

## EPPC NEWS – JUNE 2018

### Working on behalf of the community

Dear All,

Welcome to the June edition of EPPC News, the monthly newsletter from East Peckham Parish Council.

We are delighted to be able to inform you that at our Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 May 2018 that Stephanie Watson was re-elected as our Chairman, Penny Graham was re-elected as our Deputy Chairman and Michael Ferguson was re-elected as Chairman of our Planning and Transportation Committee.

New this month is our fabulous new Shop Local Loyalty Scheme. Participating village retailers so far include the Post Office, Village Butchers and Store, Pam's Pantry, Headlocks Hair Design, Heavenly Glaze, Irelands Bakery, Pound Fish Bar, Bourne Produce, Field Pharmacy, Khan Spice and Country Fires. Please look out for the leaflets at the participating retailers and pick up your loyalty card.

Work continues on village enhancements projects and in 2018 we will continue with our project to install hamlet signs subject of course to identifying suitable locations, there will be more village planting and more improvements at the Jubilee Hall and Playing Fields, a refurbishment of the fingerpost in Martins Lane, an upgrade of the exterior lights at the Jubilee Hall and the installation of more trim trail equipment on the Playing Fields.

Our office is open weekday mornings during term times (except Wednesdays), do feel free to drop in and talk to us about any village issue you think that we can help you with.

Kind regards  
Chairman, Councillors and Clerk



### **The Parish Council Newsletter – EPPC News**

One of the main purposes of EPPC News is to keep you informed of our work and for you to have access to the local democratic processes. This includes all the minutes of East Peckham Parish Council meetings which appear on our website. The council is aware that there are many people in the locality who either do not have access to the necessary equipment or who do not wish to read in that way and we are happy to provide paper copies of our minutes when asked.

Democratic processes runs both ways and is not only a channel of information from the Council to residents but can also be used for residents to communicate with the council or with other residents. Provided letters or copy sent to us are legal, they can, at our discretion be published on our website; we will however not publish names, addresses or any contact information. Whilst it is not our policy to edit written submissions from the public, we should point out that we are not responsible for any inaccuracies, errors or questionable implications in submissions from private correspondents.

### **Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings**

Parish Council Meetings are usually held at 7.00 p.m. on the first and third Monday of the month and always at the Jubilee Hall

Meetings are open to the public who are encouraged to attend

Agendas are published on the Parish Council Noticeboard at the Village Butcher and Store and on the website at [www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk)

The Parish Council wants to make the minutes of meetings available to the whole community, they can therefore be downloaded from our website (paper copies provided on request)

The next meetings will be on  
Monday 04 June – Planning and Transportation Committee  
Monday 18 June – Full Council

### **East Peckham has a new Community Warden**

A warm welcome to our new Community Warden, Sandra who took up her duties on 14 May 2018. Sandra will be spending 50% of her time in East Peckham and Hadlow and can be contacted by telephone to 07969584183.

### **East Peckham in Bloom**

Our spring hanging baskets in the village centre have looked splendid this year. When their flowering period is over they will be replaced by our summer hanging baskets. This year our summer planting will consist on hanging baskets on seven posts in the village centre (including the new streetlight column), replanting of the planters in the village centre and the planting of shrubs by the village signs at the Branbridges Road and Tonbridge Road entrances to the village.

### **2017/2018 Accounts**

Our accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 have been finalised. Our receipts and payments account for 2017/2018 is printed at the end of this newsletter. On our website you can also find our year end bank reconciliation, notes to support the accounts and a breakdown of our reserves. Our fund balances at 31 March 2018 amounted to £286,413, our Earmarked Reserves totalled £120,533 and our General Reserves totalled £165,880. We are required to hold in our General Reserves an amount equal to 1–½ times our precept which for 2018/2019 is £140,000

Audit: Our Independent Internal Audit was carried out on 02 May 2018. Our Internal Auditor acted independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined the auditor concluded that in all significant respects the control

objectives had been achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the council. Our accounts will now be subject to the examination of an external audit.

