



EPPC NEWS – JULY 2019

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Dear All,

Welcome to the July edition of EPPC News, the monthly newsletter from East Peckham Parish Council. We hope **you find the newsletter interesting and that we're providing information about issues of interest and concern to you and your life within our community.** We welcome **feedback so if you'd like us to include items on different topics do please tell us.**

The Parish Council has 11 seats available for elected members, however only 5 were applied for this term. Steph Watson, James Hockey, Mick Barton, Michael Ferguson and Robert Harvey-Butcher who stood for election were therefore elected unopposed. At our June meeting we were delighted to co-opt Mark Williams, Sophie North and Emma Wilkinson, we look forward to working with them and know they will be a great asset to the Parish Council and the village. The recent co-options mean that there are only 3 Vacancies for the role of Parish Councillor in East Peckham for the next 4-year term. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and have the correct qualifying criteria, please send your CV and a covering letter to councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk detailing why you think you are suitable for the role. The role is unpaid and does not have any power. Decisions are made collectively at public meetings. This is an ideal opportunity if you care about the community in which you live or work and would like to contribute towards making a difference.

Our summer planting is looking particularly good this year, in addition to our beautiful hanging baskets in the village centre and the rose bushes planted by the village sign adjacent to the Branbridges Roundabout is flourishing.

During the growing season we'd appreciate your help. Please can you monitor your vegetation, hedges and trees and keep the roads and pavements outside your property clear and unobstructed for the benefit of pedestrians and other footway and highway users. Please also keep streetlights and road signs adjacent to your property clear and unobstructed. Also, if you notice any footway lights which aren't working properly, let us know. Please don't forget that if you notice any highways issues, when out and about to report anything you see requiring attention to KCC Highways at <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>. The Highways team is pretty prompt at dealing with any queries, but obviously they need to be made aware of them. Similarly, it is at this time of the year that we start noticing overgrown vegetation particularly affecting our Rights of Way, issues of this nature are the responsibility of KCC Public Rights of Way and should be reported directly to them. We've been advised that regardless of the growing season the vegetation will only receive two cuts per annum. To report a problem, go to the website www.kent.gov.uk/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way.

There's been some low-level crime in the village. We're aware many people think there's no point calling the police when the crime appears to be minor, but we'd urge you to report all crime, no matter how small by telephoning 101 or by contacting our Community Warden on 07969 584183. This way, the police can note patterns of crime and take suitable action.

Our priority with regard to the Playing Fields is to maintain them to a high standard. The Playing Fields are a **beautiful open space and available to use by anyone in the village 24 hours a day. They're also available for private hire and it would be wonderful if various village events took place there. The Playing Fields are kept as a haven for families and for children to run around safely, and there are benches to sit and have picnics. They're a wonderful village asset. If you've any thoughts on what you'd like to see please do let us know.**

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

Kind regards

Chairman, Councillors and Clerk East Peckham Parish Council



Parish Council Meetings

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

Meetings are open to the public who are encouraged to attend

Agendas are published on the Parish Council Noticeboards (Village Stores & Playing Fields) and on our website www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk

Minutes of meetings are available to the whole community, they can either be downloaded from our website, or you can request a paper copy, or you can visit our office and view the current years minutes and those which we have archived.

The next meeting will be on

Monday 15 July 2019 – Meeting of the Full Parish Council

Communications

Take a moment and visit our website www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk. It 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 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 @EastPeckhamPC PC and on Facebook. One of the main purposes of EPPC News is to keep you informed of our work. We are 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 and other information when asked.

FINANCE

Our accounts for the financial year 2018/2019 have been finalised and verified by our Independent Internal Auditor. You can find our Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31 March 2019 together with the supporting notes on our website. Our balance carried forward from 2018/2019 to 2019/2020 is £299, 865 consisting of earmarked reserves (£146,605) and net reserves (£153,260).

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL - RESPONSIBLY LOOKING AFTER PUBLIC MONEY

Whilst we are waiting for our Annual Return to be returned to us by our external auditors we have received the full report for 2018/2019 from our Independent Internal Auditor. Our Independent Internal Auditor has concluded that we maintain adequate and effective internal control arrangements and has completed and **signed the 'Annual Internal Audit Report' in the year's Annual Return, having** determined that, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the year.

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.

