, if you are interested in joining us or would like to find out more, we would be delighted to hear from you. Being a Councillor can be very fulfilling. It requires dedication and hard work (unpaid of course,) but in East Peckham it can be especially rewarding as it brings the additional opportunity to play a significant role in shaping our dynamic and ever growing community. Parish Councils have to work within a legal and regulatory framework which can sometimes make us appear slow and unresponsive, although this can be frustrating it provides essential protection of council tax-payers interests and provides vital safeguards for Councillors doing their job. On this point, we're often asked "What does the Parish Council do?" On the following pages we hope to enlighten you.

Each year we set a budget which reflects the services you want, whilst fulfilling our statutory obligations. Next year's budget has been particularly challenging, whilst we've been able to make some budgetary reductions, we're faced with a £20,000 cut in funding from TMBC and we want to include £15,000 towards surgery renovations. We invite feedback on our budget proposals which you can find on our website; these proposals indicate an increase in the Parish Precept from £112,951 to £139, 950.

We're looking ahead to the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting which is being held on 03 April 2017. Amongst our guest speakers we have received a provisional confirmation from Tom Tugendhat MP, J Clubb Ltd who will be attending to talk about their work at the quarry and the creation of nature reserves within the locality. We have also invited Medway Valley Countryside Partnership to talk about the River Medway and its links with East Peckham and for representatives from TMBC's Local Plan Team to provide an update on the Local Plan and how it might impact upon East Peckham.

Just before Christmas we were saddened to learn of the closure of the Pre-School, it is a shame that the village no longer has a Pre-School and we hope that it will not be too long before one is established.

We continue to strive to make East Peckham a desirable place to live. Please help all our community groups and continue to do your bit where you can. Don't forget if you'd like any information or advice on a Parish matter, please feel free to call into our Office during normal opening hours.

Don't forget that if you have any interesting photos from in and around the village we'd love to see them.

Kind regards
Chairman, Councillors and Clerk

2017/2018 BUDGET

Full details of our budget proposals for 2017/2018 are on our website; we welcome your feedback on these proposals which indicate an increase in the Parish Precept from £112,951 to £139, 950. Our budget is due to be considered in January 2017.

TMBC are making a number of changes which will affect some of the money we receive. Below you will find details of these changes together with the budgetary implications that these changes will have on the Parish Council.

S136 Grant: This is an amount of money which assisted us in funding the costs of churchyard maintenance, streetlights and open spaces. From 01 April 2017 this grant will cease which represents a loss to the Parish Council of almost £10,000 per annum.

Council Tax Support Grant: This is a grant which we received and used to offset some of our spending. From 01 April 2017 this grant will cease which represents a loss to the Parish Council of almost £10,000 per annum.

How will the loss of these grants affect the Precept? The Parish Council if it wants to provide the same level of service will have to include budgetary provisions for the maintenance and energy of the footway lights, the maintenance of the churchyards at Holy Trinity and St Michaels and the upkeep of the village open spaces without any grant support from TMBC.

How will this affect the Council Tax Bills? The amount each household will be expected to pay towards Borough Council services is expected to decrease, however the amount each household will be expected to pay towards parish council services will increase. There should however not be much difference in the total amount that each household will be expected to pay in Council Tax in 2017/2018 when compared to the amount paid for 2016/2017.

Funding for Churchyards: There are two open churchyards in East Peckham, i.e. Holy Trinity and St Michaels. TMBC is not making any funding contributions in 2017/2018 which means that as the Parish Council intends to continue to maintain the open churchyards the expenditure must be met entirely by the Parish Council.

TMBC is currently conducting a review of funding for open churchyards and at this time it is not possible to know what the outcome of the review will be or if TMBC will provide funding directing to Parochial Church Councils. There is no statutory obligation on the Parish Council to provide funding however, many years ago, TMBC considered burial spaces a priority and therefore funding was incorporated into the Scheme of Financial Arrangements with Parish Councils. TMBC's review will re-test this priority. At a meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 November 2016, the Parish Council decided that we would continue to fund the maintenance of the churchyards at Holy Trinity and St Michaels.

Scheme of Special Expenses: TMBC has advised that the introduction of Special Expenses from 01 April 2017 will mostly affect residents in Tonbridge and some parished areas.

PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

East Peckham Parish Council – one of 9000 such councils in England – is an elected corporate body in the first tier of local government. Higher tiers, known as principal authorities (such as Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council and Kent County Council), have many legal duties to deliver services such as education, housing, town and country planning, environmental health, social services, policing etc.

While parish councils do have some legal powers, they have far fewer duties than principal authorities and greater freedom to choose what they do in the interests of improving the local environment and quality of life in the community. They play an important part in representing the interests of the communities they serve, for example by influencing decision makers in the principal authorities, and in delivering services to meet local needs.

As well as managing the land and assets which it owns or is responsible for (e.g. Jubilee Hall and Playing Fields), East Peckham Parish Council is closely involved in matters concerning, planning (see below), highways, traffic, community safety, the War Memorial, public seats, rights of way etc. The Council also maintains close contact with, and supports where appropriate and possible, a wide range of social, sports and welfare clubs, societies and organisations within the community.

The Parish Clerk

The Clerk's overall responsibility, as an employee of the Parish Council, is to carry out the policy decisions of the Council and to advise and guide it on matters of procedure and law. The Clerk is responsible for seeing that the business of the Council runs smoothly and efficiently and is conducted in accordance with the law, including ensuring that the Council's financial transactions are properly authorised, recorded and audited. The Clerk is the Executive Officer without whom the Council's business cannot properly be transacted. The Clerk's office is in the Jubilee Hall, Pippin Road

Councillors

East Peckham Parish Council consists of eleven. None receive any remuneration or expenses for the work they do. Councillors are either formally elected or, in the event that a vacancy occurs, co-opted by resolution of the Council. Elections are held every four years – the next will be in May 2019. On election, councillors formally undertake to perform their duties in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Councillors, and with the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. They also have to disclose, and register with Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, any personal interests that may conflict or be seen to conflict with their work as councillors.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting, a Chairman for the coming year is elected and councillors are allocated responsibility – either individually or in small groups – for implementing projects or particular aspects of the Council's routine work according to their expertise, experience, interests and availability.

For anybody interested in knowing more about how a parish council works and what its councillors do, a useful short summary is given in *'The Good Councillor's Guide'* published by The National Training Strategy for Town and Parish Councils which can be found online.

Meetings

Parish Councils are required by law to hold, as a minimum, an Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (in May) and three other meetings. In practice, the full Council meets formally every month except August. Its Planning and Transportation Committee meets monthly depending on the number of planning applications and other business on the agenda and the Finance Committee meets twice a year. Details of forthcoming meetings are posted on the Council Information Page on our website www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk and on the Parish Council notice board in the village centre. Council and Committee meetings are held in the Meeting Room at the Jubilee Hall and are open to the public.

COUNCILLORS AREAS

Parish Councillors represent the village collectively but for administrative and Emergency Planning we have divided the village into areas and an area assigned to each councillor. The areas are:

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| Hale Street, Bardsley Close, Hale Court, Medway Meadows, Cates Court & Maidstone Rd | Peter Crawford |
| Smithers Lane, Pattenden Gardens, Hop Bine Close, Smithers Court, Beltring Road, Branbridges Road & Maidstone Road (A26) | TBC |
| Old Road, Strettitt Gardens, Pinkham & Pinkham Gardens | Penny Graham |
| Addlestead Road, Chidley Cross Road, Caysers Croft & Tonbridge Road | Lynton Wright |
| Pound Road, The Old Dairy & Snoll Hatch Road | Serina Page |
| Orchard Road, The Freehold, Red Roses, Marvillion & Crown Acres (Odds) | Colin Silver |
| Whitebine, Golding & Henham Gardens & Crown Acres (evens) | Mick Barton |
| Fell Mead, Stockenbury, Bramley Road, Pippin Road & Russett Road | Steph Watson |
| Hatches Lane, Bullen Lane, Bells Farm Road, Grove Close & Stanford Lane | Jenny Macdonald |
| Westwood Road, Drage Road, William Luck Close & Cotman Way | Heidi Harratt |
| Court Lodge, Roydon Hall & Bush Roads, Seven Mile, Martins & Church Lanes | Michael Ferguson |

2016 POPPY APPEAL

The final total has not been confirmed but to date the East Peckham appeal has raised more than £2,910.43.

ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

During 2017 we will be looking to sign the Armed Forces Community Covenant, this is a pledge that acknowledges and understands that those who serve or who have served in the armed forces, and their families, should be treated with fairness and respect in the communities, economy and society they serve with their lives. Community covenants complement, at a local level, the armed forces covenant, which outlines the moral obligation between the nation, the government and the armed forces. It encourages local communities to support the armed forces community in their area and promote understanding and awareness among the public of issues affecting the armed forces community.

GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

During 2017, EPPC became eligible to use the General Power of Competence. On 12 December we resolved that until the next relevant Annual Parish Council, that having met the eligibility criteria as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, that EPPC would adopt the General Power of Competence.

LOCAL COUNCIL AWARDS SCHEME

As part of our drive to improve all areas of our service provision, as soon as practicable, we will be submitting an application to upgrade our Foundation Award to Quality or Quality Gold thus demonstrating that EPPC achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. Quality councils go above and beyond their legal obligations, leading their communities and continuously seeking opportunities to improve and develop even further.

ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENTS – NEW FINGERPOSTS

We're delighted that work is finally nearing completion and while our fingerposts now have their fingers we are waiting for some lettering to be painted on the side of the posts.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

If your group or organisation would like to apply for a small grant please visit our website where you will find details of our grants policy and an application form. We have funds available specifically for grants to community groups and organisations. During 2016/2017 we have so far provided grants to the East Peckham Scout Group and the Salvation Army as well as making a donation to the Royal British Legion.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A COMMUNITY PROJECT?

There are many projects you could help such as Christmas lights, the surgery or the skatepark. If you are interested please let us know.

LOCAL WINTER MANAGEMENT POLICY

We have no statutory duty to prepare for and deal with snow and ice (except around our own property) and although we don't have resources to make a commitment to provide a snow clearing service we'll assist where we can. Our plan has been created to clarify what can be expected from EPPC and was printed in our November newsletter which is available from our website.

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF EAST PECKHAM BRANCH SURGERY

EPPC is delighted that the surgery remains open and is pleased that all parties remain committed to finding a long term solution which will be beneficial to patients and the village. On 23 January we shall be meeting with the surveyor, CCG, Woodlands Health Centre and the landlord. Whilst talks are ongoing there is no immediate threat of closure. Once any future project has been agreed upon we will consult residents to ensure that we have a mandate of support for any spending commitments which might be expected from the Parish Council.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO NOMINATE A LOCAL HERO?

It's not too late to nominate a local hero and we know there are many in our village. We would like to recognise these special people at our awards evening which is held alongside the Annual Parish Meeting. Perhaps you know someone who's raised huge sums of money for charity or organised an amazing village event or someone who's given their time to run a village group or organisation. Our awards acknowledge and give recognition to those who've made a significant contribution to the village. If you know someone who's given this sort of service and merits an Award please nominate them. A nomination form is printed at the end of this report and they can also be downloaded from our website www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk. Please note that the deadline for nominations is 17 January 2017.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING

Would you be prepared to help your community and support the Community Emergency Planning Team? There are many ways you can help, first the East Peckham Flood Group which is independent of the Parish Council is looking for a new Chairman, we're also looking for someone to coordinate the village Flood Warden Scheme and finally we'd like to have more Flood Wardens. If you're interested and would like to find out more please let us know. Free training is available via Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council and all Flood Wardens are given a flood preparedness kit.

Flood Warning System: To receive flood warnings from the Environment Agency please visit the website www.environment-agency.gov.uk and register with Floodline Warnings Direct. If you would prefer to register by telephone, or need help during the registration process, call 0845 988 1188.

POWER CUTS

UK Power Networks own and maintain the electric cables and lines in this area of the UK making sure your lights stay on. Power cuts are rare but please keep these details safe in case you need to contact UK Power networks:

Text POWER and your postcode to 80876, website: www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powercut, Tel 0800 3163105 Tel (Mobile) 0333 32 32 105, facebook and Twitter @ukpowernetworks

EAST PECKHAM BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Are you a member of the business community and would like to see East Peckham have a business forum, if so we would be delighted to hear from you. Some of the things that the forum could do are publishing a business directory and a visitor's information leaflet. It would be fantastic if the East Peckham Business Community could come together for a 'Showcase Evening' where a variety of local businesses, both large and small could display their 'commodities' to help make residents more aware of what happens on the commercial side of the village. There are many businesses in East Peckham and they all contribute to local employment both, within the village and from the surrounding area. So many products are made locally it would be wonderful to showcase them to the community. We think it would be a wonderful opportunity for everyone to see what is produced, meet the business owners and find out about the local services and trades available right on our doorsteps. To kick start this initiative, we would like to invite representatives from local businesses and community groups to a networking breakfast, please let us know if this is something that would be of interest to you.