### **Roads and Potholes**

Report a problem to [www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem](http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem). This is a very easy to use website to report any issues on our roads from potholes, overhanging hedges, broken signs, blocked drains and flooding. Funding cuts have cut back on regular patrols to identify problems and KCC relies on us to report them. If you have no internet access, contact the Parish Office and we will do it for you

### **Dealing with litter**

You may have noticed how much litter there is on our roads. Our village highways are often strewn with litter and there have been occasions when bags and larger items have been, it would seem, thrown one after another from a moving vehicle. We've also seen flytipping, with fridges and freezers decorating our beautiful countryside. If you notice great amounts of litter or flytipping that needs urgent attention report it to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council who have dedicated response teams **01732 844522**.

### **Street lamps**

Please report any problems with East Peckham Street lights to the Parish Office

### **Communications**

Take a moment and visit our website [www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk). It currently serves as a repository for agendas, minutes of council and committee meetings, standing orders, newsletters, annual reports, member's information etc. and is updated regularly with other matters that may be of interest. There are also links to Kent County Council and Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council. You can also follow us on twitter @EastPeckham PC and on Facebook.

### **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 as follows:

Hale Street, Bardsley Close, Hale Court, Medway Meadows, Cates Court & Maidstone Rd	Serina Page
Smithers Lane, Pattenden Gardens, Hop Bine Close, Smithers Court, Beltring Road,)	James Hockey
Branbridges Road & Maidstone Road (A26)	)
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	David Roberts
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	John Page
Westwood Road, Drage Road, William Luck Close & Cotman Way	Heidi Harratt
Court Lodge, Roydon Hall & Bush Roads, Seven Mile, Martins & Church Lanes	Michael Ferguson

### **Community Grants**

If your group or organisation would like to apply for a small grant please visit our website where you'll find details of our grants policy and an application form. During 2017/2018, we helped the East Peckham United Football Club, the Village Hall and the Table Tennis for Fun Club.

### **Would you like to sponsor a Community Project?**

There're many projects you could help such as Christmas lights. If you're interested please let us know.

### **Community Emergency Planning**

Would you be prepared to help your community and support the Community Emergency Planning Team? If you're interested and would like to find out more please let us know. Free training is available 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](http://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.

### **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.

### **Community Defibrillator**

The defibrillator is stored in a secure box attached to the wall of the Jubilee Hall. It is an intelligent item of medical equipment which 'talks' to the operator and gives easy instructions. SECamb know its location so when someone dials 999 about a possible heart attack, they can immediately see if there is a defibrillator near the caller, give them the access code and direct them there.

### **Allotments**

Allotments are provided on land adjacent to the Playing Fields. The annual rents are very reasonable. Whilst there are currently no vacant plots, we have opened a waiting list and welcome enquiries.

### **FANTASTIC VENUE AVAILABLE IN EAST PECKHAM VILLAGE CENTRE?**

We have two rooms available, a larger sports hall and a smaller meeting room  
We can accommodate most activities such as 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, fully equipped kitchen, changing rooms, projector and screen  
Please email [councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk) for more information



### **Jubilee Hall and Playing Fields**

We own and manage the Jubilee Hall complex consisting of the Playing Fields, Sports Hall and Meeting Room. The complex hosts many regular activities and events; such as Bootcamp, BodyPump, Keep fit, badminton, table tennis and Zumba, we're also the venue for the monthly carers group. Outside clubs include East Peckham United Football Club. Other amenities include a large car park, WIFI, a well equipped kitchen, changing rooms, a projector and a screen. Our facilities are perfect for most events. 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 for 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 and that our Playing Fields are in excellent condition. Our aim to widen the number of indoor and outdoor activities on offer and we would be pleased to hear from you if there are any outdoor activities you would like us to provide or 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 and are open to all. 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 rounder's, kick a football, fly a kite or just a place to sit and contemplate. Do please look out for our brand new trim trail (obstacle course). We will continue to develop the facilities so that the village; is well equipped with leisure facilities for everyone.

### **Planning & Transportation Committee**

We aim to represent the views of the community when consulted on planning applications and to improve transportation issues in East Peckham.