EAST PECKHAM BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Would you like East Peckham have a business forum, if so we'd like to hear from you. **Some of the things the forum could do include publishing a business directory and a visitor's information leaflet. It would be fantastic if the business community came together for a 'Showcase Evening' where a local businesses displayed their 'commodities' to help make residents more aware of what happens on the commercial side of the village.** So many products are made locally, and it would be wonderful to showcase them to the community, for everyone to see what is produced, meet the business owners and find out about local services and trades available right on our doorsteps. 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 interest you.

Spotlight on one of our new Parish Councillors – Mark Williams



Mark has lived in East Peckham for the past 48 years and is very much looking forward to serving the village and Parish Council. Mark has been involved in many village groups and organisations including

East Peckham FC as a player and went on to become the Club secretary. He then played for Atcost FC for a number of seasons and then reformed East Peckham FC following its earlier demise.

Became a member of the East Peckham Playing Fields Management Committee and went on to become booking secretary.

Joined the committee of the East Peckham Club and went on to be its treasurer until 2000.

Joined East Peckham Golf Society and for the past 20 years has **been organising the society's' monthly golf day** schedules.

Was Treasurer of the old East Peckham Playschool from 2007, until his grandchildren left and was then elected Treasurer of The Friends of East Peckham Primary School.

Has played darts for The East Peckham Club, The Bush, The Addlestead and the Merry Boys, where he still plays.

Is currently Chairman and Treasurer of East Peckham United Youth side, which I assisted in its formation 2 years ago.

Outside of the village activities, Mark has had various positions within the Tonbridge & District Junior Football League and in 1988, he and his father set up a darts league, called Tunbridge Wells Hospital Fund Darts League, for the purpose of raising money for the Hospital. Since its formation, the league has purchased over £100,000 worth of essential medical equipment. In 2018, Mark became Treasurer of Horsmonden Sports Club.

Mark has lived a very active life both within and outside the village.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A COMMUNITY PROJECT?

There are many projects you could help. If you are interested please let us know.

COMMUNITY DEFIBRILATORS

We have installed two defibrillators in the village which are accessible 24/7, these can be found in secure boxes attached to the outside wall at the Parish Office at the Jubilee Hall and at the Merry Bos Public House. A 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 the locations of both defibrillators 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.

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 do operate a waiting list.

2019 GARDEN COMPETITION

Thank you for all the splendid entries into the Garden Competition. There was a 50% increase in the number of entries received. Mick Barton and former Parish Councillor Lynton Wright had the enviable task of judging the entries. Our congratulations to this **year's** prize winners who are::

1st 102 Pound Road
2nd 86 Pound Road
3rd 30 Henham Gardens

The prize winners have been contacted and presented with their prizes consisting of garden vouchers. The overall prize winner will also be invited to the 2020 Annual Parish Meeting where they will be presented with the competition trophy which they can keep for one year.

Red Box Project

The idea behind the Red Box Project is to quietly ensure no young woman misses school or suffers embarrassment because she has her period. We know that schools already do what they can in this area, but the Red Box Project is all about giving young women in need - whether for financial or social reasons - the reassurance of enough sanitary pads for their entire period plus a couple left over for next time. We currently have three donation points; they are the Jubilee Hall, Blossoming Beauty and Touch of Perfection at The Hop Farm. Our Community Warden can also accept donations. We are asking for donations of sanitary items. This is a very simple, no frills project and is entirely funded by community kindness, woman to young woman. When the boxes are full we will take them into the local schools. We hope this project really makes a difference. We are sponsoring three Red Boxes at East Peckham Primary, Mascalls Academy and Hadlow Community College. We have received some amazing donations this month and are regularly taking top up supplies to all three schools.



The Red Box Project

Dementia Friendly Village

We're excited to begin to explore how we can make East Peckham a Dementia Friendly Community. We believe it is vital that the community work together on this project. With this in mind we're delighted to present an opportunity for you to attend a Dementia Friendly Awareness Session at the Jubilee Hall on 04 July, the session will last for approximately one hour and is free of charge. There are two time slots available 2.00 p.m.- 3.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. There will be another session on 11 July between 2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. To reserve your place on one of the sessions email councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk or Sandra.edmonds@kent.gov.uk. Subject to demand our plan is to hold as many awareness sessions as residents and businesses would like us to.



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.



Roads and Potholes

Report a problem to 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** fly tipping, with fridges and freezers decorating our beautiful countryside. If you notice great amounts of litter or fly tipping that needs urgent attention report it to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council who have dedicated response teams 01732 844522.

Streetlamps

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

Abandoned Vehicles

Report via <http://www.tmbc.gov.uk/services/environment-and-planning/abandoned-vehicles>.