COMMUNITY DEFIBRILATOR

The defibrillator is housed in a secure box attached to the wall of the Parish Office at the Jubilee Hall. The defibrillator is an intelligent item of medical equipment which 'talks' to the operator and gives easy to follow instructions on where to place the electrode packs on the chest, how to administer Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and when to press the 'shock' button. An operator cannot 'shock' a patient that does not require it and cannot make a bad situation worse. SECAmb know of the location of the defibrillator so that when someone dials 999 about a possible heart attack, they can immediately see if there is a defibrillator nearby to the caller, give them the access code and direct them there.

ABANDONED VEHICLES

These can be reported via <http://www.tmbc.gov.uk/services/environment-and-planning/abandoned-vehicles>, this info is contained in TMBC's Street Monitor Guidance booklet available on our website.

JUBILEE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS

We own and manage the Jubilee Hall complex which comprises of the Playing Fields, Sports Hall and Meeting Room. The complex has many regular activities and events for adults and children and is buzzing with excitement. From the under-fives toddlers' afternoon to activities for adults such as Keep fit, badminton, bowls and Zumba, we're also the venue for a monthly carers group. Outside clubs include a goal keeping school. As well as a large car park and free WIFI, the Jubilee Hall has a well equipped kitchen. The facilities are perfect for any occasion. If you're looking for a venue, please contact us for details of availability and hire charges. Our latest programme of activities and the contact details of the activity organisers can be found on our website.

We are proud of the fact that the Jubilee Hall continues to provide a wide range of classes and facilities for residents of East Peckham and that our Playing Fields are in excellent condition. Our aim to widen the number of indoor and outdoor activities on offer and would be pleased to hear from you if there are any outdoor activities you would like us to provide such as archery, cycling and running clubs. We would also be pleased to hear from you if you would be interested in starting up a new activity.

Children's Party Packages: We have some fantastic packages, offering hassle free solutions to make your life easier and your event a great success.

Business Events: We can offer solutions for business events such as one-to-one consultations to a classroom or meeting venue. We can provide a great space for training, meetings and exhibitions.

The playing fields are a beautiful open space in the centre of the village and are open to all residents. We want them to be a safe haven for you to enjoy the peace and quiet and for children to play safely, families to picnic, joggers to run securely, play rounders, kick a football, fly a kite or just a place to sit and contemplate. We will continue to develop the facilities so that the village; is well equipped with leisure facilities for everyone. We are currently exploring the idea of a fitness trail around the perimeter of the playing fields to blend in with the natural environment.

ALLOTMENTS

Allotments are provided on land adjacent to the Playing Fields. The annual rents are very reasonable and we currently have a few vacant plots.

FANTASTIC VENUE AVAILABLE IN EAST PECKHAM VILLAGE CENTRE?

We have two rooms available, a larger sports hall and a smaller meeting room and can cater for most activities such as sports activities, children's parties, book clubs, craft groups, meetings, group gatherings.

Surrounded by 15 acres of playing fields we offer very competitive hire rates, a large car park, FREE WIFI, kitchen, projector and screen and a hot drinks machine.

Whatever your activity we look forward to receiving your enquiries.
Please email admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk for more information

BLOOMING IN EAST PECKHAM

We'd like to form an East Peckham in Bloom group, it will have our endorsement and comprise of residents whose aim is to enhance the appearance of the village. The Group's first step would be to become a member of 'Britain in Bloom' an organisation set up by the Royal Horticultural Society. We'd also like to encourage residents and retailers to keep their frontages clean and tidy. If you're a local business and would like to sponsor this project or make a donation, please let us know. Similarly, we'd like to hear from you if you're interested in becoming part of East Peckham in Bloom. We're looking for garden enthusiasts, carpenters/DIY'ers, artists or just residents who want to be involved.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

TMBC (as the Local Planning Authority) consults the Parish Council on all planning applications originating in, or of relevance to, the Parish. These are considered by the Parish Council's Planning and Transportation Committee. Comments and any recommendations are forwarded by the Clerk for consideration by TMBC alongside representations made by members of the public or other organisations. The planning authority may or may not agree with our views, but can normally be expected to take account of them in determining the outcome of each application.

