



EPPC NEWS – JUNE 2019

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Dear All,

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

Last month we said farewell to Serina Page, John Page, Heidi Harratt, David Roberts, Lynton Wright and Penny Graham who served the council and village well during their term of office. We will miss their enthusiasm, commitment, hard work and dedication and wish them well.

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. This means that there are 6 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.

At our Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 20 May 2019, Stephanie Watson was re-elected as our Chairman, Mick Barton was elected our Deputy Chairman and James Hockey was elected Chairman of our Planning and Transportation Committee.

Work continues on village enhancements projects and in 2019 we will continue with hamlet sign installation, there will be more village planting, the installation of two new streetlights, more improvements at the Jubilee Hall, Car Park and Playing Fields and hopefully the installation of a bike track on the Playing Fields. With regard to the Playing Fields, our priority here is to maintain this important village amenity land to a high standard. The Playing Fields are a beautiful open space and they are open for the use of anyone in the village 24 hours a day. The playing fields are also available for hire by any organisation in the village and it would be wonderful if various village celebrations took place there such as fetes or musical picnics. The fields are kept as a haven for families and for children to run around safely, and there are benches to sit and have picnics. I am sure you will agree that they are a wonderful village asset.

We have been very encouraged by the response from our newsletters. There is so much going on of interest that it is impossible to cover subjects in detail so if you want to know more about any item you can by following our Facebook, Twitter and website. One of our aims is to deliver a greater awareness in our community of local resources and social hubs which can make a difference to all our lives.

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



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 meetings will be on

Monday 03 June – Planning & Transportation Committee

Monday 17 June – 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.

2018/2019 Accounts

Our accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 have been finalised. Our receipts and payments account for 2018/2019 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 2019 amounted to £299,864.65, our Earmarked Reserves totalled £146,605 and our General Reserves totalled £153,259.65. We are required to hold in our General Reserves an amount equal to 1–1½ times our precept which for 2019/2020 is £142,000

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 have taken 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. As part of the Core Group, on 23 May, Steph Watson and Karen Bell attended the first Community Meeting. We believe it to 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 11 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. 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

These can be reported 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.

On 11 May 2019, a group from Chereng visited East Peckham and were welcomed to the village by the Parish Council and residents. There was a petanque tournament at the Bush, Blackbird and Thrush Public House, where everyone had a go at this national French sport. Before leaving to return to Chereng, the group dined at the Bush, Blackbird and Thrush. A fun day was had by all. Residents of East Peckham are always guaranteed a warm welcome in Chereng.



Spotlight on Volunteering

We are very lucky in that there are lots of amazing groups and organisations in the village, lots of which are run by volunteers. Unfortunately, a lot of these groups are struggling to keep going and really need 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 depression, increased self-confidence, a sense of purpose, making new friends, looking good on your CV and helping with job prospects 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. **Anyone can use the defibrillator, no training is needed, the defibrillator will talk you though how to use it.**



Coming to East Peckham Pop-Up Café and Information Hub

Jubilee Hall Car Park

Monday 15 th April	Monday 8 th July
Monday 13 th May	Monday 19 th August
Monday 10 th June	Monday 16 th September
Monday 14 th 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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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.

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.

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.

Christmas Lighting

If you would like to see bigger and brighter Christmas Lighting in 2019 and the continuation of the fabulous Switch On event do please join us in fundraising and organising the Switch On.



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 fun day 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

Our trial of the textile bank has come to an end. We would like to thank everyone who used the textile bank in recent months. Unfortunately, the company was disappointed with both the quantity and quality of the donated items and has decided to remove it. If there is demand for another textile bank or other recycling schemes please let us know and we would be pleased to research and consider them

Saturday Freighter Service Schedule

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

8th June: 10:30 to 11:30

22nd June: 08:00 to 09:00

13th July: 10:30 to 11:30

27th July: 08:00 to 09:00



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

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| KCC/TW/0093/2019 | Replacement processing plant and ancillary associated office and welfare buildings involving a variation of condition (xvii) of planning permission TW/79/753 (to increase the rated capacity of the processing plant from 100 to 120 tonnes per hour) and the submission of details pursuant to conditions (iii)(b), (xiv), (xv), (xvi), (xviii) and (xxii) of planning permission TW/79/753 (relating to the siting, design and operation of the plant) at Stonecastle Farm Quarry, Whetsted Road, Five Oak Green | NO OBJECTION |
| TM/19/00439/FL | Internal changes to all levels, changes in fenestration to east elevation and replacement of all windows, addition of rooflights to western roof plan and eastern side of roundel roofs at 3 Crowhurst Oast, 85 Bells Farm Road, East Peckham | NO OBJECTION |
| TM/19/00758/FL | Extension of dormer roof section to front elevation at 17 Medway Meadows, East Peckham | NO OBJECTION |

TM/19/00784/FL Single storey extensions to southern elevation of main house and associated landscape works. Proposed internal alterations. Demolition of garage / garden store and erection of replacement garage / garden store at Crowhurst Farmhouse, 39 Bells Farm Road, East Peckham **NO OBJECTION**

TM/19/00799/FL Single storey extension to 13 Pippin Road, East Peckham **NO OBJECTION**

TM/19/00906/FL Conversion of half existing double garage to habitable room and relocation of existing garage door at 12 Caysers Croft, East Peckham **NO OBJECTION**

Planning Decisions

TM/19/00426/FL Part two storey and part first floor side extension at 2 Fell Mead

TM/19/00475/FL Single storey flat roof extension measuring 3500x3000mm at 22 Pippin Road

TM/19/00598/PDVL Prior notification for residential extension: Single storey rear extension (Part 1 Class A) maximum depth 4.3 m, height to eaves 2.8 m, maximum height 3.6 m at 13 Pippin Road, East Peckham

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

East Peckham Parish Council
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Balance at Bank	286,413.01	
Audit Fees		820.00
Chairmans Allowance		353.20
Members Expenses		573.24
Office (IT, equipment, stationery & Reference Books)		3,389.84
Newsletters & Annual Report		199.37
Subscriptions		780.57
Website, office 365 & App		1,310.18
Training		1,705.40
Insurance		635.90
Staff Costs (PC)		1,900.00
NNDR (JH)		25,734.24
Outdoor Equipment Repairs/renewals		4,936.04
Community Emergency Planning		2,859.18
Village Planting		1,781.25
Garden Competition		2,692.00
Phase 4 JH Upgrade		80.00
Phase 4 Environmental	2,000.00	3,200.00
Minor Village Maintenance Fund		2,700.00
Outdoor Equipment - New Activity		2,275.00
Churchyard Maintenance (HT & St M)		2,000.00
Village Grasscutting		3,155.00
Garden of Remembrance		1,032.50
Allotments	907.00	437.50
Footway Lighting		302.59
CCTV		7,681.75
Christmas Lighting	5,017.85	790.00
JH Running Costs (offset by income)	11,197.50	9,419.06
JH Building & Asset Maintenance	323.00	11,088.51
Playing Fields & Outdoor Equipment		14,788.12
Litter Clearing		12,893.67
Village Youth Projects		1,985.93
Community Grants & Donation		1,985.93
Miscellaneous Provision		757.61
Precept	140,000.00	750.00
Interest & Misc receipts	327.80	995.92
Expenditure from Earmarked		8,468.73
Refund of VAT	14,545.51	
JH Staff Costs		10,302.33
125th Anniversay of EPPC		145.85
East Peckham Loyalty Scheme		530.92
VAT		15,415.62
	174,318.66	160,867.02
Closing Balances:		
Balances in Bank Account		299,864.65
TOTAL	460,731.67	460,731.67