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.

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 are 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>

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, not unreasonably, 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.

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 councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk.



Spotlight on Volunteering

We are very lucky in that there are lots of amazing groups and organisations in the village. A lot of these groups are really keen to recruit new volunteers. Did you know that volunteering can bring huge benefits for the volunteers as well as the people you are helping? Benefits such as counteracting the effects of stress, anger, anxiety, combatting depressions increased self-confidence, a sense of purpose, making new friends as well as helping you stay physically healthy?



[East Peckham Public Access Defibrillators](#)

There are 2 public access defibrillator in the Parish these are at the Merry Boys Public House and on the outside wall of the Jubilee Hall at Pippin Road.

East Peckham Loyalty Scheme

Participating retailers include Blossoming Nails and Beauty, Khan Spice, the Post Office, Village Butchers **and Store, Pam's Pantry, Headlocks Hair Design**, The Post Office, Heavenly Glaze, Irelands Bakery, Pound Fish Bar, Field Pharmacy and County Fires. Look out for the leaflets at participating retailers and pick up your loyalty card. The next draw will take place in July.



JUBILEE HALL - FANTASTIC VENUE AVAILABLE IN EAST PECKHAM

We have two rooms available (sports hall and a smaller meeting / committee 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, WIFI, fully equipped kitchen, changing rooms, projector and screen

Please email councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk for more information



Jubilee Hall

We own and manage the Jubilee Hall complex consisting of the Playing Fields, Car Park, Sports Hall and Meeting Room. The complex hosts many regular activities such as Bootcamp, Gym Box, Body Pump, various Keep fit classes, badminton, table tennis and Zumba; **we're also the venue for the weekly Parent & Toddler Group and the monthly carers group. Our facilities are perfect for most events. If you're looking for a venue, please contact us for details of availability and hire charges.**

'What's On' in the Jubilee Hall?

You will find a list of regular activities and contact information on our website and on our noticeboard in the foyer which is open during our office hours. Activities of note include:

- East Peckham Toddler Group - Friday mornings during term times between 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.
- East Peckham Rainbows - after Easter on Mondays between 5.45 p.m. – 6.45 p.m.
- The East Peckham 10K Charity run will be taking place on 04 August 2019.
- AFC Valour East Peckham homecoming match and BBQ on 11 August 2019

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.

Playing Fields

The playing fields are a beautiful open space and are open to all. We want them to be a 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. Our outdoor equipment** consists of an obstacle course, outdoor gym, ball court, play areas, street snooker and a tennis court.

Textile Bank

We are working with Scope who hope to install a textile bank in the Jubilee hall car park shortly.

Saturday Freighter Service Schedule

The schedule for East Peckham Pippin Road (Jubilee Hall *Car Park*) is:

13th July: 10:30 to 11:30

27th July: 08:00 to 09:00



Coming to East Peckham Pop-Up Café and Information Hub

Jubilee Hall Car Park

<p>Monday 15th April Monday 13th May Monday 10th June</p>	<p>Monday 8th July Monday 19th August Monday 16th September</p>
Monday 14th October	

10.30 – 12.30

Come and get together with old friends and new. Have a cuppa and a delicious slice of cake. We'll have all sorts of local information available or you can just come for a chat.

Please help us to spread the word. Everyone welcome ... see you soon!

Can't get there under your own steam? Call us and we'll see if we can help.

Liza: 07771 661871 Kathy: 07341 737041



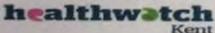
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There has been an increase in dog fouling in the village recently. If you witness dog waste not being picked up by the owner you can report this to the Community Warden or to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council. **If you've a dog fouling complaint 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

Parish Emergency Planning

What If? **Most of us don't want to think about emergencies, but they happen.** What if we're cut off because of snowfall or flooding? What if water, electricity or telephones are cut off for more than a few hours? How would you cope in these sort of emergencies? To help the community we have put together a Community Emergency Plan which is available from our website, www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk.

How Can I help? Do you know anyone in your community who might need help in an emergency and if you are able and willing to offer that help then talk to them and plan the best way to do this? You could become a Flood Warden, if you are interested and want to find out more, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Sandbag Containers: The containers located in the Pound Road and Pippin Road (Jubilee Hall) car parks will be opened by any Parish Council Representative or Flood Warden if we believe that residential areas are threatened with flooding. It is worth remembering that sandbags are not for the protection of outbuildings or garages and the first line of defence in any emergency is to be self-sufficient.