Although the Parish Council has no statutory powers in the planning process, its local knowledge, combined with an understanding of the planning system and its feel for local public opinion, means that it can still make a worthwhile contribution to TMBC's decision-making process. The Parish Council's Planning Committee examines each application together with associated drawings and documents, and agrees the comments and recommendations to be made to TMBC. The planning process is transparent, with all plans and documents relating to each application (including written representations by the Parish Council and members of the public) being published on TMBC's website.

EPPC's PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Aims to represent the views of the community when consulted on planning applications and to improve transportation issues in East Peckham. The Committee has recently considered the following planning applications:

TM/16/03380/FL Demolition of existing buildings & residential development of 10 houses and associated car barns at Brunswick Yard, Pound Road **NO OBJECTION (CONDITIONAL)**

TM/16/03430/FL Demolition of steel framed barn. Conversion of brick build barns into single dwelling house at Bush Farm, Bullen lane, East Peckham **NO OBJECTION**

TM/16/03562/FL New roof and covering to detached garage at 255 Hale Street **NO OBJECTION**

TM/16/03633/FL Barn redevelopment to create dwelling at 321 Bush Road **NO OBJECTION**

TELEPHONE BOXES AT THE JUNCTIONS OF TONBRIDGE ROAD/LITTLE AND BUSH ROAD/BULLEN LANE

BT is currently considering the removal of the public telephone boxes at Little Mill and Bullen Lane. In the twelve months to 23 September 2016, BT recorded no calls from either telephone box and we therefore have no objection to their removal. As neither telephone box is a 'traditional' red kiosk we will not be submitting an application to BT to adopt the telephone boxes for other purposes.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

KCC is responsible for maintaining public rights of way. Regardless of the growing season the majority of the rights of ways will be cut twice each year. Please report any problems to KCC by telephoning 0845 345 0210, or online at <http://webapps.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccesscams/issues/default.aspx>

LITTERING

Litter doesn't clear itself away. The cost of clearing up litter runs into hundreds of pounds. It's an offence to leave litter and a person is guilty of an offence if they throw down, drop or otherwise deposit and then leave it in a public place. TMBC will respond to complaints and have the power to demand a person's name and address in order to issue fixed penalty notices. It's such a shame that an uncaring few spoil it for the rest of us. Remember if you want to report a litter issue or fly-tipping, go to TMBC's website. To help keep East Peckham beautiful, can we please encourage residents and businesses to regularly clear up their frontages and collect rubbish along their roads. Let's keep our village tidy. We're aware of a number of residents who regularly collect litter and our thanks go to these unsung heroes.

COMMUNITY PAYBACK

Do you know about Community Payback? It's a scheme where individuals who've been ordered by the courts work in their local communities to repay for a range of offences. The type of work that can be undertaken includes the maintenance of footpaths, painting and clearing areas which have suffered from neglect. Whilst our previous experience of using Community Payback has been mixed, the impact KCC budget cuts is having on footpaths and overgrown vegetation around the village is becoming more and more noticeable as is the awful littering so we are in the process of putting together a schedule of works which we will submit to the Community Payback Organisers.

DOG FOULING

It's a shame that a few uncaring dog owners spoil things. Dog deposits provided it's bagged up can be put into any amenity bin – not household bins. If you see anyone failing to clear up after their dog contact the Community or Dog Wardens. Please be aware that failing to clear up after your dog is an offence which TMBC enforces through the Dogs Fouling of Land Act 1996 which applies to all open land within the borough to which the public have access. If you've a dog fouling complaint obtain as much information as possible as it will assist the Dog Warden. For a found, lost or straying dog telephone 01732 876181, for fouling, dangerous dog, dog on dog attack or anything else telephone 01732 876147 or Email: dog.warden@tmbc.gov.uk. If a person has been bitten report the incident to the Police on 101

DOG AND LITTER BINS

Complaints regarding overfull dog/litter bins or related issues should be reported to waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk or using the online forms at www.tmbc.gov.uk. There are 18 dog waste bins around East Peckham, so specific locations for the ones that may have been missed would assist.

