



EAST PECKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

..... *MAKING A DIFFERENCE*

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East Peckham Parish Council



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Dear All,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Just one of the ways we interact with you. We want you to know what we're up to and our current projects. We also welcome your involvement – be it with comments, ideas or suggestions for the things you'd like to see us tackle.

The Christmas Lights have been put away for another year and we start with a **PLEA FOR HELP**. The Christmas Light Switch On event takes at least 25 people to organise and fundraise, not something we can do on our own. We know you liked the event which was one of the most popular in the East Peckham calendar, we did too and would like to bring it back for 2020 to do so though we require plenty of volunteer help, if you'd like to join us in organising and fundraising for the 2020 Switch On, we'd be delighted to hear from you

Onto Community Resilience, thankfully we received no reports of residential property damage during the flooding which occurred in December. Old Road was underwater and closed on 22 December, other areas affected included, Little Mill, Martins Lane, Church Lane and Addlestead Road. You will be pleased to know that our Community Emergency Plan was activated well in advance of the emergency, our sandbag containers were opened, and our flood wardens were on standby. We thank Steph Watson and Craig Matthews for their magnificent work in coordinating the emergency work and for keeping residents advised via Facebook, we also thank our flood wardens and all the wonderful volunteers for helping. It has however put Community Resilience firmly back on our agenda and something as a village we cannot ever get complacent about. The message we keep receiving is that as a community we should be becoming more self-reliant. This is where we need your help, could you be a flood warden, can we count on you to help deliver sandbags, do you have any skills or expertise we can use or would you like to join the Flood Action Group, whatever it is you can offer, we would be most appreciative.

Staying on Community Resilience, the Environment Agency has been investigating a number of options to reduce flood risk in East Peckham and Little Mill. Whilst there is a technical option to reduce risk to homes and businesses, the cost is substantial which unfortunately the Environment Agency has been unable to source. The Environment Agency is therefore proceeding with an East Peckham Flood Resilience Scheme and has identified approximately 300 properties which might be eligible who they will be contacting. ***If you are not contacted and think your property should be considered please contact the Environment Agency for more information via email to EPFRS@environment-agency.gov.uk***

Finally, we would like you to know that the Parish Council is made up of a great group of people with a wide variety of talents and skills who all work hard to make East Peckham great. We all do our best for the community and East Peckham as a whole. Why not come along to one of our meetings and meet your Parish Councillors and find out more about the many issues that are discussed, debated and decided upon each month.

Kind regards

From all at East Peckham Parish Council



Parish Meetings – Have Your Say!

Members of the public are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings to raise issues of concern or to make comments regarding any relevant matters. There is a period of time at the start of each meeting when public participation is encouraged. If you'd like to come along, here are the dates of the next few

03 February – Planning and Transportation Committee

17 February – Full Parish Council

02 March – Planning & Transportation Committee

16 March – Full Parish Council

We hope to see you there, remember this is your community

Meetings are held at 7.00 p.m. and always in the Jubilee Hall Meeting Room

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 everyone, they can either be downloaded from our website, you can request a paper copy, or you can visit our office where you can view them

The Parish Councils Commitment to You!..... We Will!

- Work in an accountable and transparent manner with the local community to improve the quality of life of all who live and work in East Peckham.
- Aim to protect and enhance the social and environmental well-being of the parish and its residents.
- Provide a number of services to the local population. We will seek to ensure that these services meet the needs of the local population and they represent value for money.
- Welcome the involvement of residents in our decision making process and will consult residents on issues of importance.

Sustainability Policy

Our vision is for East Peckham to be a vibrant and prosperous hub of the local rural community, offering an attractive place to live, work and play for people of all ages. East Peckham Parish Council:

- Is committed to preserving and protecting the environment by adopting an environmental and sustainability policy.
- Is committed to protecting the environment and the natural heritage of the Parish and recognised the importance and value of this environment and its contribution to quality of life for the village and wider community.
- When carrying out our own activities will strive to make a positive contribution to protecting the local and wider environment.
- In conjunction with businesses, community groups and the general public, will aim to help meet the needs of today's society without compromising future generations' ability to meet their own needs.

Finance

In January, we set our budget at £197,555 which requires a precept of £146,000, this is the amount that will be collected on our behalf by the Borough Council as part of the Council Tax. Our precept is 2.8% more than it was in 2019/2020. We set our budget to reflect the services you want, whilst fulfilling our statutory obligations. Our 2020/2021 budget has been challenging but we've been able to make some budgetary reductions whilst including funding for some exciting new projects, initiatives and services.

2020 Annual Meeting of the Parish – Celebrate Your Village

The 2020 Annual Parish Meeting is being held on **Monday, 27 April at 7.00 p.m. in the Sports Hall**. Don't forget this is your meeting – not ours and a chance for you to come along and meet your local representatives and raise anything that affects your life in the community. Guest speakers will include the Environment Agency who will be giving a presentation on the East Peckham Flood Relief Scheme,

the Heart of Kent Hospice who will be presenting the Compassionate Neighbours Scheme, Sandra Edmonds who will be presenting Dementia Awareness and Matt Boughton who will be representing Tom Tugendhat MP. After the conclusion of the formalities, we hope you will join us for a cheese and wine.