Flood Warnings: To receive warnings from the Environment Agency, register on the website www.environment-agency.gov.uk or telephone 0845 988 1188.



PLANNING

The Planning and Transportation Committee meets monthly, it has recently considered the following planning applications and made comments to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council or in some instances Kent County Council who make the planning decisions

TM/19/00947/FL New independent single-family dwelling in rear garden at 78 Pound Road OBJECTION

Planning Decisions

TMBC has advised that PRIOR APPROVAL IS NOT REQUIRED for the following:

TM/19/00893/AGN New agricultural building at Agricultural Lane East and West of Torbay Road, East Peckham

TMBC HAS GRANTED PERMISSION for the following:

TM/19/00440/LB Internal changes, changes in fenestration to east elevation, replacement windows, rooflights to western roof plan and eastern side of roundel roofs at 3 Crowhurst Oast, 85 Bells Farm Road,

TM/19/00757/LDP & Loft conversion with dormer window to rear elevation & rooflights at 17 Medway Meadows

TM/19/00784/FL & Proposed single storey extensions to southern elevation of main house, associated landscape

TM/19/00785/LB works and internal alterations at Crowhurst Farmhouse 39 Bells Farm Road East Peckham

TM/19/00799/FL Single storey rear extension at 13 Pippin Road, East Peckham

TMBC Phase 11 Parking Action Plan

Proposals for Orchard Road, The Freehold and Branbridges Road

Phase 11 of the Parking Action Plan is currently at the point of moving into the Informal Consultation stage which will normally be directly targeted at the properties immediately affected by the proposals. At this stage the local Borough Members and the Parish Council will also be consulted. This stage of consultation will allow TMBC to shape and adjust any proposals prior to a much wider formal consultation process.

Kent Highways – Works Planned for East Peckham

KCC Highways has published its Road and Footway Asset Team Interim Programme for 2019-2020. We have noted that the following works have been scheduled for East Peckham

- Lines and Road Studs Areas of lining which are above 50% faded to be refreshed subject to condition survey
- Grassed Areas (Swathe cutting) Routine maintenance once a year

- Grassed Areas (Visibility cutting) Routine maintenance 3 times a year
- Rural Hedges 9cutting) Routine maintenance once a year
- Urban grassed areas cutting) Routine maintenance 6 times a year
- Weed spraying Routine maintenance once a year
- Street lighting column replacement Structural testing
- De illumination of illuminated signs Review of legal requirements
- Illuminated sign column replacement Structural testing
- Remedial work to illuminated signs Electrical testing
- Henham Gardens Footway – whole length (24.06.19)
- Old Road Surface presentation from Branbridges Road to Snoll Hatch Road
- Snoll hatch Road Surface presentation from Hatches Lane to Old Road
- Whitebine Gardens Footway – whole length
- A228 East Peckham Bypass Hale Street to Hop Farm Roundabout – To be programmed late 2019

Get in touch

- Call into the office: Clerk to the Council, Karen Bell, Parish Office, East Peckham Jubilee Hall, Pippin Road, East Peckham, TN12 5BT
- Telephone: 01622 871309,
- Email: councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk
- Your Councillors – through the website www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk
- Office hours for drop in enquiries – weekdays 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (not Wednesdays)
- Twitter: @EastPeckhamPC
- Facebook East Peckham Parish Council

2019 SUMMER RECESS

Our 2019 summer recess will be from 15 July - 02 **September, during this time there'll be no meetings and our office open hours will be reduced. This doesn't mean we stop work;** business continues as usual; please send emails to admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk, twitter messages to @EastPeckhamPC or you can contact us through our website www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk.

If you'd like to speak to someone, please contact:

Karen Bell	Parish Clerk	01622 871309 / 07376 377687
Steph Watson	Chairman	01622 870154 / 07944 212262
Mick Barton	Deputy Chairman	01622 872031 / 07860 947031
James Hockey	Chairman, Planning & Transportation Committee	07834 854526

Our office hours will be as follows

Week Commencing	22 July 2019	TBC
	29 July 2019	TBC
	05 August 2019	TBC
	12 August 2019	CLOSED
	19 August 2019	CLOSED
	26 August 2019	CLOSED

Whilst we look forward to your visits, if you have 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 therefore not always available. 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. **Don't forget that our website is a useful tool too where you can find out more about East Peckham and your Parish Council, on the website you will find regular updates, details of all Parish Council meetings and links to agendas, consultations and other information relevant to the whole village.**