#### **Planning Applications**

The Committee has recently considered the following planning applications:

- TM/18/00732/FL** Increase in roof slope of bungalow to provide additional living space, addition of side extension and change of use of existing garage into part of residential dwelling and new detached garage at 16 Pound Road, East Peckham **NO OBJECTION**
- TM/18/00737/FL** Demolition of existing extension and erection of part single, part two storey rear extension at 3 The Freehold, East Peckham, TN12 5AA **NO OBJECTION**
- TM/18/00803/FL** Provision of LAP style weatherboard cladding to elevations at first floor level at 185 Tonbridge Road, East Peckham **NO OBJECTION**
- TM/18/00832/FL** Demolition of existing building, change of use of land to car sales yard and use of listed building as ancillary office at 51 Branbridges Road **NO OBJECTION**
- TM/18/00944/FL** Rear single storey extension and garage conversion at 12 Strettitt Gardens, East Peckham **NO OBJECTION**

#### **Planning Decisions**

TMBC has **GRANTED PERMISSION** for the following

- TM/18/00258/LB** Placement of a wood burner into the living room, flue system to exit through the roof at 3 Crowhurst Oast, 85 Bells Farm Road, East Peckham
- TM/18/00680/TNCA** Reduce oak tree by 20% at 126 Addlestead Road, East Peckham

#### **M20 Junctions 3 to 5 Smart Motorway Project**

Highways England has commenced works on the M20 between West Malling and Aylesford. Works are expected to be completed by March 2020. There will be some disruption while work is taking place.

#### **TMBC Local Plan Timetable**

TMBC has indicated that during the autumn there will be a public consultation before the Plan and any representations are submitted to the SoS.

#### **Planning Investigation - Unauthorised encampment at Snoll Hatch**

It has been established that the area of land near the river has a shed and tent on it. As the land is owned by the Tegothan estate, the estate is seeking the removal of both items. It also appears that hardstanding and a fence have been installed. TMBC think that this might be permitted development and while there was no evidence of residential use they are continuing their investigations.

#### **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>

#### **Dog and Litter Bins**

Complaints regarding overfull dog/litter bins or related issues should be reported to [waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk) or using the online forms at [www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk).

## **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](mailto:dog.warden@tmbc.gov.uk). If a person has been bitten report the incident to the Police on 101

## **Parking on Pavements**

This is a far too common problem in our village 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. 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.

## **Saturday Freighter Service Schedule**

TMBC's fortnightly bulky refuse service schedule and more information can be found on TMBC's website <http://www.tmbc.gov.uk/services/environment-and-planning/recycling,-rubbish-and-waste/household-waste-special-collections-for-large-items/saturday-household-waste-service>. To save wasted journeys do please check the schedule beforehand.

## **Anti-Social Behaviour**

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

## **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](mailto:admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk).

## **Remembering the end of World War 1**

At 11.00 a.m. on 11 November 2018, bells from churches and cathedrals in villages, towns and cities all across the country will ring out in unison just as they did in 1918. **What is your Parish Council doing?**

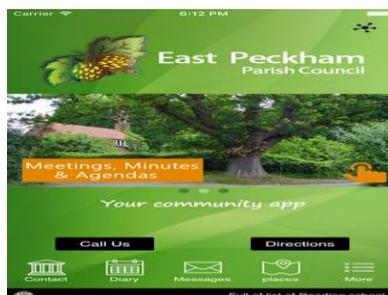
- We are participating in the Battles Over, A Nations Tribute and will be lighting the beacon
- As part of the English Heritage War Memorials Listing Project, we have applied for the War Memorial to be given listed status.
- We will be installing two commemorative benches and two standalone silent soldier figures.

## **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](mailto:admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk). Our office is open weekday mornings except Wednesdays. If you've an important matter which you wish to discuss, please make an appointment so that we can make sure we're available.

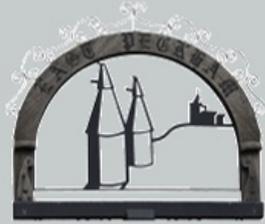
## **EAST PECKHAM PARISH COUNCIL App**

Our app is a 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.