Welcome Handbook

If you're new to the village, a warm welcome. Our Welcome Handbook is available to download from our website, www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk, a copy can also be obtained from one of your parish councillors or from the Parish Office.

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. We still have a little bit of money in our current year's budget; so far this year we've have been delighted to have been able to help the following:

- Scout Group - Funding towards new windows
- Summer Holiday Arts and Crafts Club - Craft materials
- East Peckham Primary School - Mini Medics First Aid Training to Year 6
- East Peckham Primary School PTA - Glow products for fireworks event, raffle prize for Christmas Fayre & hall hire for fundraising event

- Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - Donation
- Singing for Memories - Song books
- East Peckham Baby and Toddler Group - Free Hall Hire until 31 December 2019
- Carers Group - Free Hall Hire until 31 December 2019
- Community Defibrillator at Little Mill - Donation
- East Peckham Village Hall - Funding towards new flooring
- East Peckham Table Tennis Club - Funding towards new table tennis table
- Paddock Wood Community Advice Centre- Donation

Twinning

East Peckham is twinned with Chéreng in the Nord de Pas de Calais. Twinning activities are funded by those taking part with no use of parish funds. For information on Twinning and how to get involved please email councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk.

Business Community

Would you like East Peckham to 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. 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.



We have installed 2 defibrillators in the village which are accessible 24/7, these are in secure boxes on the outside wall of the Parish Office at the Jubilee Hall and at the Merry Boys Public House. SECamb know their locations 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. We have also part funded a defibrillator for Little Mill which will be installed shortly



The Parish Council will be participating in the VE Day - 08 May 2020 commemorations. We will be lighting the beacon, reading The Tribute to the Millions followed by participation in The Nations Toast. We have registered our participation with the national event coordinators and have already had printed two commemorative certificates. Our commemorative project will be the installation of a specially commissioned plaque which will honour our fallen heroes from East Peckham who lost their lives in WW2.



East Peckham has been recognised by the Alzheimer's Association as a community working towards becoming dementia friendly and now has over 190 'Dementia Friends' who can be identified by their special forget me knot badges. We hope you've noticed the stunning planter in the village centre which we've turned into a sensory garden and the former BT kiosk which we've upcycled into an Information Hub. If you'd like to find out more or would like to become a dementia friend please let us know.



In the Spring and in association with the Heart of Kent Hospice, we hope to launch the East Peckham Compassionate Neighbours Scheme. The Scheme will provide community-led support for anyone living with a long term or terminal illness, is elderly or frail, socially isolated or nearing the end of life through age or illness. The role of Heart of Kent Hospice will be to support and enable people to become Compassionate Neighbours in their community. They help harness their skills and experience to provide social and emotional support. The hospice will receive referrals for people in the community who would like a Compassionate Neighbour who are then matched with someone who shared similar interests. Please contact us if you would like to find out more.



Thank you to everyone who has shopped locally and entered the loyalty scheme draws. The next draw takes place in March. Please look out for the leaflets and pick up your loyalty card. Retailers include Blossoming Nails & Beauty, Khan Spice, the Post Office, Village Butchers & Store, Pam's Pantry, Headlocks Hair Design, Heavenly Glaze, Pound Fish Bar, Field Pharmacy and County Fires.

Allotments

Allotments are provided on land adjacent to the Playing Fields. The annual rents are very reasonable. Do please contact us if you are interested in having an allotment.

JUBILEE HALL - FANTASTIC VENUE AVAILABLE IN EAST PECKHAM

We have 2 rooms available (sports hall and a smaller meeting / committee room) and can accommodate most activities such as children's parties, book clubs, craft groups, meetings, group gatherings, business events, one-to-one consultations, a training venue and exhibitions.

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



'What's On' in the Jubilee Hall?

MONDAY	9.30 – 10.30	Aerobics
	10.30 – 12.30	Pop up Café (Monthly, check for dates)
	1.30 – 2.30	40+ Shape Up and Fitness
	5.30 – 6.45	Rainbows (Term time only)
	7.00 – 8.00	Bootcamp
	8.00 – 10.00	Badminton
TUESDAY	9.30 – 10.30	Step / Circuits
	7.00 – 9.00	Table Tennis
	10.30 – 12.00	Carers Support – 1 st Tuesday in each month (Meeting Room)
WEDNESDAY	11.00 – 12.00	UBW
	6.00 – 7.00	UBW
	7.30 – 8.30	Zumba
	8.30 – 9.30	Badminton
THURSDAY	9.30 – 10.30	Step / Body Pump
	11.00 – 12.00	Totally Shredded
	7.30 – 8.30	Dance Fitta
FRIDAY	9.00 – 10.00	UBW
	10.00 – 12.00	Baby and Toddler Group (Term Time Only)
	7.00 – 9.00	Table Tennis
SATURDAY	Tai Chi (Monthly)	
	East Peckham United Football Club (Seasonal)	
SUNDAY	AFC Valour (Seasonal)	

Contact details of bookings / opportunities

Should you wish to get in touch with us about room hire and costs, activities, clubs or classes please call 01622 871309 or email councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk

YOUR JUBILEE HALL NEEDS YOU

Do you have a particular skill which you would like to pass onto others? We are looking for people who could facilitate sessions in a range of different craft, sport or art based activities who feel they would have the time, energy and enthusiasm to show others how they 'do it'. If this sounds like something you would like to get involved with, please do get in touch with us.