HIGHWAYS

The preferred way to let highways know about faults such as potholes or overgrown vegetation is through the website www.kent.gov.uk/highwayfaults where details can be uploaded and locations pinpointed on a map. In the event of an emergency you should call 03000 41 81 81. You might be interested in the roadworks.org website which gives details of all planned works for the village.

PARKING ON PAVEMENTS

With the problem in the village of inappropriately parked vehicles on pavements, we've joined Guide Dogs for the Blind who are campaigning against pavement parking who are proposing that motorists should be banned from parking on pavements because the practice forces vulnerable pedestrians to walk in the road and blocking the pavement is inconsiderate and dangerous. This is a far too common problem across the county partly because many of our roads were built in the days before cars and because drivers wish to park as close as possible to where they live. In areas where there are no parking restrictions TMBC's Civil Enforcement Officers will not be able to help and the police can only enforce against dangerous parking. If you spot a vehicle wrongly parked, please call 101 and our PCSO's will try and attend. Whilst the PCSO's cannot issue tickets they can issue advice notices.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

If you witness any incidents of anti-social behaviour, anywhere in the village, or know who is involved, please tell us, our community warden or the police. Anti-Social Behaviour can affect everyone's quality of life and should not be tolerated.

BULKY REFUSE

The fortnightly bulky service now has separate collections of Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment and scrap metal. Items collected will be stripped down into their component materials and recycled.

TWINNING

East Peckham is twinned with Chéreng in the Nord de Pas de Calais. Twinning activities are funded by those taking part and fund-raising with no use of parish funds. For more information on Twinning please contact Karen Bell by email to admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk.

JANUARY 2017 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

09 January 2017 Planning & Transportation Committee, 7.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall
09 January 2017 Finance Committee in the Jubilee Hall (Follows the Planning & Transportation Committee)
23 January 2017 Meeting of the full Parish Council, 7.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall

CONTACT DETAILS

Clerk to the Council, Karen Bell, The Parish Office, East Peckham Jubilee Hall, Pippin Road, East Peckham, TN12 5BT, Telephone/answerphone: 01622 871309, Email: admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk.

Our office is open weekday mornings during term time except Wednesdays. We love seeing you and look forward to your visits. If you've an important matter which you wish to discuss, please make an appointment so that we can make sure we're available. Karen works part time and is sometimes at external meetings and not always available, so do please ring or email first. If you'd like to speak to a Councillor please write, phone or email and a Councillor will contact you; alternatively you can contact a Councillor via our website www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk.

**EAST PECKHAM PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY AWARDS 2017
NOMINATION FORM**

I would like to nominate(print name) for a Community Award.

REASON:

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SIGNED: Print Name:

Nominations to be returned to the Parish Office, The Jubilee Hall, Pippin Road, East Peckham, Tonbridge, Kent, TN12 5BT by 17 January 2017. Entries by email also accepted to admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk

EAST PECKHAM PARISH COUNCIL App

We are delighted to announce the launch our new app, which is a fantastic new way for us to be able to engage with you and for you to find out what is happening in the parish and discover the latest news and information about EPPC services, events and meetings. The App is FREE to download from Google Play or Apple I Tunes. With regard to compatibility it requires iOS 7.0 or later. Compatible with iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch.



Useful Contact Information

Police Contact:

PCSO Toni Matthew 101 Email toni.matthew@kent.pnn.police.uk
 PCSO Kim Hockey 101 Email: kimberley.hockey@kent.pnn.police.uk

Community Warden:

Lara Sams 07969 584183 Email: lara.sams@kent.gov.uk

Paddock Wood Community Advice Centre:

01892 838619 Email: info@pwadvice.org

Your Local MP

Tom Tugendhat Email tom.tugendhat.mp@parliament.uk

TMBC

Flytipping, Abandoned Vehicles, Dog Fouling, Street Cleaning
 01732 844522 www.tmbc.gov.uk

KCC

For road & drainage issues, potholes, vegetation & Street Lighting
 03000 418181 www.kent.gov.uk