**East Peckham Parish Council**  
**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Opening Balance		
Balance at Bank	269,142.66	
Cash in Hand		
Audit Fees		820.00
Chairmans Allowance		300.00
Members Expenses		53.39
Office (IT, equipment, stationery)		2,062.23
Misc Admin Expenses		1,073.00
Reference Books		71.73
Newsletters & Annual Report		689.03
Subscriptions		1,372.06
Website & App		1,782.00
Training		1,100.00
Insurance		1,850.00
Staff Costs (PC)		23,705.66
NNDR (JH)		4,457.93
Outdoor Equipment Repairs/renewals		2,651.49
Community Emergency Planning		33.32
Village Planting		2,266.95
Garden Competition		75.00
Phase 4 JH Upgrade		2,645.00
Phase 4 Environmental		87.26
Minor Village Maintenance Fund		2,600.00
Outdoor Equipment - New Activity		1,750.00
Churchyard Maintenance (HT & St M)		4,325.00
Village Grasscutting		1,305.00
Garden of Remembrance		500.00
War Memorial (Cleaning)		
Allotments	678.35	337.66
Footway Lighting		7,100.17
CCTV		1,018.00
Christmas Lighting	3,539.23	6,884.86
JH Running Costs (offset by income)	11,285.71	11,412.70
JH Building & Asset Maintenance		9,392.59
PWLB Loan Repayments		2,930.31
Playing Fields & Outdoor Equipment		11,774.21
Litter Clearing		1,890.52
Village Youth Projects		500.00
Community Grants & Donation		1,200.00
EP Surgery Retention in village		1,200.00
Miscellaneous Provision		1,043.72
TMBC CTSG Grant		
TMBC S136 Grant		
Contribution from Reserves		
Precept	139,950.00	
Interest & Misc receipts	142.07	
Expenditure from Earmarked		14,959.82
Refund of VAT	9,829.58	
JH Staff Costs		7,618.55
VAT	1,327.56	12,642.99
	<b>166,752.50</b>	<b>149,482.15</b>
<b>Closing Balances:</b>		
Balances in Bank Account		286,413.01
Cash in Hand		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>435,895.16</b>	<b>435,895.16</b>



EAST PECKHAM  
PARISH COUNCIL

# LOYALTY CARD

— Keeping it local —

The aim of the scheme is to support local independent businesses by encouraging and incentivising people to shop locally.

#### How the scheme works:

You can collect stamps/stickers on your loyalty card from participating local businesses displaying Loyalty Scheme Posters. A full list of participating businesses can be found on the Parish Council website [www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk) <<http://www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk>> and is also available from the Parish Office.

Each business is responsible for setting its own minimum spend criteria and any exclusions (e.g. prescription medicines, formula milk).

Once your card is full (10 stamps/stickers), complete your name and contact details on the back of the card and 'post' your completed card in one of the collection boxes for entry into the bi-monthly prize draw. You can then start collecting stamps/stickers on a new card.

Every two months, three winners will be selected at random from the completed cards submitted over the preceding two months. The first draw will take place in the first week of August 2018. The prizes will be funded by the Parish Council and will be:

1st prize - £20 of East Peckham shopping vouchers (4 x £5.00 vouchers)

2nd prize - £10 of East Peckham shopping vouchers (2 x £5.00 vouchers)

3rd prize - £5 of East Peckham shopping vouchers (1 x £5.00 voucher)

Winners will be contacted and will be announced on the Parish Council website and Facebook page. Prize vouchers can be collected from the Parish Council office and can be spent at any of the participating businesses.

If you have any questions about the scheme and how it will operate please contact the Parish Office on 01622 871309 or email [councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk) <<mailto:councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk>>

*YOUR DATA: When you submit a fully stamped card into the prize draw, we ask for your contact details so that we can let you know if you have won a prize. Please note that the completed cards are destroyed securely after each draw and we do not keep or share your information with any third party. Should you win, we delete your contact information once you have your prize.*