Playing Fields

The playing fields are a beautiful open space and 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, tennis court the new bike track.

POP UP CAFÉ – EAST PECKHAM

We were delighted to host the Pop Up Café and looked forward to the monthly visits of the Coffee Caravan. Sadly the season came to an end, however urged on by regular attendees, we have decided to keep the Café going. All welcome, come and get together with old friends and new.

Jubilee Hall 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Monday 17 February

Monday 16 March



If you witness dog waste not being picked up, please report it to the Community Warden or 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 telephone 01732 876147 or email dog.warden@tmbc.gov.uk. If a person has been bitten report the incident to the Police on 101.

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.

***Saturday Freighter Service Schedule – Jubilee Hall Car Park**

8th February: 10:30 to 11:30, 22nd February: 08:00 to 09:00, 14th March: 10:30 to 11:30
28th March: 08:00 to 09:00

**Information taken from TMBC's website; the service is operated by TMBC. Please note that garden waste is no longer accepted*

TMBC Waste & Recycling Service

Please contact TMBC with any concerns you have about the new service.

Streetlamps

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

Planning Applications

We have recently considered and commented upon the following

TM/19/02768/FL	Extension at 28 Snoll Hatch Road, East Peckham	NO OBJECTION
TM/19/02840/FL	Extension at 153 Branbridges Road, East Peckham	NO OBJECTION
TM/19/02902/FL & TM/19/02902/LB	New independent single family dwelling in rear garden at 78 Pound Road, East Peckham	OBJECTION
TM/19/02922/FL	Garden table and chairs and jacuzzi enclosure at 26 Old Road	NO OBJECTION
TM/19/02946/FL	Use of building for class B2 purposes & minor amendments to Unit 5, Adams Wharf Business Park, Branbridges Road, East Peckham	NO OBJECTION
TM/19/02956/LB	To fit automated gates at 186 Hale Street, East Peckham	NO OBJECTION
TM/19/02958/TNCA	Remove 3 leylandii trees located near to Yew tree and reduce leylandii hedge at Three Points Cottage, 122 Addlestead Road, East Peckham	NO OBJECTION
TM/19/02980/LB	Repainting using lime wash at 186 Hale Street, East Peckham	NO OBJECTION
KCC/TW/0093/2019	Variation of planning condition to increase rated capacity of processing plant from 100 to 120 tonnes per hour at Stonecastle Farm Quarry	NO OBJECTION
TM/19/03017/LB & TM/19/03018/LB	Internal alterations and new en-suite in existing annexe at The Barn, 26 Church Lane, East Peckham	NO OBJECTION

Planning Decisions

TMBC HAS APPROVED the following

TM/19/02623/FL Extension to rear elevation at 28a Orchard Road

TMBC has confirmed that the following HAS SATISFIED CONDITIONS

TM/19/02625/RD &
TM/19/02455/RD Details regarding demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment to provide 9 new B8 units with access and parking at East side Former Arnolds Business Park

TMBC HAS REFUSED TO PERMIT the following

TM/19/02268/FL Extension & new access onto Branbridges Road at The Bungalow, 153 Branbridges Road

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

Public Rights of Way: KCC is responsible for maintenance. The majority are cut twice each year. Any problems should be reported by telephoning 03000 417171 or email westprow@kent.gov.uk.

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

Parking on Pavements: 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.

Potholes: Report a problem to www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem. This is an easy to use website to report any issues on our roads. Funding cuts have cut back on regular patrols to identify problems and KCC relies on us to report them.

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 who might need help in an emergency? If you're able and willing to offer that help, talk to them and plan the best way to do this? You could become a **Flood Warden**, over the summer 2 flood wardens resigned from this voluntary community role and the village now only has 11 flood wardens, if you're 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 car parks will be opened by any Parish Council Representative or Flood Warden if we believe that residential areas are threatened with flooding.

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

Community Emergency Plan: We have updated our plan; a copy can be found on our website. You will also find a link to the latest version of the Kent Fire and Rescue Resilience Toolkit.

LOCAL WINTER MANAGEMENT POLICY

Our Local Winter Management Policy was created to clarify what can be expected from EPPC. Our Policy was printed in full in our January 2020 newsletter, you can find this on our website together with our library of strategic documents.

Get in touch

- Clerk to the Council, Karen Bell, Parish Office, 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

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Parish Councillors

Mick Barton (Deputy Chairman)	Rob Harvey	Emma Wilkinson	Jonathan Bates
James Hockey (Planning Chairman)	Mark Williams	Dale Fairless	Sophie North
Craig Matthews	Michael Ferguson	Steph Watson (Chairman)	

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